

14th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Residential Trip to Mersea Island – 1 – 3rd July and 8-10th July 2019

I am writing to inform you that we are running a Year 7 Multi Activity Trip to Mersea Island, Essex. We will be running this across two separate dates and have 170 places on offer. I would like to invite your son/daughter to take part in this residential trip.

This is a residential trip to Mersea Island, Essex run by Essex Outdoors. The first trip runs on Monday 1st July – Wednesday 3rd July 2019 and the second on Monday 8th July – Wednesday 10th July 2019. They will travel by coach.

Mersea Island is an outstanding residential centre, providing a very high standard of activities, staff, food and accommodation. The exciting and challenging activities are provided and led by the trained centre staff. Activities on offer include: high ropes, archery, aerial runway, off-road biking, swimming and orienteering.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on the trip, the cost will be £150 for the three days, which includes activities, accommodation, food and travel. This is a voluntary contribution. Should you feel that, for financial reasons, you are unable to fund all or part of the trip, please contact Mrs Salmons at the school. Please note, in the highly unlikely event that all 170 places are not taken up, the cost of the trip may rise and if we do not receive enough of the voluntary contributions and the trip is financially non-viable, it will be cancelled.

Please fill in the attached form and return it to Student Reception, no later than **25th January**. Due to popular demand for this trip, places will be allocated via a ballot. You will be notified if your son/daughter has a place and you will be asked to pay £50 as a deposit payment by 15th February. The payment schedule is set out below:

Deposit	£50	15 th February 2019
Second payment	£50	1 st March 2019
Final payment	£50	1 st April 2019

In the event of cancellation for any reason the initial deposit is non-refundable. In addition, should you decide to cancel for any reason, cancellation charges will be applied by the trip operator. Similarly your child's place on the residential trip will be at risk if you fail to keep up with the monthly payments. We are confident that this will be a fantastic and challenging experience for our students.

Further details of the trip will be sent at a later date and a meeting for parents will be arranged in advance of the trip.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Dobson
Year 7 Progress Leader



Mr R Mammen
Deputy Headteacher, Curriculum and Student Progress



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Student name..... Form.....

I would like my son/daughter to have a place on the above trip.

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