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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 'Celebrating Rivers Day'- Wednesday 28th June

We are excited to be holding cross curricular project based on the theme of rivers with Year 7. Our aim is that students will be able to practise their skills of inquisitiveness, collaboration, imagination and self-discipline whilst learning about different aspects of rivers and having a fun time whilst doing it!

The poor state of Britain's rivers has been widely broadcast in the press recently and so it is highly relevant that students learn about and appreciate rivers as ecosystems, economical resources and places of leisure. The theme is especially significant since our House names - Dore, Monnow, Escley, Olchon and Arrow – are named after local rivers. Leading up to the Celebrating Rivers Day, students will study different aspects rivers in all their subjects as part of a cross-curricular initiative. These will take place in normal, timetabled lessons and will be a celebration of rivers rather than debating the demise of them.

The Celebrating Rivers Day will be held on Wednesday 28th June when each form will spend the day being immersed in one of four creative arts – music, willow structures, dance and head dresses. This will culminate in a carnival-style procession around the school grounds, performing to other students and staff.

Although we won't have the space for parents/carers to attend, we will be documenting the day through photos and videos which will be uploaded to special Google Classroom and on social media. More details will be provided closer to the time.

To inspire students to get into the spirit of the day, we are encouraging them to wear clothes in blues, greens, whites and yellows – the wide and varied colours of the rivers. There is no need to buy anything specific for the day as a pair of jeans (blue) and a t-shirt (white) , for example would be sufficient. There will still be an expectation that all students wear suitable clothing for school, eg no short skirts or crop tops, and school rules on jewellery still apply. It should be stressed that this is not a normal non-uniform day but a blue, green, yellow and white day! Students who do not wish to dress in these colours may of course, still wear their normal uniform.

We hope that all students will have fun taking part in this exciting project and be inspired by the wonderful rivers we have around us.

Yours faithfully

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