

6th January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Years 7, 8 & 9 Educational Visits and Activity Days: Monday 18th July to Thursday 21st July 2022

During Activities Week there will be a range of residential and non-residential visits: the school strongly promotes the personal and social educational value of these visits. A brief outline of the programme is attached to this letter along with a form for your child's choices. Please complete the form and return to school by **Thursday, 27th January 2022 – pupils must return their form to their tutor.**

From the information that you provide, we will be able to assess whether an activity is viable. This will depend on sufficient numbers choosing it, as a minimum number will be needed for a visit to take place. A number of the residential visits are often over-subscribed and places cannot always be guaranteed. For the day activities, you need to select both the activity and the day: this will allow pupils to choose activities within their friendship groups. However, we will still require sufficient numbers to make the trips viable and, whilst every effort will be made to adhere to these choices, we cannot guarantee them.

Once activities have been decided, we will confirm your child's place/s and ask for a deposit if the placement is on a residential trip (please see individual trips for amounts required). I must stress that deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable and the first deposit must be paid by **2.30pm on Thursday, 10th February 2022. Final payments for all activities must be made by 2.30pm on Thursday, 12th May 2022.** If a pupil is prevented from doing an activity for financial reasons, it may be possible to apply, in confidence, for financial assistance to the **Uffculme School Trust. Application forms can be obtained from the Finance Office and must be completed and returned by Friday 28th January 2022.**

The educational visits will include activities for over 600 pupils and it is a complex administrative task to manage the choices. Please consider carefully your choices when you complete the form, as it may not be possible to change visits later. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Deposits and Payments

Please note that all the residential and day trips will be set up on ParentPay as "decreasing balances". As such payments **do not need to be paid in one lump sum** but can be made daily, weekly or monthly, enabling you to budget for the trips. Please enter the amount you wish to pay in the "amounts" field. As stated above, all deposits must be received by 2.30pm on the 10th February 2022 to ensure your child is accepted onto the relevant trip and all trips must be paid for by the 12th May 2022. The deposit

requirement is to secure the accommodation and the various activities and attractions. **Unfortunately, if your deposit is not received by the due date your child's place on the trip will be withdrawn.**

If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium and your child chooses a residential trip, your Activity Week allowance **CANNOT** be used for your deposit payment. Your allowance will be allocated to the trip once your deposit has been received.

We would also advise that the day trips now have to be paid for by the school in advance and the venues do not give refunds for non-attendance on the day. Please note, therefore, that if your child is not able to go on their trip we will not be able to give you a refund.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Roberts
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Eve
Educational Visits Co-Ordinator

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 VISITS AND ACTIVITIES
Monday, 18th July 2022 – Thursday, 21st July 2022

RESIDENTIAL VISITS DETAILS

ALL YEARS

LONDON THEATRE - YEARS 7, 8 and 9: WICKED and THORPE PARK - 2-day visit (Wednesday 20th July to Thursday 21st July) – COST £190.00 – 52 places available

Arrive in London; guided sightseeing tour with opportunities to take photographs of some of London's famous sights and landmarks.

Time in the Natural History Museum.

Early evening meal before going to watch a performance of the musical Wicked in the West End.

One night bed and breakfast accommodation in the Wembley International Hotel (tbc).

After a cooked breakfast collect your packed lunch before leaving for Thorpe Park after which we come home

NOTE: You will also need to choose activities for two further days (Monday & Tuesday).

Deposit: £100.00 by 10th February 2022

DISNEYLAND PARIS – YEARS 7, 8 and 9 - 4-day visit (Monday 18th July to Thursday, 21st July) – COST £375

This is a four-day visit, leaving school at 7:30 on Monday morning, travelling by coach to Folkestone where we will cross the channel on the 'Eurotunnel shuttle', heading on to our Hotel accommodation in time for an evening meal.

The second day of our visit will be spent in Paris exploring the sights. This will include a "Bateaux-mouches" boat trip on the Seine giving us excellent views of the city. In the afternoon, we plan to head up the "Montparnasse" tower, giving us a bird's eye view of the city.

Day three is our Disney day. We will aim for a full day of fun in Paris' most well-known theme park, with access to both parks.

After breakfast on the Thursday, our plan is to make our way home through the tunnel and back to Uffculme School for about 8:30pm.

Deposit: £100.00 by 10th February 2022

Further instalments of: £100 by 9th March 2022, £100 by 9th April 2022 and £75.00 by 12th May 2022.

YEAR 7

CYCLING IN NORMANDY – YEAR 7 PUPILS ONLY – Friday, 15th July – Thursday, 21st July COST £250.00 (to include trip t-shirt) – 100 places available

Once again we are running this amazing cycling trip to Cherbourg! Why not join us this year?

Pre-trip activities:

Two *free* after school training sessions to help boost cycling ability and to allow pupils to experience cycling the French way!

In June we hold a practice camp, in a local field, *which is included in the cost!* This consists of: cycling to and from camp; putting up tents and putting them away; a swim in the river; an evening BBQ and a cooked breakfast. This great opportunity is provided to enable you to get to know your fellow camp mates and cycle leaders.

In France:

A ferry ride transports us to France where we camp for 4 nights in a lovely campsite adjacent to a picturesque beach.

During the stay in France, we will: spend a day exploring the French countryside on our bikes; cycle to and swim in the local indoor swimming pool; cycle into Cherbourg to explore the shops; cycle to a neighbouring beach for a sandcastle competition and spend time in and around camp taking part in the Boules competition, talent competition, rock pooling, beach football, beach volleyball and having a swim in the sea! There is so much to enjoy!

Every day we will get to eat delicious, locally baked croissants, pain au chocolate and baguettes for breakfast. On one evening, pupils will get to test out their culinary skills by cooking their own BBQ and on another evening, they will even have the chance to sample traditional French cuisine including snails and frogs legs (not compulsory!).

Requirements:

Pupils need a large-wheeled cycle in good condition as the bikes are their mode of transport whilst in France. Shoppers, BMX and stunt cycles are not suitable.

Tents and sleeping bags need to be provided. These will be carried in the support van.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A “MOBILE PHONE FREE” TRIP – STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BRING THEIR MOBILE PHONE ON THIS ACTIVITY.

Deposit: £100.00 by 10th February 2022

YEAR 8

BEACH CAMP IN NORTH DEVON – YEAR 8 PUPILS ONLY – Monday 18th July to Wednesday 20th July – COST £185.00 – 60 places available. You will need to pick an activity for Thursday, 21st July.

This is an adventurous activity for students who like to challenge themselves. Beach Camp will be based at a campsite in North Devon and involve three days of activities. These activities will include:

1. Surfing including full instruction.
2. Quad Biking including full instruction.
3. Paintballing.

Included in the price of £185 are all activities, food and transport. Students would need their own shared tent. **If the trip is over-subscribed a draw will take place.**

Deposit: £100 by 10th February 2022

YEARS 8 and 9

COAST TO COAST CYCLE TOUR – YEARS 8 and 9 PUPILS ONLY – Monday, 18th July to Thursday, 21st July – COST £160.00

Calling all Cyclists!!

This year we have the opportunity to cycle across the whole of the beautiful county of Devon. Starting on the Monday of Activities Week we will cycle from Ilfracombe on the North coast of Devon to Plymouth on the South Coast. A leisurely 30+ miles per day. We will be camping at sites in Torrington, Okehampton and Tavistock. You won't need to carry your kit as it will be carried in a support vehicle for you.

In addition to cycling, we will have the opportunity to participate in some other activities on the route. Last time we were able to squeeze in a climbing wall activity and archery. This was all included in the price.

Participants will need to have an appropriate large wheeled bicycle. The route is mainly on cycle paths and also uses minor roads. Previous participants have successfully completed the route on mountain bikes and on road bikes. BMX and similar bikes are not suitable.

Deposit of £100 by 10th February 2022

YEAR 9

WATER SPORTS IN CORNWALL – YEAR 9 ONLY – Tuesday, 19th July to Thursday, 21st July COST £200.00 – 28 places available (14 girls & 14 boys due to accommodation restrictions)

Staying in Elmscott Hostel taking part in a variety of water sport activities organised by a specialist centre in Bude. **If the trip is over-subscribed a draw will take place.**

For further information see Mrs Goldman

NOTE: You will need to pick an activity for Monday, 18th July.

Deposit: £100.00 by 10th February 2022

UFFCULME SCHOOL CHOIR ONLY

CHOIR TOUR, LONDON – Monday, 18th July to Thursday, 21st July COST £330 – 52 places available

The tour begins with a 10.00 am departure for our coach journey to London. We will aim to arrive at our "Safestay" Hostel in Kensington's Holland Park for about 2.00 pm. The afternoon may see some rehearsal time and possibly a public performance in Holland Park. The Tuesday will see a public performance in Hyde Park and a ride on the London Eye amongst other things. Wednesday will include an evening at a West End show with a meal beforehand.

On Thursday we will be making tracks home, visiting the local town for gifts and souvenirs and maybe an impromptu concert.

Only current members of the choir can access this trip.

For further information please contact Mrs Luig-Holmes

Deposit: £110.00 by 10th February 2022

Further instalments of: £110.00 by 9th April 2022 and £110 by 12th May 2022