St Anselm's Catholic School

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13TH February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Activities Days 21st – 23rd July for Years 8 and 9

After the successful 'trip days' last year, we are again offering this format to Year 8 and 9 students. Year 7 will be attending their annual Camp the week before, so will have school and Canterbury based activities during these two days. Year 8 and 9 students will select their preferences for two activities for the Monday and Tuesday. **If your child is a year 9 student who is signed up for Duke of Edinburgh, please do not select any activities. They will be doing their D of E Expedition across these two days.** Wednesday will be an onsite House assembly and sports morning, with school finishing at 12:30 as usual.

Our aim with these 'Activities Days' is to get students out of the classroom to experience different enriching activities. The activities have been carefully put together, to cover a range of interests and costs. We are confident that there should be something for everyone. Trips will be allocated to try to ensure that all students receive one of their choices. The trips all have a maximum number of places. No trip is guaranteed if viable numbers are not reached. The preference form is on your parent Edulink account, as this is how you will also be confirming consent. Select your preferences for your child/ ward 1st to 5th choice. You will also be able to indicate one friend that your child would like to be paired with on the trips. For this to work in practice, students will need to talk to each other to ensure that they put down the same preferences for trips and get their form in by the deadline. We will endeavour to accommodate this as much as possible.

Once the preference forms have been returned, trips will be allocated, and you will be contacted about which trips your child is going on in March. At this point your parent pay account will also have been set up to match this. The trips will be set up as two payment instalments with deadlines of 17th March and 5th May. For Free School meals students' parents/ carers are asked to pay the first instalment and the school will pay the second instalment up to a total of £50 (for the two trips). If you would like to discuss further possible assistance with the payment towards these activities, please contact your child's/ward's House Office. Please note cancellation charges may apply should you cancel your child's place on the trip.

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Trip	Description	Cost
Aqua Park	The group will travel to St Andrew's Lakes by coach. Once there they will be instructed by the centres qualified staff. Students will take part in two water-based activities eg aquapark inflatable and paddleboarding. Travel: Coach Special requirements: Must be able to swim 50M unaided. There will be a waiver to sign.	£55
Canoe Wild/ Clip n climb	Ready, Set, Go! Get your sports attire ready! We are heading down to Canoe Wild to complete the half day hire from Fordwich to Grove Ferry. We will paddle down the lovely river stour, bring plenty of drink and lots of snacks to keep those energy levels high. We will be having a picnic at Grove Ferry and then jump back on the coach and head over to Clip and Climb for an afternoon at height facing those fears! Travel: Coach Special requirements: Must be able to swim 50M unaided. There will be a waiver to sign.	£65
Warner Bros Studio Tour – Harry Potter	Walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter and explore the wonders of the wizarding world. Step on to authentic sets, discover the magic behind spellbinding special effects and explore the behind-the-scenes secrets of the Harry Potter film series. Tread the original stone floor of the iconic Hogwarts Great Hall, encounter animatronic creatures and wander down Diagon Alley. Located at the Studios where all 8 films were produced, the Studio Tour showcases the incredible British talent, imagination and artistry that went into making the impossible a reality on screen. We will relive the magic through the eyes of the filmmakers who brought the Harry Potter film series to life. Travel: Coach This trip will have an earlier start time and later finish time than the usual school day.	£77
Wildwood	You will get a 1 hour behind the scenes tour looking at the conservation work Wildwood do, learn what it's like to work with animals and the different routes into animal care careers. Afterwards you will get the chance to look around Wildwood seeing the various animals they have before we tackle the bear bridge over the bear enclosure at the end of the day. Travel: Coach	£23.50
Bluewater shopping experience	Fancy a day out at Bluewater? Want to contemplate questions such as, 'How is Bluewater designed to encourage people to spend the greatest amount of money in the shortest amount of time?' Join the Geography department for a day out. Travel: Coach	£16

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Challenger Troop	Challenger Troop will be coming on site to offer an exciting day. They bring in activities such as a climbing wall, obstacle course, target rifle and bushcraft. At the end there is a medals and reward ceremony.	£32
Dungeness RSPB reserve	This is a trip where you get to see the magic of Dungeness with its big skies and unique landscape. We will have a guided tour round the reserve by a member of the RSPB. They will introduce us to why this site is of high importance for nature, and we are likely to see birds of prey as well as migrant birds that have travelled thousands of miles to make their home here over the summer. The RSPB will provide binoculars for us to look at the wildlife but if you or your parents have a set of binoculars then please bring them along. If you like the great outdoors and nature then this is the trip for you. Travel: Minibus	Free
Cinema and Seaside	Students will get the bus to Herne Bay for a fun Seaside Day! We will visit the beach, the amusements and the cinema and we will have the opportunity to get some chips/ ice cream while we are there. Travel: Public Bus (use your bus pass if you have one)	Free
MasterChef workshop	A cooking extravaganza where you will learn to cook items such as: stuffed rainbow baguettes, summer sausage rolls or cheese and pesto whirls, vegetable crisps and macarons or rainbow cookies. This will be followed by a picnic outside eating the sweet and savoury treats which you have just made!	Free
Film Making – 2 days	Interesting in all things film? You will be learning about and also be involved in making films. This activity will take place across both days, to allow enough time for filming and editing to take place.	Free
Nature/ Conservation Walk	Students will get the number 17 bus and be taken for a walk around the Elham Valley. They will be guided on a country walk and go via a farm with stables to look at the animals. Travel: Public Bus (use your bus pass if you have one)	Free

Return preference form on Edulink by Fri 28th February. Any issues with Edulink, please contact your child's House office or the IT helpdesk.

Yours sincerely

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