

30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Years 7, 8 & 9 Educational Visits and Activity Days – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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 **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 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 of your choice. 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 should be paid by **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Final payments for all activities must be made by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018.** 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

The educational visits will include activities for over 600 pupils and it is a complex administrative task to manage the choices. When possible, visits will be arranged by year group in order for pupils to remain mostly in peer groups but it will not always be possible for pupils to be in friendship groups for all visits. Please consider carefully your choices when you complete the form, as it may not be possible to change visits later due to the size of the administration task. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

### **Deposits and Payments**

Please note that all the residential and day trips have been 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. If you do not use Parentpay you can still make these payments through the Finance Office by cheque or cash.

However, all deposits must be received by the 24<sup>th</sup> November to ensure your child is accepted onto the relevant trip and all trips must be paid for by the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Unfortunately, if your deposit is not received 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.

Please note that the deposit requirement for the residential visits is not from the School but is stipulated by the relevant Travel Company(ies) that administer the trip.

In respect of the day trips, we would also advise that most of the day trips now have to be paid for in advance and some of 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 the trip we may not be able to give you a refund.

Yours faithfully,



**John M Roberts**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

#### RESIDENTIAL VISITS DETAILS

##### ALL YEARS

##### **VISIT TO PARIS, INCLUDING DISNEYLAND – YEARS 7, 8 and 9 – COST £460.00 – 30 places available**

Our four day visit to Paris will be co-ordinated by the Languages Department. It will begin with a coach journey to Dover, where we will board the ferry and then travel by coach to our hotel. We have been fortunate enough to secure a Campanile hotel, which provides modern, safe, smart rooms with en suite facilities where pupils can enjoy cooked breakfasts and evening meals for the duration of the trip.

On our second day we will be taking in some of the main sights of Paris. We will begin with an open top boat cruise along the River Seine and then travel by coach to the Arc de Triomphe. We will then walk along the Champs Elysées, Paris' most famous shopping street, and have a picnic lunch in the Tuileries Gardens, finishing our walk at the Louvre.

Our third day will be spent exclusively in the resort of Disneyland Paris, where there are two parks to explore! Meet Mickey Mouse, visit Cinderella's castle and ride some exhilarating attractions if you dare, such as the Tower of Terror! We will return to the hotel early evening, before we depart in the morning after breakfast and return to school via the ferry.

**Deposit: £100 by the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment: £100 by the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment: £100 by the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> instalment: £100 by the 24<sup>th</sup> March and final payment of £60 by the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

##### YEAR 7

##### **CYCLING IN NORMANDY – YEAR 7 PUPILS ONLY – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – COST £185.00 – 100 places available**

Once again, this amazing cycling trip to Cherbourg has returned! 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.

**Deposit: £100.00 by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**LONDON THEATRE: THE LION KING and LEGOLAND 2 day visit (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July)  
– YEAR 7 PUPILS ONLY – COST £180.00 – 70 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 The Lion King at The Lyceum Theatre, Wellington Road, London.

One night bed and breakfast accommodation in Premier Inn, London Elstree

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

**NOTE: You will also need to choose two day activities (for Monday & Thursday).**

**Deposit: £100.00 by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**YEAR 8**

**BEACH CAMP IN NORTH DEVON – YEAR 8 PUPILS ONLY – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
– COST £170.00 – 60 places available. You will need to pick an activity for Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
4. A choice of either cycling or coasteering.

Included in the price of £170 are all activities, all food and transport. Students would need their own shared tent.

**Deposit: £100 by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

## **YEARS 8 & 9**

### **DEVON COAST TO COAST CYCLE – YEARS 8 and 9 ONLY – COST £120.00 - 20 places available**

4 days and 3 nights cycling Ilfracombe to Plymouth.

Campsites in Northam, Sourton & Tavistock – students to provide own tents.

Various other activities. **For further information see Mr Bertram.**

***If oversubscribed priority will be given to Year 9 then 8.***

**Deposit: £60.00 by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **LONDON THEATRE: WICKED and THORPE PARK 2 day visit (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July) – YEARS 8 and 9 PUPILS ONLY – COST £180.00 – 130 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" at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London.

One night bed and breakfast accommodation in either Premier Inn, London Kew Bridge or Premier Inn, London Brentford.

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 two day activities (for Monday & Tuesday).**

**Deposit: £100.00 by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

## **YEAR 9**

### **WATER SPORTS IN CORNWALL – YEAR 9 ONLY – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> July COST £170.00 – 28 places available**

Staying in Elmscott Hostel taking part in a variety of water sport activities organised by a specialist centre in Bude. **For further information see Mr Kemp.**

**NOTE: You will need to pick an activity for Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Deposit: £100.00 by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**