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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Challenge Week, July 14th-18th 2008

We are pleased to tell you that Challenge Week is now organised and ready to begin on Monday. Hopefully, your child will be aware of his/her involvement each day. We have made our expectations clear to all students in recent assemblies and through form tutors.

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm a few important details with you as a parent or carer.

The week is structured as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are when the Challenge Activities take place.
- Wednesday is Sports Day.
- Friday morning is when the Celebration Assemblies and performances take place in front of all students.

Your child will either be doing one 3-day Challenge Activity (on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) or three 1-day activities. Students have been told which activities they are doing and will not be allowed to change now. In case any child has missed that information or forgotten, it will be published on a notice board outside L-block (by the car-park, opposite reception.) This information will also tell your child where to go on the first morning. For these challenge activities, students go straight to that location at 8.40am instead of registration. Uniform needs to be worn by students on the Great British Adventure Trip on Monday and by students on the Code-Breaking trip on Tuesday (but not for the code-breaking activity in school on Monday.) For "Try a New Sport" students must wear full Mount Grace School PE kit. For all other challenge activities, students can wear their own clothes, but they must be sensible and appropriate, and if the activity is messy, the clothes should be something your child does not mind getting dirty or potentially damaged.

On Wednesday, all students are expected to take part in Sports Day (except some Y12's.) On this day, they should register with form tutors as normal in their form rooms, and full Mount Grace School PE kit must be worn to school. It is a good idea to bring water bottles, sun-cream and/or a waterproof top, depending on the weather forecast for that day.

On Friday, all students must attend in the morning and register as if it is a normal school day. Full school uniform must be worn.

Normal school rules regarding attendance, punctuality, behaviour, use of mobile phones and other electronic equipment and the wearing of jewellery all apply as usual. This will help the week to go smoothly and allow everybody to enjoy and learn from the experience.

Finally, could I please ask that any amounts of money or permissions slips for "Shadow a Parent" still outstanding for trips or activities are paid to reception as soon as possible in an envelope with your child's name and the activity written on it.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Kenward
Co-ordinator of Challenge Week