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Dear Parent/Carer

Alternative Curriculum Day – Year 9 Enterprise Day & Practical DT Industry Day.

On Thursday 24th October, all students at Fulford School will be participating in an Alternative Curriculum Day. As part of the day, year 9 will be taking part in two separate events:

1. An enterprise event - small 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 just 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. A team building exercise with a practical outcome at the end of the session. Students will be working in a DT workshop and will have 2 ½ hours to work together, follow a set instructions and to complete the set task.

Normal lessons will be suspended and the whole of the year will be off timetable. Students will attend morning registration as normal from 8.35-8.40 before participating in the day. The day will consist of two sessions of 2 ½ hours each and will end at the usual time of 3.30pm. It promises to be an exciting, stimulating and valuable educational experience. If you would like any more information on the day please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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