



6th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Mediterranean Water Sports – Summer 2019

Following the success of this year's water sports trip, I am pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the next one due to take place in the summer of 2019:

COURSE	Two Centre Adventure
CENTRE	Domaine de Segries (Ardeche) & Mimosa (Mediterranean)
COUNTRY	France
DEPART FROM UK	Sunday 21 st July 2019
RETURN TO UK	Monday 29 th July 2019
COST PER CHILD	£810.00
MODE OF TRANSPORT	Coach and ferry

The trip is a two-centre holiday with the first half of the time in France spent in the Ardeche region of France NW of Avignon. During this time students (and staff) will take part in an exhilarating 2 – 3 day canoe descent of the Ardeche River through a magnificent and beautiful gorge. This is complemented by a range of land based evening activities including a visit to a local town. The second half of the holiday is spent on the Mediterranean coast at the PGL centre Mimosa. This site leads directly onto a long, open and un-crowded beach where we take part in a range of sea based water sports such as windsurfing, sailing, sea kayaking and banana boating. On the day that we move from one centre to the other we take advantage of the opportunity to visit a water park for a day of fun and relaxation.

Included in the above cost is return travel, full board and accommodation (wooden chalets in Segries, modern frame tents in Mimosa), entry fee to the water park, a full activity programme, all equipment, instruction, evening entertainment and insurance (further details can be obtained from myself). The only other costs incurred by yourselves would be for any pocket money that you wish your child to take and money/food for outward and return journeys.

There are significant benefits to be had from outdoor education, residential courses and adventurous activity. The unique experience of participating in an overseas activity trip is highly recommended for many reasons, but to mention a few:

- The opportunity to enjoy a healthy, physical activity and the outdoors in a new environment.
- To succeed in a new challenge through learning a new skill.
- To help build self-awareness, self-confidence and a sense of achievement.
- To improve and form relationships with the peer group, with other people and a better rapport with teachers, which can often lead to better motivation in the classroom.

The trip will be run by myself in conjunction with the specialist schools operator, PGL Travel Ltd. PGL is a first-class operator with a solid reputation for organising activity trips for schools overseas with almost 50 years' experience in the business of school travel. This will be the eighth such trip I have run and the seventh with PGL.

Some of the features of booking with PGL include the following:

- All activities are carefully risk assessed and all PGL centres are regularly assessed by relevant National Governing Bodies.
- Comprehensive insurance cover and 24-hour medical assistance insurance is included in the price.
- PGL is backed by ABTA membership and is ATOL licensed. Your payments are therefore fully insured.



If you would like your child to take part in this exciting trip, please detach, complete and return the form below **to the Finance Office**, together with a **non-returnable initial deposit of £100.00 by Friday 29th September 2017** (cheque made payable to The Blue School). Places are limited and should the trip be oversubscribed names will be 'drawn from a hat' as the only fair way to allocate places. Further payments will be spread throughout the lead up to the trip and I will be able to give you a detailed payment schedule presently although the final payment is likely to be due approximately 12 weeks before we depart.

The trip will only run if we recruit 35 students and in the event of not reaching this number all monies will be refunded. Your deposit is taken as a firm commitment to the trip and this means that you will have to pay the full cost of £810.00 unless another person can be found to take your child's place should they need to withdraw. If numbers were to drop, the cost would increase for the remaining students. This would put the whole trip in jeopardy.

Yours sincerely



S. Holland (Mrs)
Party Leader

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Finance Office, daily at break only (11.10 – 11.30am) - Water Sports Trip 21st July – 29th July 2019

Name of Student: Tutor Group:

As parent/carer of the above student I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with details supplied about the above mentioned activities and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

- The school has Activities Insurance for students for all trips and activities on and off the school site. Details of the key benefits are available from the Finance Office.
- Parents/Carers should consider taking out additional insurance cover for their child if they require benefits above those provided by the school.
- Cover is only provided at the School against proven or agreed negligence by the school and its employees.

I enclose £100.00 non-refundable deposit (cheques payable to The Blue School).

Signature of Parent/Carer:Date: