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Dear Parent / Carer

WeST Y12 Summer Conference

We are delighted to announce the launch of our WeST Sixth Form Supra Curriculum: an academic enrichment programme collaboratively designed across all WeST Sixth Forms to give our students additional opportunities to develop their critical thinking and understanding of the complexities of the world around them, and build their confidence to challenge ideas and perspectives. This is an initiative which we believe will help to give our students the 'edge' through additional academic enrichment. Future jobs, training and study are becoming increasingly more competitive and our aims across all WeST Sixth Forms are to ensure that our students are well-prepared for life beyond our doors.

The Supra Curriculum will be launched via our inaugural WeST Sixth Form Summer Conference, hosted by Plymouth University. This event will take place on Monday 26 June and attendance is compulsory for all Year 12 students. The programme for the day will open and close with Key Note talks, with two seminar sessions in between, where students can sign up to one of six options for each session. The seminar sessions range across a variety of topics, from the Economics of Happiness, to the Climate Crisis and Building Smart Cities. Alongside the seminars, Student Ambassadors and Support Services from Plymouth University will be on hand to give optional campus tours and answer any questions students may have at this crucial time about university life. We are extremely excited to be able to provide this event for all of our students and believe it will be a truly inspirational day for our young people.

A preliminary schedule is outlined below. Students will be travelling by coach from SDCC leaving at 09:15 and will return to college by 15:10. The cost of the day, including transport and lunch, is being subsidised, however if you are able to support with a voluntary donation of £5.00, it would be appreciated. All families are requested to give permission via parent pay through the completion of a consent form. Details about how to make a donation are also available there.

Structure of the day:

10:00am	Arrival at Plymouth University
10:00 – 10.45am	Introduction and Key Note 1
10:50 – 11:45am	Seminar 1
11:50 – 12:45pm	Seminar 2
12:45 – 13:30pm	Lunch (<i>including optional campus tours and engagement with student services</i>)
13:30 – 14:15pm	Key Note Speaker
14:30pm	Depart

If you have any questions about the event, please contact us using the details below.

Best wishes

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