

Our ref: ECO/MGR

20th June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are excited to offer Y8's a special day of outdoor activities that involve different bush craft and team building exercises. This will be held on Thursday 29th 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 a Time Attack.

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 the canteen 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 on the Time Attack Challenge in their tutor groups. After lunch, the groups will swap activities ensuring all students get access to both activities.

Pupils will need to arrive in their school PE kit due to the activities on the day and also be prepared with a water bottle and 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 have the highest expectations of the students as they are representing our academy and we cannot wait to see them show our school morals of pride, resilience and kindness. If you have any further questions regarding the day then please contact Miss Cooper.
Kindest

Emma Cooper

Associate Vice Principal