



## Joseph Leckie Academy

12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Rewards Week Sessions Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Year 7 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July Year 8. As you may already be aware, in the last week of term here at Joseph Leckie we try and do something a little different for our students as a reward for all their hard work through the year. With all the difficulties and restrictions, we have gone through this year, we believe this is particularly important. Therefore, we have arranged a choice of exciting opportunities for Y7 and Y8 students to opt into on the last week of term (Y7 Wed 14<sup>th</sup> and Y8 Thu 15<sup>th</sup>).

Further to our previous letter (dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021) I am writing to make you aware of the health and safety protocols we have put in place for these exciting activities. Please discuss the protocols with your child in relation to the activity they will be undertaking.

### **Cooking Experience**

This session will be run by our own Food Technology teachers who will be following their usual rigorous JLA risk assessments and procedures. However, pupils and yourselves need to be aware that there are still risks attached to this type of activity – mainly there is a risk that pupils could sustain burns or scolds if they do not follow the guidance of the teachers running the activity. Pupils will be required to sanitise/thoroughly wash their hands when asked by staff. All equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned before being used by other staff/pupils. If pupil's behaviour falls below the standard expected of them they will be removed from the activity.

### **Music Experience**

This session will be run by an outside agency. The experience providers have worked in schools many times before and are well versed in ensuring that the activity follows all health and safety and Covid safe requirements. Pupils and yourselves need to be aware that the activity will be taking place indoors in a large well ventilated room and pupils will need to adhere to the 2 meter rule and current guidance to ensure

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that they are not facing other students when singing. Pupils will be required to sanitise/thoroughly wash their hands when asked by staff. All equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned before being used by other staff/pupils. If pupil's behaviour falls below the standard expected of them they will be removed from the activity.

### **Animal Experience**

This session will be run by an outside agency. The providers have worked within schools for a number of years and are well versed in working with in all health and safety guidance and covid secure practices. There are however still some risks attached to this type of activity – such as injury from an animal if it is not handled in the manner laid out by the provider and also that pupils could become ill if they do not wash their hands thoroughly after handling the animals. Pupils will be instructed on the correct way to handle each animal and will be required to sanitise their hands before and after the session and when asked by staff. All equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned before being used by other staff/pupils. If pupil's behaviour falls below the standard expected of them they will be removed from the activity.

### **Archery/Laser tag**

This session will be run by an outside agency. The providers have worked within schools for a number of years and are well versed in working with in all health and safety guidance and covid secure practices. There are however still some risks attached to this type of activity – such as trips and falls sustained while running on the sports field or from the archery equipment itself if not used in accordance with the activity providers instructions to mitigate this staff will inspect the field before the activity for any uneven ground and pupils will be instructed on the areas of the field that they can use and instructions will be given on the safe use of the equipment. All equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned before being used by other staff/pupils. If pupil's behaviour falls below the standard expected of them they will be removed from the activity.

### **Circus Skills**

This session will be run by an outside agency. The providers have worked within schools for a number of years and are well versed in working with in all health and safety guidance and covid secure practices. There are however still some risks

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attached to this type of activity – namely pupils could injure themselves if they fall from the stilts while practicing stilt walking. This risk will be mitigated by the use of crash mats in the hall and by pupils having one to one instruction in the safe use of the stilts. All equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned before being used by other staff/pupils. If pupil's behaviour falls below the standard expected of them they will be removed from the activity.

### **Challenge/Team building activity**

This session will be run by an outside agency. The providers have worked within schools for a number of years and are well versed in working with in all health and safety guidance and covid secure practices. There are however still some risks attached to this type of activity – such as trips and falls sustained while running on the sports field to mitigate this staff will inspect the field before the activity for any uneven ground and pupils will be instructed on the areas of the field that they can use. All equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned before being used by other staff/pupils. If pupil's behaviour falls below the standard expected of them they will be removed from the activity.

We hope the students are looking forward to this end of term event and find it an enjoyable and enriching experience. If you feel that you no longer wish for your child to take part in these activities please let Ms Stead know as soon as possible [v.stead@josephleckieacademy.co.uk](mailto:v.stead@josephleckieacademy.co.uk)

Should you require any further information regarding Rewards Week please contact your relevant Head of Year or Ms Stead (Activities Coordinator).

Yours sincerely  
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