

September 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian and Student

Year 12 Physics Trip to Goonhilly, Cornwall, Sunday 28 June to Sunday 5 July 2020

I am organising a residential trip to Goonhilly Earth Station from Sunday 28 June to Sunday 5 July 2020. Goonhilly is a centre for satellite communications and space science. The Associated Sixth Form has established strong 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 is dependent on the numbers participating however, we anticipate the cost to be between £525.00 to £625.00, which covers transport by school minibus, accommodation YHA Youth Hostel in Coverack for 7 nights, a week's course at Goonhilly and a surfing session at a local Surf School plus all food.

To reserve a place on this exciting trip, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £150.00 by 09:00 on Friday 4 October 2019. Further payments will be due in March and May 2020 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.

Important Information: please note that all payments for this trip are non-refundable as we have to make regular payments to Goonhilly. Whilst we offer a payment schedule for the trip, please note that after 4 October 2019, you will be required to **pay the full price of the trip if your son/daughter withdraws**, unless together we can find a replacement student. This is due to cancellation charges imposed on us third parties. **For that reason, we ask that you take the time to discuss the trip in detail with your son or daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.**

The trip should now be available on your ParentPay account and you will be able to give consent online and view the balance due. If you do not have your St Aidan's log-on details for ParentPay, please contact Mrs Holey on h.holey@staidans.co.uk.

Once we have the final numbers and cost, we will divide the balance of the trip into three payments; these will be due in November 2019, January 2020 and March 2020 and we will notify you of the instalment payments by email.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at 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 students will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

Once the deadline of Friday 4 October 2019 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 the demands of the trip. The decision to allow the students to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, the Heads of the Associated Sixth Form 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.

Please note you will only be notified if your son/daughter is not accepted onto the trip.

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 Associated 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 myself or Mrs Collins, the Trips Administrator on 01423 818527.

Please complete the attached consent slip and return it to myself.

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 28 June to Sunday 5 July 2020

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 Friday 4 October 2019