

November 2025

Dear students and families of Year 9,

Enrichment Event

I am pleased to inform you that as part of Dixons McMillan Academy's enrichment expedition on 27th November, Year 9 will be walking down to the Pictureville Cinema for a private screening of a Spanish adventure film. The film 'Zipi y Zape y el club de la canica' is based on a Spanish comic that children of similar ages have been reading since the 1950s in Spain.

As such, in the afternoon back at DMA, we will be looking at how to create our own Spanish cartoon strips. We will be engaging further into Spanish culture by providing students with a selection of Spanish tapas for lunch. For this reason (and as we are going to the cinema in the morning) no student should be bringing sweets or popcorn to the cinema - as we will arrive back to school for lunch straight after the film. Students are welcome of course to take their own water bottle and should have an appropriate coat in case the forecast is rain.

We will also hope to host a guest speaker about careers in languages and travel opportunities to broaden students horizons in their future. Having this opportunity to study another language and experience different cultures is so important for our students now more than ever. Those that do have this additional skill are the people who support all the foreign business links - importing and exporting - even in engineering and science - some of the best research is done abroad.

Ultimately, these opportunities make us better communicators, help us build empathy and understanding of new cultures and strengthen our ability to work effectively with others. We are committed to providing our students with enriching opportunities that develop their understanding of 'living in the wider world' as outlined by our PSHE curriculum.

To facilitate this experience, the cost per child is £3.50, payments can be made via ParentPay, and must be paid in full by: 21.11.24. Alternatively, for those opting to pay in cash, this can be made to reception in an envelope with your child's full name and advisory.

Your support in ensuring your child's participation and attendance is greatly appreciated, as we strive to provide the best possible educational experiences for all our students. Further information about the day will be communicated to students in assembly and during Spanish lessons.

Yours faithfully



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