

7 February 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Students



**re Activity Days and Residential Trips 2018**

We will be running our popular Activity Days at the end of the summer term. There will be a range of day activities and residential trips, which offer a mix of memorable adventure, enrichment and learning experiences. We are launching the residential trips in advance of the day trips to enable parents and carers to plan for these activities financially, if they wish for their child to take part in one of these. Information about day activities is overleaf.

**Residential Trips**

Initial details regarding the residential trips are shown below:

<b>Residential Trip and Leader</b>	<b>Highlights</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Approximate Contribution</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
<b>Heatree House Dartmoor</b> Adventure Trip Mr J Blacklock	Including gorge/river walking; climbing and abseiling; kayaking and canoeing; adventure high ropes; archery; evening quizzes; games; drama; night walk and campfire.	Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 July	£165* Deposit £25 *£147 for Pupil Premium Students	Years 7 & 8
<b>Morfa Bay Wales</b> Adventure Trip Mr Smillie	Including high ropes; coastering; abseiling and surf skiing. <a href="http://morfabay.com/schools/">http://morfabay.com/schools/</a>	Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 July	£150* Deposit £25 *£132 for Pupil Premium students	Years 9 & 10
<b>London</b> Cultural Experience Mrs Kolek	Including a visit to the Natural History Museum; a meal at an Italian restaurant in Leicester Square followed by the evening performance of 'Thriller' at the Lyric Theatre; one night at the Wembley International Hotel with breakfast; a visit to the Imperial War Museum and Covent Garden.	Wednesday 18 to Thursday 19 July (Two days and one night)	£155* Deposit £25 *£137 for Pupil Premium students	All year groups
<b>Snowdonia</b> Mountaineering Mr Kay	Three days scrambling, trekking and learning all the skills to be self-sufficient in a mountain environment. The perfect trip for those with aspirations to take part in Ten Tors or Duke of Edinburgh or anyone who fancies climbing some of the highest mountains in England and Wales.	Tuesday 17 To Friday 20 July	£120 Deposit £25 *£102 for Pupil Premium students	All year groups
<b>Paris Trip</b> <b>Ms K Tisdall</b>	Sightseeing in Paris  This trip was launched in October 2017 and is now full.	Tuesday 17 To Friday 20 July	£420 Deposit £100	Years 7 & 8 plus years 9 & 10 French GCSE students

If you have any questions about any of the residential trips please contact the trip leaders:

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- Paris: [ktisdall@thespirescollege.com](mailto:ktisdall@thespirescollege.com)

If you wish to book a place on any of these residential trips, you can do so by paying a deposit on line via ParentPay, or by cheque made payable to The Spires College (please write your child's name and the trip name on the back of the cheque). Cheques should be handed in to our Finance office (room 1108). If you need to pay by cash, please contact our Finance Office on 01803 408843 to make arrangements for this. Deposits are non-refundable (unless the trip is cancelled) and cannot be transferred between trips once students have signed up. Please note the following:

- ▲ **Deposits can be paid from Monday 19 February.** Deposits will not be accepted before this date.
- ▲ **Deposits can only be accepted via ParentPay or directly to our Finance Office**, (not via tutors, reception, trip leaders or by any other means), so that accurate records can be kept.
- ▲ **Trips will 'close' when they become full.** At this point no more deposits for the 'closed' trip will be accepted.
- ▲ **The final deadline for deposits for residential trips that have not closed beforehand is 3.30 pm on Monday 12 March 2018.**

**Activity Days are Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 Friday and 20 July 2018.**

**Attendance is compulsory for these dates as the school term continues until the end of Friday 20 July.**

Activities include some fabulous day trips as well as excellent sessions that take place in college. Most college based activities are free of charge and the cost of day trips ranges approximately between £10 and £50. The final programme of trips for this year's Activity Days is being finalised and may include:

- ▲ Longleat
- ▲ Mountain biking
- ▲ Outdoor adventure activities (kayaking, rock climbing, etc.)
- ▲ Amusement parks (e.g. Woodlands, River Dart Country Park, etc.)
- ▲ Pitch and Putt golf
- ▲ Ten-pin bowling
- ▲ Cinema
- ▲ Ice skating
- ▲ Plymouth Aquarium
- ▲ Surfing lessons
- ▲ Paignton Zoo
- ▲ Forest School
- ▲ Fishing

You will shortly receive further details about the activities and day-trips, including how to book places and concessions that will be available for Pupil Premium students.

Please note that activities, including residential trips, may be withdrawn if not enough students register to take part in them. Students who display behaviour that is not conducive with college expectations may not be permitted to take part in activities.

I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the Activity Days as this is always an enjoyable end to the college year.

Yours sincerely



**Mr N Kay**  
**Trips Co-ordinator**