

October 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian and Student

Year 12 Physics Trip to Goonhilly, Cornwall

I am organising a residential trip to Goonhilly Earth Station from Sunday 30 June to Sunday 7 July 2019. Goonhilly is a Centre for satellite communications and space science. Recently St Aidan's have established links with the Centre and through this, they have agreed to provide us with a week's experience for students in this growing and exciting area of Physics. This trip has been running successfully for many years.

The cost of the trip for 2019 is dependent on the numbers participating; however, the estimated cost will be in the region of £520.00-£595.00, which covers transport by school minibus, half board in the YHA Youth Hostel in Coverack for 7 nights, a week's course at Goonhilly and a surfing session at a local Surf School.

Please complete the attached consent slip and return it to myself. **The deposit of £150.00 must be paid by 09:00 on Monday 12 November 2018.** Further payments will be due in March and May 2019 and we will send out reminders for these.

As we are only able to take a **maximum of 14 students**, these places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. I would therefore advise an early response to avoid disappointment.

Unless you can find a replacement, please note that we are unable to refund any **deposits and subsequent payments** if a student chooses to withdraw from the trip or is no longer a member of the Associated Sixth Form at the time of the trip, as we have to make interim payments to our suppliers. I would be grateful therefore if you could discuss this opportunity with your son/daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are **fully committed to the trip**.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered in the Associated Sixth Form. When accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school.

However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that students are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip, the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

Once the deadline of Monday 12 November 2018 has passed, we will look at the behaviour, attendance and the wellbeing of each student who has signed up and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands of the trip. The decision to allow the students to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, the Heads of Year and Senior Staff. If we decide the trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and deposits, in this case, will be refunded.

Once a student has been accepted onto a trip if, in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, there are concerns again about the pupil's participation on the trip, **the Heads of the Sixth Form reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place and any payments made may not be refunded.**

If you have any queries about the trip, or if meeting the initial deadline for payment presents a problem, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Collins, the Trips Administrator on 01423 818527.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any enquiries about the trip.

Regards

Mr M Park
Head of Science Department
St Aidan's Church of England High School,

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Physics Trip to Goonhilly from Sunday 30 June to Sunday 7 July 2019

To be returned by all students

I consent for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Goonhilly, and I have paid the initial deposit of £150.00 on ParentPay. I understand that this deposit and subsequent payments are **non-refundable** unless a replacement student is found.

Full name of student Tutor Group

Parent/Guardian Date

The consent form should be given to Mr Park by 09:00 on Monday 12 November 2018.