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Dear Parent

Extension and Achievement

As you are aware, the Extension and Achievement (E&A) programme offers a rich range of enrichment and cultural experiences to young people and is open to all students within year 8-10. We very much value the support of parents and the engagement of students in this excellent work as part of our wider curriculum.

It is important to be clear that this is a programme that is a privilege and that students need to earn, and maintain, the right to be on. The following guidance around expectations of students is very important in respect of attending trips and visits: Hence the need of ensuring that we as a school are transparent with you. From this point forth it is important to highlight to you that to go on trips and visits as part of the E&A programme your child must now meet the following criteria: -

- a. At least 95% attendance for the year at a point two weeks before the trip is due to go
- b. No exclusions from school in the academic year
- c. Confirmation from the Head of House that the behaviour profile of the student is causing no concern – we use a starting point of no more than 5 behaviour points for the year
- d. To have engaged fully in the in school programme, as preparation for the trips and to have returned completed activities set as part of the in school programme e.g. attended workshops and completed reading tasks.

Should students not meet ALL of these criteria, then their places on the trips and visits shall be withdrawn.

I am delighted that the vast majority of students meet all of these criteria but it is important that there is clarity on these requirements.

I shall be contacting any parents and speaking to students who, we as a school, have current concerns about to put provisions in place to enable them to meet the above criteria and look forward to the outstanding engagement that we have continuing.

Yours in Support

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