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'Everybody can be Somebody'

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Dear Families,

**Year 7 – Request for contribution to curriculum enrichment activities:**
**Extended Learning Days 2026-27**

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 saw day 1 of our Extended Learning Days programme (or ELDs as they are known at school) which provide students with the opportunity to take part in activities not normally part of the mainstream curriculum. These 'super-curricular' activities are designed to enrich and enhance students' experience of particular subject areas by giving them the opportunity to engage in deeper learning and explore a wide range of exciting topic areas in greater depth.

In addition to extending their knowledge of specific subject areas, Extended Learning Days are an important vehicle for developing students' confidence, independence and study skills. To enhance in-school activities on these days, we arrange for guest speakers, theatre companies and other outside agencies to come and give talks, take workshops and lead sessions.

**Year 7 ELDs 2026-27**

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| ELD1 | 23/09/2026 | **Peak District A half and CATS B half** |
| ELD2 | 19/01/2027 | **Maths Day**<br>Students to research and create a house for their given 'cartoon'/fictional family. Students will use a range of mathematical skills to design a room, compare costs and present data. Students will also create a presentation to show what they have created and discovered and will deliver this to the class. |
| ELD3 | 03/03/2027 | **Battle of the Poets**<br>A day of poetry where students listen to published performance poet Harry Baker, attend workshops and write their own poems. The day is designed to build student confidence and to promote creativity and collaborative working. |

To enable us to give each student the opportunity to benefit from these activities, we are requesting a voluntary contribution towards the cost. Feedback from our Parent Forum Group suggested that, rather than requesting separate contributions for each activity during the course of the year, we should instead request a single payment.

**In response to this feedback, we would therefore like to request a total contribution of £6 towards these activities during Year 7 (excluding day 1, paid separately) This is a voluntary contribution but, without your continued support, it would be very difficult for the school to provide such a range of opportunities.**

Please make your payment via ParentPay.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Nicholls
Acting Headteacher