January 2019

WATER SPORTS HOLIDAY - SOUTH OF FRANCE 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the school’s extra curriculum programme I am pleased to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to enjoy a week long water sports holiday during the school Activities Week in July 2020. The trip is open to all pupils from Year 7 right up to Year 12. Having enjoyed very successful trips to France, Italy and Spain in recent years I have decided to book an exciting new package, offering improved accommodation and better activities, near Perpignan in the South of France. The information below gives an outline of the package that is available.

Date & Destination
The trip departs on Saturday 11 July 2020, and returns on Saturday 18 July. We will stay at the four star Camping Taxo Les Pins complex just outside the picturesque coastal resort of Argeles-Sur-Mer, in the South of France. Accommodation will be on a full board basis in 3 – 6 bed chalets which all have en-suite facilities.

Purpose Of The Trip
It is hoped that this trip will give your daughter an introduction to some exciting coastal and alpine water sports, and in the past this has inspired many of our students to pursue these activities in their own time.

Planned Activities
The timetable below is a sample of a typical week with a variety of thrilling water sports, and a full programme of evening entertainments.

Day 1: Travel to centre
Day 2: Arrive Argeles-Sur-Mer settle in and relax on site
Day 3: Beach day with sessions of sailing / stand up paddle boards / kayaking / windsurfing.
Day 4: Trip to the Pyrenees for white water rafting and hydrospeeding
Day 5: Half day visit to the local canyoning park followed by half a day in the Go Ape style ropes course
Day 6: Beach day with sessions of sailing / stand up paddle boards / kayaking / windsurfing.
Day 7: Pack up and depart from centre
Day 8: Arrive back in the UK.

Travel Arrangements
Travel will be by luxury coach, with an option to cross the channel by ferry or Le Shuttle.

Cost
The cost will be £695 which is payable in instalments over the next year. However, in the unlikely event of our group size falling below 40 students the cost will increase slightly. This trip is not covered by the Pupil Premium scheme, and as such the Academy is unable to offer any financial assistance.
Booking Procedure
To allow everyone a fair opportunity of gaining a place, and to allow parents to consider the trip carefully, the places allocation procedure is set out below.
If you would like your daughter to participate in this trip, please complete and return the permission slip overleaf to the Finance Office by Friday 16 March. All pupils returning their consent forms and £100 deposit on or before Friday 25 January will have an equal chance of securing a place on this trip. If the trip is over-subscribed by the close of business on 25 January then all consent forms returned by that day will be entered into a draw in order to allocate places. If your son/daughter is unsuccessful in obtaining a place on this trip, a full refund of your deposit will be given either by cheque or via your Parent Pay account. In the event of some places being left available at the end of 25 January then places will continue to be allocated on a first come first served basis until all places have been allocated.

Cancellation Policy
The £100 deposit is non-refundable. Any cancellation after 29 March 2020 will incur a charge of £200. Cancellations within 6 months of the departure date will be charged at 50% of the total cost. Any cancellation within 10 weeks of departure will be charged at full cost. This cancellation policy is non-negotiable.

Please remember that a place on any school trip is subject to your son/daughter’s continued good behaviour. In exceptional circumstances a place on a trip may be withdrawn, in which case any monies paid will be refunded in full. If you have any further queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr A S Leonard
Sixth Form Life Choices Co-ordinator

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I give permission for my son/daughter

to take part in the above named trip. I agree to abide by the terms of the cancellation policy currently operated by the school, as detailed in the attached letter.

I enclose a payment of ......... I have paid ........... by Parent Pay

Signed..........................................................Date ......................

Please return the above slip to the Finance Office by Friday 25 January