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Dear Parent or Carer,

Drop Down Day – 10th November 2021

I am writing to inform you of an exciting day of learning for your child tomorrow, Wednesday 10th November 2021. At Ellis Guilford School we provide all pupils with the chance to learn beyond the curriculum, something which we are extremely proud of and was noted most recently during our OFSTED inspection.

As well as offering a strong curriculum, we have developed several 'drop down days' which are new to the school this year. This will be an excellent opportunity for all students to extend their learning beyond the curriculum and work with peers in a group environment. Students will be developing highly important transferrable skills for the future.

Our Year 7 students will be studying puberty and exploring the changes that take place in boys and girls as they grow up. This piece of learning is a key element of the government's new RSHE guidance which all students must understand by the end of KS3.

Our Year 8 students will also be working within the RSHE guidance by completing a scenario-based journey through the risks, pressures and consequences of being involved in gang activity.

During the afternoon both Year 7 and 8 will complete a knife crime project, promoting the #knifefree message across the school and local area. Keep an eye out for our positive messages on social media throughout the day!

Year 9 will be looking at bullying, and in particular homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying, as well as self-esteem and creating a revolutionary new idea to boost young people's wellbeing in Nottingham.



Our Year 10 and Year 11 students will be exploring study skills, understanding the most effective ways to study. Students will leave the day armed with some of the most effective, evidence-based revision methods and some resources ready to use in preparation for their PPEs over the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to seeing the creativity, ambition and potential of our students come to life through our extended curriculum. We hope you can keep an eye on our social media throughout the day to see the progress our students are making throughout the day. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be looking to implement a number of the ideas raised by our KS3 students in the school and throughout the local community to create a safe, secure and positive learning environment for all students.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Lever', written in a cursive style.

Nick Lever
Assistant Principal