

Dear Parent/Carer

**Alternative Curriculum Day – Year 8 Enterprise & Art Activities Day.**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, all students at Fulford School will be participating in an Alternative Curriculum Day and year 8 will be taking part in two separate events:

1. An enterprise event - groups of students participate in a Stock Market Challenge trading game where they are given “virtual” funds of £100,000 to buy a portfolio of shares / currencies. The aim for each group is to maximise the value of their portfolio. Students can buy and sell shares / currencies just as a trader would but will need to react quickly to changes in share values as would occur in the real world. For example, the value of house builders’ shares may fall if it is announced that interest rates will rise in future. The winning team is the one who has the highest value of shares /currency at the end of the day. Students will gain an appreciation of work related skills from the event including teamwork, problem solving and numeracy as well as developing financial awareness required in the wider world of work.
2. Creative workshops - groups of students will work with professional practitioners from the creative industries. One workshop will be based around being an Architect and making large scale 3 dimensional structures, the second is led by a visiting artist from Leeds who is inspired by natural forms and Street Art. Each workshop will provide the students with an insight into a creative profession whilst also providing the opportunity to be creative and produce their own work.

The whole of the year will be off normal timetable and participate in the Enterprise event one half of the day and a Creative Workshop in the other. It promises to be an exciting, stimulating and valuable educational experience.

All students have access to our extra-curricular activities and reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure each student’s full inclusion in this trip. Please contact Mr Bodey, Deputy Head teacher, if you think that this may be needed for your child.’

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1996 the school cannot make a direct charge for the day. We are however permitted to ask for voluntary contributions of £5.50. Please note we are unable to subsidise this event from other school funds. We reserve the right to cancel the event if insufficient funds are available.

Please kindly return the completed form below along with the required monies or cheque (payable to Fulford School Fund) in an envelope labelled Year 8 Alternative Curriculum Day and return to the school office. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, simply return the reply slip below indicating this is the case.

Many thanks.  
Yours faithfully,

Mr G Maloy  
Curriculum Leader Business and Economics

Mr T Rigg  
Curriculum Leader Art

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**Year 8 Alternative Curriculum Day - The Stock Market Challenge /Creative Industry workshops**

**Student name .....**Form.....

I enclose £5.50 cash/cheque

Signed ..... Parent/Carer