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Dear Parent/Carer

Curriculum Days – 9th & 10th July 2026

The 9th and 10th July are the next of our Curriculum Days for the year for all students. Curriculum Days are days where students will not be following their normal timetabled lessons, but will instead have sessions based around PSHE and Careers topics, appropriate to the Year Group your child is in. These days are run to compliment the tutor time and LOOL lessons students experience and prepare them for life in modern Britain. The 9th July will be for Years 9 and 10 and 10th July for Years 7 and 8.

At the Nicholas Hamond Academy we believe it is crucial to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that enables our students to develop in many diverse aspects of life and to build confidence and resilience. This will in turn allow them to be prepared for their adult lives and to engage with society.

The timings of the day will be as normal, and students are expected to attend in TNHA PE kit as we are expecting the warmer weather to continue.

During the day, each Year 7 class will have to go outside. If it is raining, this will be kept to a minimum, but please can students bring a coat and change of shoes to change into before going outside, in the event it does rain.

Following this letter is a list of topics Year Groups will be covering on the day, along with the aim for each session. The students will be divided into groups within their Year and will move around the different sessions throughout the day. In each session there will be suggested avenues of support should the student require it. Parents/Carers of students in Year 10, please do read carefully the content for the sessions as we are aware one topic in particular may be sensitive for some. Please do let your child's tutor and me know if you feel this could be the case. There is also a list of sources of support for yourselves as parents/cares, should you wish to access any following the day, with your child.

If there are any concerns or questions before the day, or indeed following it, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, your child's Head of Year or Student Support Leader. Likewise, if you feel you would like more information about any of the sessions, please do get in contact with myself or your child's Head of Year.

Finally, it is important that we gain feedback from you as the parents/carers as to how you feel we deliver careers as an academy. I was hoping you would be so kind as to complete a short questionnaire for the careers work we do.

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Careers take place in many forms. We have our own careers advisor; students take part in career-based sessions in tutor times once a week and in LOOL lessons we have elements of study that focus on their future selves in the workplace. We work closely with a number of organisations, such as The University of East Anglia, Jon Egging Trust, Amazing Apprenticeships, RAF Marham, the Army, and Barclays and put on many sessions using such organisations. Assemblies will have careers focus with outside speakers from businesses and Colleges. The College of West Anglia comes in to do sessions with the students on post-16 options and we visit the College with Year 10 students to have a taste of post-16 options. We also of course offer work experience to students in Year 10 to help them gain an insight into the world of work.

If you could take the time to complete this short questionnaire, it will very much help us as an academy to see how we can move forwards with our provision. I thank you in advance for your help and time with this. Please use the camera on your device to access the questionnaire via the QR code included in this letter.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Kate Warnes
Director of PSHEE & CEIAG

