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Dear Parents

### **Year 5 Going Beyond Project Week**

You may be aware that Year 5 completed a unit on recording and manipulating sound in Lent term. In the first week after the half-term break they will be putting these skills into action as part of the school's Going Beyond initiative.

Their task will be to create a short podcast linked to the residential trip to Stratford. They can review the trip as a whole or select a particular aspect to concentrate on. They have been given clear guidance about each aspect of the project and will present their ideas to their classmates on Tuesday 12 June. The best three podcasts will be sent to Miss Talbot, Head of the Junior Department, for her to listen to and select the best.

In order to give the students time to focus on their project work, Monday 4–Friday 8 June will be Going Beyond homework week. This means that Year 5 will not be set any other subject-specific work and will instead be asked to focus on their podcast.

I will be providing detailed guidance to Year 5 during their computing lesson next week. As well as clarifying the content of their podcasts, this will include a recap on the Audacity software they will use for recording; this is free to download for the students to use at home. I will also outline how they should save their work and share it with me once completed. We will also discuss online property rights of music and sound effects they may wish to include.

This initiative is part of our strategy to encourage academic curiosity and independent learning, in order to enhance your daughter's curriculum experience. If you have any questions about the project, then please email me.

Yours faithfully

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