

1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Drop Down Day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming drop-down day on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Drop down days are where the regular timetable is suspended to allow students to access activities that they are required to be taught, to encounter topics they wouldn't otherwise get the opportunity to do so and to enhance their cultural capital. Students are required to attend school as normal on this day in full school uniform.

### Year 7: Pantomime

Lead: Ms Dargyte

Students will cover different elements of this festive tradition through sessions lead by a range of subjects including Art, Design Technology, Drama, Food and Music. Students will be taken off site after their lunch break to watch a performance of *Red Riding Hood* at *Theatre Royal Stratford East*.

Please note that due to the performance time, students are expected **back to school at approximately 16:45** and will be registered and dismissed from the **Upton Lane** site.

### Year 8: Solutions for the Planet

Lead: Mr Kinowski

Students will be in teams where they will be given a specific brief. Using their creative thinking, Scientific knowhow and technological prowess, students will develop projects that they will present at the end of the day. The winners will go on to local competitions and we hope to emulate the success of last year where two teams made it to the National Finals.

### Year 9: History of Surgery

Lead: Mr Leach

History are joining up with the Biology teachers and the Hunterian Museum so that students can gain experience of the History of Surgery. We know that a lot of our students are considering becoming medics in the future, and the history of medicine is relevant to careers in medicine or as part of the GCSE for History. During the day students will have the opportunity to dissect a goat or sheep's heart and examine how surgeons have overcome the obstacles of pain, blood loss and infection during surgery.

## Year 10: Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Lead: Ms Khanom

Students will gain the skills needed to improve their confidence and competence in public speaking, a skill that is vital in so many walks of life. Support for this will be provided by professionally trained coaches from the Speakers Trust. Winners will be selected to go on to a school final and beyond, hopefully culminating in a representative at the National Final.

## Year 11: Careers and Progression

Lead: Mr Bland

Students will gain information and guidance about post 16 options and the world of work. They will get the opportunity and guidance to prepare their personal statement and applications to help them secure the college place of their choice. In addition to this there will be external providers in attendance to help students select appropriate post 16 pathways.

Kind Regards,



Mr D Bracken  
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