



# DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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## AN ACADEMY AND TEACHING SCHOOL

26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

### Discovery Week – Information for Year 9

This year on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July we will be running Discovery Week for all pupils in Key Stage 3. During these days, the normal timetable will be collapsed and pupils are offered a range of learning experiences outside of the usual curriculum. Discovery week is an important and rewarding part of the school year as it is a chance for pupils to:

- take ownership of their learning journey
- challenge themselves with new experiences
- further develop positive relationships between pupils and staff
- engage in creative learning with their peer groups
- make progress in areas of their learning previously unchallenged

Year 9 pupils have been offered two off-site visits over the course of Discovery Week. Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative and has already signed up. There are still places left for pupils to attend the visit to Duxford Air Field on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We will be travelling by coach to Duxford, leaving school at 8.35am with an expected return time of 4.00pm. The cost of this trip is £20.

Over 120 pupils each year opt to study GCSE History and they will all be studying Physics at this level. This is an opportunity for pupils to see for themselves how things work and what life was like during WW2. There are also chances to experience the luxury side of air travel, to help pupils aim higher and aspire to the finer things in life. It is also a brilliant opportunity to forge new friendships, work with different members of the year group and to make the happy memories that we all want the pupils to leave school with.

**Pupils are allowed to go to both Duxford and to Whipsnade Zoo. Please secure your place to Duxford by making payment via sQuid. The last date for payments will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.** We have never been able to offer so many pupils the opportunity to go off-site at one time and I am hopeful that pupils can see what a fantastic experience they have available to them. The aim of Discovery Week is to broaden horizons and to give pupils the best opportunities possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss E. Filer  
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