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Dear Parent/Carer

Challenge Week 2023 Hogwarts

As the school year draws to a close, we are getting closer to Challenge Week, which your child has decided to spend immersed in the world of Harry Potter.

We will be spending Monday 17 July to Tuesday 18 July on a short residential and activities will be run in school on Wednesday 19 July to Friday 21 July.

This letter is designed to provide you with an idea of the activities your child will be taking part in, including any information about clothing or equipment needed.

Monday

We will be leaving school on a coach at 9.00am. Our first stop will be Lacock Abbey and Village in Wiltshire, a National Trust property where several scenes from the Harry Potter film franchise were shot. While there, we will tour the abbey, walk around the village and have an ice cream and picnic lunch. After lunch, we will continue on to South Mimms Potters Bar Premier Inn, where we will eat dinner at the Thyme Bar and Grill attached to the hotel. Hopefully, we will then have a restful night's sleep!

Tuesday

We will have breakfast at the hotel, and then head off to Warner Brothers Studio Tour: The Making of Harry Potter. We will spend several hours here (students will be provided with a packed lunch) before heading home to Looe. Dinner will be at a service station on the way, and we expect to arrive at school at approximately 8.00pm. We will of course keep you up to date on our journey's progress.

Wednesday – Friday

The specific activities we do on each day will depend on room availability, staffing and weather, but during the three days in school we will be:

- Making our own wands
- Redesigning the Hogwarts crest
- Making broomsticks
- Playing Quidditch
- Creating our own Fantastic Beasts
- Testing Harry Potter knowledge with quizzes and challenges
- Cooking Hogwarts inspired food for a Fantastic Feast

Kit List

Residential

Bring an overnight bag with essentials for one night away and small day bag to carry lunch, drink, etc around. Wear shoes that are comfortable for walking and clothes that are appropriate for a school trip and the weather. This may include waterproofs and/or a sunhat.

In school activities

Wear clothes and shoes that are appropriate for a school trip and the weather. On the day we play Quidditch (TBC) we will be running around, so wear or bring trainers.

Mobile phones and other devices

During activities in school, the normal mobile phone policy will apply. While we are away, students are permitted to bring and use a mobile phone or other device (especially during the coach journey) but staff will take no responsibility for these items.

Medical conditions

We will have access to all the information provided via the consent forms, but please can you also ensure that the school is contacted regarding any new medical/allergy/dietary information that we are not already aware of from our records. Medication can be carried by your child if you feel that is appropriate for them or can be kept by staff, but please make sure we are aware of any medication they are taking.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact me via email on nward@looea.net.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Ward
Trip Leader