

Our ref: AKE/ECO

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **WiseUp Activity Day**

We are excited to offer our Year 8's a special day of outdoor activities that involve different bush craft and team building exercises. This will be held on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Outwood Academy Portland** and will run during the school day.

The day will see students taking part in two different styles of activities which promote communication, team work and resilience. The activities include The Hub Challenge and designing devices to meet a common goal.

The WiseUp activity day will incorporate over 30 different team building and problem solving tasks which the students tackle in groups, in a round robin style activity. Some of the tasks are more physical, whilst others are more logical, which allows the different strengths of the members of the team to shine. Designed to inspire the students to plan, communicate, work together and motivate themselves and others throughout the activity; the tasks encourage groups to self-reflect at regular intervals.

**The day will start promptly at 8.25am** in their tutor groups with a short presentation to the students about the importance of teamwork in everyday life and how to develop new skills alongside expanding on their existing knowledge. The students will be split into mixed teams of 12 students and each team will be allocated a member of Academy staff whose role will be to supervise the students throughout the day and score the team on the different activities. Half the year group will begin on the Hub Challenge in the morning; the other half will be working together to design a device to meet a common goal. After lunch, the groups will swap activities ensuring all students get access to both activities.

Pupils will need **to attend in their school PE kit** due to the activities on the day and also be prepared with a water bottle, sunscreen and a sun hat. This will be weather dependent but advisable. There may also be the need for a waterproof jacket and sturdy footwear such as trainers or walking boots.

We want all of Year 8 to be part of this exciting experience but this will be dependent on the following conditions:

- Excellent effort and behaviour within the Academy. This means receiving no sanctions between now and the event.
- Kind behaviour to all within the Academy.
- Good attendance or attendance that has improved over the course of the year.

We look forward to welcoming as many students as possible on this special day and hope that you will support us at home in encouraging your child to try their hardest to ensure they access this opportunity.

If you have any further questions regarding the day then please contact Miss Cooper.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Cooper', written in a cursive style.

**Emma Cooper**  
**Assistant Principal**