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Principal: Mrs J Lowry-Johnson BA (Hons)

Year 7 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to write to you today regarding **OCAER Week**, a series of events and educational visits taking place on the week of **Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July 2022**. This week has been planned in accordance with our academy values of originality, community, aspiration, excellence and respect. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to benefit from new and exciting experiences.

Throughout the week, your child will take part in a series of different opportunities including a trip to Liverpool to visit Frontline Church/Imagine If charity and Strawberry Fields in order to learn about the functions and work of charitable and community organisations. The remainder of the week will see our students involved in original experiences such as drumming, cultural cooking, circus skills, team building exercises, art workshops and listening to speakers from the Anthony Walker Foundation.

The timings of the school day will remain as normal and when we visit Liverpool; we will depart by coach at 10am and we will have returned by 2.45pm. Some spending/pocket money may be useful on this day as there is a gift shop at Strawberry Fields; full school uniform must be worn and trainers, jewellery etc are not allowed. Students should bring a waterproof/coat and mobile phones may be taken at pupils' own risk. Students will be required to bring a packed lunch; pupils in receipt of free school meals will have their lunch provided. Exemplary behaviour is of course an expectation of our students; going out into the community means that all students are acting as ambassadors for OCA. Therefore students who misbehave will be withdrawn from the trip immediately.

We would also like to use this opportunity to invite parents and carers of Year 7 students into school on the last day of our OCAER week on **15th July at 10.30-11.30am** for our Excellence Show; our students will showcase and exhibit the skills they have learnt all week in front of you, the invited audience!

Please can you complete the consent slip on the page overleaf and return it to your son/daughter's form tutor by **Wednesday 6th July 2022**.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th July!

Kind Regards,

Miss H Killigrew & Miss L McNeill Careers and Personal Development Leads







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