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Dear Parent/Carer

Jon Egging Blue Skies Programme

Your child has been selected to take part in a Blue Skies Programme, run by the Jon Egging Trust (JET) for The Nicholas Hamond Academy. The workshops and trips will develop their leadership, well-being, resilience and teamwork skills, which in turn supports their future aspirations in school and beyond. Your child will take part in ten sessions with us this year. Five will be in school and the remaining five will be at exciting venues, such as Inside Out and RAF Marham. The Jon Egging Trust was set up in 2011, following the tragic death of Red Arrows pilot Jon Egging at the Bournemouth Air Festival on 20th August 2011. The Trust was set up to realise Jon's dream of creating links with the RAF and other inspiring environments to help young people develop their talents and be the best that they can be.

I would like to invite you and your child to a meeting on **25th September 2025 at 5.30pm**. The meeting will outline the Blue Skies meeting over the coming academic year. Representatives from JET will be there to answer any of your questions. This will take place in Room 1 at the academy. Please can you indicate on the consent form whether you would like to attend this or not, so we are able to gauge numbers. If you are not able to attend the meeting, your child can still take part in the programme. However, as well as signing a consent form for us, you also have to sign up to Jon Egging to give them consent to. This is done through a website. Signing up on this will happen on the welcome evening. If you are unable to attend, we can send you through the link via email.

In order to take part in the trips, a consent form must be signed. As there will be a number of trips throughout the year, we have decided that one consent form would cover all trips, to save you constantly filling in the same form throughout the year. Once our JET representative has finalised the trips for the year, I will send you out a schedule. Prior to each trip I will contact you with further details. If you are unhappy with this arrangement, please let me know and we can arrange an alternative method for you. The first visit from JET in school will take place on either 24th or 25th September 2025. The first out of school visit will take place on 5th November to RAF Marham. As stated above, I will email you with exact details nearer the time.

Please complete the slip to attend the welcome event, as well as the consent form and return to Mrs Warnes or Mrs Garton by **22nd September 2025**. If the consent forms are not completed, unfortunately your child will not be able to take part in this exciting opportunity.

Students will continue their Jon Egging journey into Year 10. All outings will be during the school day and will be of no cost to yourselves. Students will travel on the school minibus. If you do not wish for your child to take part in the Blue Skies Programme at all, I would be most grateful if you let me know asap so that I may offer the opportunity to another student. Please contact me on kate.warnes@attrust.org.uk. Likewise, if you have any questions, please contact me.

Kind regards.

K. Warnes

Mrs K. Warnes
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