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Dear Parent or Guardian

RE: Year 7 Core Skills Event

I am writing to tell you about an exciting project we are currently undertaking in Year 7 Core Skills lessons. As you might know, in Core Skills lessons we use the teaching method of Project Based Learning, or PBL, to help students learn. Projects give students the chance to apply the skills they learn in school to personally relevant and real-world situations. Your child also learns skills in PBL such as how to think critically, solve problems, work in teams, and think creatively. These skills will help students succeed in the future, both in school and in today's world of work.

The first project Year 7 students have been asked to complete is an improvement project. The students are required to track their own progress in a skill of their choice, such as drawing, juggling, sports techniques etc. Students should have already discussed this with you and asked you to sign their project booklet. At the end of the project, students will have an exhibition of their learning and they will be interviewed about the progress and effort they have shown. Although under no obligation to attend, we would like to invite all Year 7 families to take part in this exhibition. The times of the exhibition are as follows:

Students in tutor groups **7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E**, - Tuesday 27th February 2018 - **11:55am - 12:45pm**.

Students in tutor groups **7F, 7G, 7H & 7I** - Tuesday 27th February 2018 - **2:30pm - 3:20pm**.

If you are interested in attending this exhibition, then please sign up on the school's Parent's Evening website. ([www.snhs.im](http://www.snhs.im)).

Students will be assessed individually on their effort over the course of the project and they will be assessing their own skills at the end of the project. As parents or guardians, you can discuss the project at home, encouraging your child to practise their skill and ask questions about their progress. Your support in helping your child to prepare for their exhibition will be greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the project.

Yours faithfully

Mr. S. Edwards,  
Core Skills Co-ordinator

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