



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

## **Marrick Priory at Richmond Away Weekend from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October 2019 / Years 8-13**

Following the success of our previous visits to Marrick Priory, we will be offering a similar weekend in October 2019. Marrick Priory is an outdoor centre set in beautiful countryside with a unique atmosphere. The weekend will be an opportunity to engage in a range of activities and to look at God's world and our place in it.

As well as enjoying some of the diverse outdoor activities provided by qualified staff at Marrick Priory such as climbing, kayaking and a night walk, we will take time to explore faith through games, music, prayer and creative worship. We are particularly pleased to welcome back Reverend Claire Corley – curate of St Edmund's, Roundhay and leader of CPAS Ripon Venture Group – who will be encouraging our young people to think about what it means for them to be a person of faith in today's world. An invitation to take part is extended to all students who wish to consider some crucial questions in life as well as having a lot of fun and meeting pupils from other year groups.

The cost of the weekend is dependent on numbers; however, we estimate the price to be approximately £170.00-£190.00 for two nights' accommodation, which includes all meals, activities and transport by coach.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part, please make a **non-refundable deposit payment** of £85.00 by Friday 19 July 2019. The trip is now showing on your ParentPay account. Please also hand in the consent form below to main reception or myself. The final payment will be due by **Friday 6 September 2019**. As all payments are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found, **I would be grateful 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 at St Aidan's. When accompanying children 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 pupils 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.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the wellbeing of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands **before** accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the trip leader, the Head of Year and Senior Staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip

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and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Places are strictly limited therefore I would encourage interested students to respond as soon as possible. All medical/contact details for the trip will be taken from the school database; if you have any changes to this, please contact school.

Regards

**Mrs E Shores**  
**Lay Chaplain**

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## Marrick Priory Trip 2019

- I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the Marrick Priory trip 2019 as outlined in the letter dated July 2019
- I have paid £85.00 deposit on ParentPay and will pay the remaining balance by Friday 6 September 2019
- I understand that all payments are **non-refundable unless a replacement student can be found**
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Name of Pupil ..... Form .....

Medical and Dietary Information will be taken from the information you supply to school. If you would like any further information added, please write this below:

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Signed (Parent/Guardian) ..... Date .....

**Please return by Friday 19 July 2019 and hand into Main Reception at St Aidan's High School**

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