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Dear Parent/Carer

### EXTENDED LEARNING DAY – WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2012

On Wednesday 1 February the second Extended Learning Day will be taking place at Millthorpe School. The normal school timetable will be suspended and students will take part in a variety of activities led by departments within the school. Please note that all students that ALL students must wear full school uniform, including students going on a trip. School will finish at the normal time.

#### Year 7 – Murder at Millthorpe

Students will be taken back in time to 1934 at Millthorpe School (or Nunthorpe Grammar School as it was called then) to the scene of a terrible and sudden murder. The activity they do will place them in the position of a detective investigating the case back in 1934. Clues will be scattered across the school and it will be up to the students in their teams to collect them and try to figure out the terrible truth. Who killed Mr Black? It's up to the students to find out...

#### Year 8 – How to Develop a Healthy Lifestyle

Students will be engaged in a variety of activities which look at why they should lead a healthy, active lifestyle and how activity affects the body systems. Students will then use the information to 'Design My Break' which looks at re-shaping their mid-day break to make it a healthy, happy time. This is directly linked to the Get Set Network of which the school is a member, which promotes the Olympic and Paralympic values. Please note that some activities may take place outside and students should bring appropriate outdoor clothing and their outdoor trainers.

#### Year 9 – Holocaust Memorial Day

Students who have already returned reply slips will be going on a trip to the Holocaust Memorial Centre in Nottinghamshire. There they will view the exhibition and displays and meet a survivor of the Holocaust. A letter about arrangements for the day has been sent separately to parents.

The students remaining in school will participate in Holocaust education activities delivered by the English, History and Languages departments. These activities will include work based on the book "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas", a study of what caused the Holocaust and a look at the life of Sophie Scholl, a member of the anti-Nazi "White Rose" resistance movement.

#### Year 10 – Creative iMedia and Design & Technology

Those students who chose **Textiles** as an option will be developing their practical machinery skills. Students will be making an apron in the morning and visiting All Saints School in the afternoon to attend an A level taster session.



Living the Olympic  
and Paralympic Values

The **Resistant Materials** group will be following a plan to make a simple product in order to produce and develop accurate measuring and making skills.

**Food** students will be taking part in a competition to design and make a main course meal and sweet snack with a healthy theme to encourage students to use the canteen. Ingredients will be provided but £2.50 per person is required to cover costs. Students will work in teams and will eat or take home what they have prepared after judging. Teams will be given a briefing by Mr Farrell, our Catering Manager, and a bag of mystery ingredients. Food knowledge, creativity and team work will be taken into consideration when Mr Farrell and representatives from the school council judge the final products. There is a strong possibility that the winning team will have the opportunity to make their successful products in the school canteen kitchen and serve them to the rest of the school.

In **Creative iMedia** students will be undertaking a variety of creative workshops using the school's Adobe suite of programs to support them in their Creative iMedia qualification. These will involve digital graphic manipulation, using Flash to create simple rich internet applications and Dreamweaver, where we will be focussing on the coding aspects of website construction and design.

Those students who have **not** chosen Design and Technology or Creative iMedia as one of their options have been split into two groups:

- One group will have an introduction to “card engineering” and will make a range of complex – and professional - pop-up mechanisms as used in cards and books. No extra equipment is required.
- The other group will be completing an enterprise challenge. Students will work in groups to develop and market a product. There will be prizes for the best ideas and presentations

## **Year 11 – Science and Physical Education**

The students who are taking **Triple Science** will spend the day with their teachers working on the course.

The remaining students will access a range of activities led by the PE Department including Cycling, Poi, Zumba and Judo. Students will also be taking part in a talk on careers relating to sport. Please note, ALL students who are not doing Triple Science should bring their PE kit, including their indoor trainers.

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

Yours faithfully

*Miss S Watts*

Head of Citizenship