



13 July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Years 7, 8 and 9 Challenger Puzzle Day – Tuesday 18 July
Sports Day – Wednesday 19 July

Further to my letter sent to you last week, I confirm the Happy Puzzle Company will be coming in to deliver a Challenger Day on Tuesday. Students will be in groups of 8 -10 and have 25 tasks to complete. For those of you who are a similar age to myself, it is something like *'The Crystal Maze'*. All the puzzles look incredibly easy, until the students start to solve them. The task then becomes one of turning the apparently impossible to the possible. As they do so, each student will improve their thinking skills, whilst boosting their confidence and raising their own expectations of what they can achieve. Each team will also gain points for their House, these points will be added to the points achieved on Sports Day, which will take place the following day, Wednesday 19 July. For both days, students are expected to wear their PE kit.

We have also arranged for a local ice cream vendor to attend at lunchtime on these days, all proceeds will go to the PTA. I am sure the children will have a brilliant two days.

On Friday 21 July 2017, the last day of term, students will finish at 12:55, if your child uses the Southend school coach or the Basildon minibuses, please note that these will depart the school site promptly at 13:15.

Yours sincerely,

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