



Headteacher: Mrs J Veal, BA  
Cheddon Road  
Taunton TA2 7QP  
Tel: 01823 348200  
Email: [reception@thetauntonacademy.com](mailto:reception@thetauntonacademy.com)  
[www.thetauntonacademy.com](http://www.thetauntonacademy.com)



13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Curriculum Enrichment Day 2**

Last term we ran a very successful day for students in all year groups on the theme of 'Futures'. Lessons were suspended for the day and activities and events were put on to enrich the students' every day curriculum. We are holding our second enrichment day for students in Years 7 to 9 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. As before, the timetable will be suspended and each year group will be doing something different, matched to the needs of the students within each cohort. The timings of the school day will be as normal and it is expected that your child attend in full school uniform.

Year 7 students will be focussing on how to keep themselves safe and stay well. They will have a series of workshops around the themes of Internet safety, Well-being, Healthy minds and Healthy lifestyles.

Year 8 students will be having a series of workshops on team building and resilience as well as emotional well-being. They will be looking at leadership skills and how to work well with others in a team. They will discover techniques for how to stay positive and optimistic as part of being resilient individuals and they will discover more about what is needed to be successful in learning and in life.

The Enrichment Day for Year 9 students will include a session on 'Options' and every student will have the opportunity to discuss their choices for Y10 with their tutor or a senior member of staff during an informal meeting. It is expected that by tomorrow students and parents will have talked through the choices with staff on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February at the various information and progress evenings, and will be almost ready to submit their written choices.

To complement the work Year 9 students are doing on 'Choice' there will be a workshop from Barclays on 'Getting to know yourself'; a self-reflection session to encourage students to think about what they need to focus on and what to develop in order to be highly successful individuals. Alongside this workshop, Next Steps South West will run 'Career Pilot', which is a web based programme that allows students to find out about possible future careers. It will inform them of what might be required in terms of skills and qualifications as well as giving them some ideas about wider

The Taunton Academy is part of the Richard Huish Trust, a company limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales with company number 9320523

Registered Office: Richard Huish College, South Road, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3DZ



career opportunities. Other work on the day will enhance this theme and will hopefully be a fun and useful exercise in considering life beyond education.

As always, if you have any questions about this day, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Eddy', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Eddy  
Deputy Head teacher