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Dear Parent/Guardian

Happy Puzzle Company – 27 September 2021

The Maths department are delighted to hosting the Happy Puzzle Company at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge on Monday 27 September 2021. The Company will be engaging our year 7s and 8s in an hour full of fun challenges which will teach our students how to persevere, work collaboratively and plan strategically. Students will be taking part in the programme during the school day and will be notified of their session timings via their tutor.

By solving problems and conquering challenges which initially seem too difficult, each student starts to see that they can achieve goals which previously may have seemed too difficult to reach. Therefore, every session focuses on achievement rather than competition. All of the challenges are age and ability appropriate and the programmes are also suitable, and especially beneficial to students with specific learning difficulties and those students who are part of the More Able Programme. Therefore, the students are genuinely challenged, but they will also discover that every puzzle can be solved by using the right strategies and effective teamwork.

At the end of Puzzle Challenge Day programmes, students are asked what they feel they have learned that will help them in the future. Almost always, the same three answers are echoed...

"Never give up!"

"That nothing needs to be impossible."

"The importance of working as a team."

These are powerful messages that cover the entire curriculum as well as life outside the classroom. Suddenly, the students realise that it's okay to make mistakes and that in many respects there is no such thing as a 'wrong' answer. If an answer is not quite right, they can use that to drive them in the right direction towards reaching their goal.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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