



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

May 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Marrick Priory Away Weekend from Friday 30 September to Sunday 2 October, Years 8-13

Following the success of our previous visits to Marrick Priory, we are delighted to be able to now reintroduce our Marrick weekend at the end of September 2022. 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 Reverend Chris Balding – curate of St John the Evangelist, Parish of Wortley and Farnley in Leeds 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 £180.00-£220.00, which will include coach hire, full board accommodation and all activities.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part, please pay a **non-refundable deposit of £100.00 by Friday 17 June 2022**. Payment for the trip should be via ParentPay and by ticking the consent box on ParentPay you are agreeing to your child taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that your child's medical details are up to date.

A **second non-refundable payment of £120.00 approximately** will then be due no later than Friday 22 July 2022.

Whilst we offer a payment schedule for the trip, please note that after Friday 17 June 2022, you will be required to **pay the full price of the trip if your child withdraws**, unless together we can find a replacement student.

This is due to the cancellation charges imposed on us by the company. **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.**

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Medical Information

In order for us to care for your child correctly on the trip, the information that we hold at school must be up to date. If your child's school record needs updating with any medication or illness, please contact the school nurse on d.powell@staidans.co.uk. Thank you.

Insurance and Covid-19 cancellation

This trip is covered by our school insurance policy. Over the last year, all tour operators have introduced new clauses to their booking conditions with regards to Covid-19 and you can be assured that you will receive a full refund if we are forced to cancel this trip as a direct result of a further national lockdown or Government advice against school residential stays.

Behaviour

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 considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils can show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. To participate in any trip, the school staff must be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

After the deadline date, the Trip Leader, Head of Year and Senior Staff will look at the behaviour, attendance and wellbeing of all pupils who have registered on the trip to decide whether they are able to cope with these demands. If we decide the Marrick Priory trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and we will return deposits in this case.

As places are strictly limited, I would encourage interested students to respond as soon as possible. Further information will follow, however in the meantime if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mrs McDonald, the Trips Administrator, t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk.

Regards

Mrs E Shores
Lay Chaplain

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