



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

24 June 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Marrick Priory Away Weekend for Years 8-13 - Friday 27 September to Sunday 29 September 2024

Following the success of our previous visits to Marrick Priory, we are delighted to offer a similar weekend at the end of September 2024. 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 will also be welcoming a special guest speaker and further information will be given shortly.

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 £200.00-£250.00, 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 12 July 2024**. 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 £150.00 approximately will then be due no later than Friday 6 September 2024.

Whilst we offer a payment schedule for the trip, please note that after Friday 12 July 2024, you will be required to pay the cancellation charges of the trip imposed on us by Marrick Priory if your child withdraws, unless together we can find a replacement student. 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.

Medical Information

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 medicalroom@staidans.co.uk. Thank you.

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Insurance

This trip is covered by our school insurance policy.

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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