

30 September 2014

Dear Parent/carer

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

On Thursday 23rd October, all students at Fulford School will be participating in an Alternative Curriculum Day and year 9 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 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. D&T will be carrying out a range of activities investigating the structural properties of materials and product development as well as investigating how objects are made.

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, consisting 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.

In order for your son/daughter to participate in The Stock Market Challenge, there is a small charge of **£2** to pay. Please kindly return the completed form below along with the required monies or cheque made payable to Fulford School Fund in an envelope labelled Year 9 Curriculum Day and return to the school office. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Maloy

Mr D Wooldridge

Curriculum Leader Business and Economics

Curriculum Leader Design & Technology

Year 9 Alternative Curriculum Day - The Stock Market Challenge

NAME OF PUPIL

FORM.....

I enclose £2 cash/cheque* (*delete as appropriate) for The Stock Market Challenge on Thursday 23rd October

Signed Parent/Guardian