



St Benedict's

Catholic College

JRI/CSI

22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

ACTIVITIES TRIP TO MERSEA CAMP Wednesday 10th July – Friday 12th July 2024

The college are delighted to offer year 7 students the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities. It is our intention to take students to Mersea Outdoors centre for outdoor learning, enabling them to experience a wider range of physical activities. Here, students will be led by fully qualified instructors whilst enjoying a range of activities from; climbing, swimming, high ropes, low ropes, aerial runway, archery, mountain biking, all terrain boarding, adventure courses and various team building activities. The opportunity will provide students with an excellent insight into activities that they may not have experienced before, allowing them to learn new skills. Students will also be developing team building and social skills throughout the entire experience.

The total cost per student for the visit will be £199 which includes board, lodging and activities which is chargeable to parents. Although part of this cost is a voluntary contribution, I do need to point out that it is probable that the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute by the deadline given. Should the college cancel the visit, a full refund will be made, however all monies are non-refundable should you cancel the place yourself. Our preferred method of payment is using the ParentPay website, where you can pay online using your credit or debit card.

In order to finalise our booking with Mersea Outdoors it is essential that we know the number of students who would like to take part. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could discuss the above mentioned trip with your child. If you would like your child to attend the trip **please pay the non-refundable deposit of £50 by 20th October 2024 on ParentPay.**

The college would not want the cost to prevent any student from attending. If you are concerned about meeting the cost of the trip, contact your pastoral lead.

You will receive confirmation of your child's place on the trip and details of two further instalments of £50 and one of £49 for the remaining cost to be paid in accordance with the following schedule:

£50 by 24th November 2023
£50 by 29th February 2024
£49 by 28th March 2024

By applying for this trip, the college is assuming that parents feel that their child has the necessary sense of responsibility and general maturity to conduct themselves in a safe and appropriate manner throughout the duration of the trip. The college reserves the right to refuse any student a place if their conduct in the future, leading up to the trip, is unacceptable.

Below is a preliminary outline of the trip details:

- **VENUE:** Mersea Outdoor Centre, East Mersea, Colchester, CO5 8SX
- **DATES:** Wednesday 10th July – Friday 12th July 2024
- **TRAVEL:** **Parents are required to drop off and collect students directly from Mersea Outdoor Centre.**
This is to ensure that the trip costs are kept to a minimum. It is anticipated that students will need dropping off on Wednesday 10th July at 8.45 am and collecting on Friday 12th July at 3.00 pm
- **AGENDA:** Three days activities and two nights camping.
Equipment list to follow
- **COST:** £199 An initial deposit of **£50** will be required to secure the booking.

If the trip is oversubscribed, a random ballot will be held to determine which students are offered places.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me at the college.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Riley
Physical education department