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Dear Families,

Year 11 Extended Learning Day, Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – Parental Consent

Our Extended Learning Day Programme (ELD) for Year 11 will commence with our first ELD on Wednesday 23rd September. We know that ELDs provide a great opportunity for us to work with students as they prepare for their GCSE and vocational exams and qualifications throughout this year.

With this in mind, this year our ELDs will focus on exam preparation. Whilst this will consist of sessions on study skills, revision techniques and effective planning, it is equally important to equip students with the tools and confidence to face the challenges ahead of them. Therefore, we are committed to providing opportunities for wellbeing and mindfulness.

On Wednesday 23rd September we will be taking Year 11 to Fairlands Valley Aqua Parcs to take part in a number of land and water-based activities. We will be using this opportunity to provide team and relationship building opportunities as well as helping students to recognise the importance that recreation has when working under pressure. This ELD coincides with the running of the GCSE Geography Field Trip. As such, if your child studies Geography they will be away on that residential experience in place of this activity.

The water-based activities will be supervised by qualified instructions and lifeguards. As this is seen as an adventurous activity, we are required to collect discreet permission for your child to take part in this activity. The permission form can be completed via this link

<https://forms.gle/YxyNWvxvetSYazd39> I would ask for you to complete the permission form by **Wednesday 16th September**. If we do not receive consent from you, your child will not be able to participate in the water-based activities. If your child is not comfortable in the water, we would still want them to be a part of the day and they will be included in the land based activities.

Students will be travelling to and from Stevenage by coach. The start time of the school day will not differ to any other school day, however we may be back slightly later depending on traffic, approximately 15:45. It is expected that all students arrive at school in their **Sandringham School PE kit** but should also bring with them:

- Appropriate swimwear – wetsuits will be provided
- Towel
- A change of clothes suitable for outdoor activities and all weathers
- Sun cream
- Goggles and a swim hat (optional items, depending on students' preference)
- Packed lunch
- Refillable water bottle

The cost of this trip is £28 made payable via ParentPay by **16th September 2026**. If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding the amount will be reduced by 50% on ParentPay.

Should you have any queries please email trips@sandringham.aetrust.uk

Yours sincerely,

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