

January 2019

Dear Parents,

ARDECHE AND MEDITERRANEAN ADVENTURE 2020 (Two-centre)

Following the success of the activities holiday in the South of France, the school is running another trip in the **summer of 2020 for the current year 8**. The trip leaves on Friday 22nd May and returns on Friday 29th May 2020.

The cost of the trip will be £700, which includes transport, insurance (excluding personal possessions), full board accommodation, all visits, entrance fees, air-conditioned coach, evening entertainment, specialist equipment and tuition. It does not include individual passports. Pupils will require their own passports to travel.

Travel will be by coach and ferry to the Ardeche valley in the South of France where we will spend 3 ½ days and then on to the Mediterranean where we will spend a further 2 ½ days. We will be travelling under the auspices of PGL Travel. Accommodation will be in cabins and in modern tents with separate shower and WC block at Domaine de Segries (Vallon Pont d'Arc, Ardeche) and Camping Kings (La Fosca, Costa Brava). The Ardeche and Mediterranean Adventure comprises of three-day white water descent down the Ardeche River, kayaking, pico sailing, windsurfing, banana boats, funboat sailing, catamarans, sit-on-kayaks and initiative exercises. Evening entertainment includes a disco, talent show, beach Olympics, beach volleyball, and quiz. One of the days will include an excursion en-route to the Mediterranean centre at Camping Kings.

Staff from Copleston will be accompanying the group, but in addition, there will be tuition and supervision by experienced instructors. National Governing Body guidelines are adopted as a minimum operating standard.

The pupils will require some pocket money for the trip, I would suggest approximately £60 and they will need this for the journey both ways, the excursion and for buying drinks, souvenirs and snacks at the activity centre.

This Ardeche and Mediterranean adventure holiday is physically demanding and the school is keen to take positive, well-motivated students who will cope with being away from home for 8 days in a multi-grouped environment. It is also important that your child is a confident swimmer bearing in mind that many of the activities are water-based.

If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held to decide places.



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If you would like your child to take part and secure a place on the trip, please complete the **initial deposit of £75** via 'parentmail' by **Friday 15th February**. Please note that all deposits are non-refundable, unless your child is not selected to go after the initial ballot to decide places.

A **second deposit of £75** will then be required by the end of March. The **remaining balance of £550** will be collected as 10 monthly instalments or as a one off payment in April 2019. If you decide to pay monthly the payments of £55 will be required between April 2019 – February 2020 (no payment is planned for August 2019).

If you have any questions or queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the PE department at school.

Yours sincerely

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