



Alder Community High School

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2nd November 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 trip to Winmarleigh Hall, Lancashire

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting Year 11 we shall be going to Winmarleigh Hall in Lancashire, a PGL adventure centre, on 22th April 2016. Winmarleigh Hall is a beautiful Victorian Mansion with extensive grounds. It offers a wide variety of activities including archery, zip wire, climbing and other sporting activities. We have opted for a package that allows a mixture of onsite activities, some free 'chill out' time and excursions to Morecambe and Lancaster to ensure the students have a varied, interesting and memorable experience. The trip has run successfully for the past 4 years.

The purpose of the visit is to bring staff and students together in a relaxed environment to enable them to 'recharge the batteries' and fully engage with school in readiness for the GCSE examinations which begin in May.

Students share rooms with bunk beds and we will allocate these at a later date. There is plenty to do with an outside basketball net, indoor games and common rooms with vending machines. An outline itinerary is shown overleaf, although this may be subject to change.

Students will be asked to pay £70.00 towards the cost of the weekend (£150.00 per head). This includes all travel, on-site activities, accommodation, meals and excursions, although some spending money may be needed.

We recognise that, in the current economic climate, some parents are experiencing financial worries. Please contact Mrs Littlemore if you would like to discuss this; we would not want any student who wishes to go to miss out. Any information will be treated in absolute confidence.

To book a place on the trip, please complete and return the tear off slip overleaf along with a deposit of £20.00 (cheques payable to Alder Community High School) by **Friday, 13th November 2015**. Deposits should be handed into the main office whereby your son/daughter will be given a receipt. A second payment of £25.00 should be made by **Friday, 11th December 2015** and the balance of £25.00 should be paid by **Monday 1st February 2016**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Littlemore
Progress and Pastoral Leader Year 11

Suggested Itinerary

Friday 22nd April 2016

Depart school at 2.15pm. Arrive at centre approximately 4.00pm. Welcome meeting and evening meal followed by evening entertainment (possibly a disco!).

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Visit Morecambe in the morning and stroll along the promenade, where there are shops and arcades. In the afternoon there will be outdoor activities back at Winmarleigh Hall including archery, sports and some quite hair-raising climbing and zip wire activities! In the evening there will be a trip out bowling.

Sunday 24th April 2016

Activities in the morning at Winmarleigh Hall. Then we take a packed lunch to Lancaster where we will visit the castle and take a guided tour of the prison inside the castle. We return to school at approximately 6 - 7pm.

Some of the activities may change but more information will be given nearer the date of departure. We have our own coach drivers for the duration of the trip. There will be a parents' meeting nearer the time of the trip and information such as a kit list, money etc will be given out then.

Payment Dates

Deposit of £20.00 due by **Friday, 13th November 2015**.

Second payment £25.00 due by **Friday, 11th December 2015**.

Balance of £25.00 due by **Monday, 1st February 2016**.

Payment can be made preferably by cheque (payable to Alder Community High School – please write student's name on the back) or by cash or through 'Parentpay'. If you require a password for Parentpay, please contact the school office.

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WINMARLEIGH HALL – YEAR 11 TRIP
For the attention of Mrs Derbyshire (School Office)

I would like my son/daughter _____ (name of student) to go on the trip to Winmarleigh Hall under the arrangements made by the School and the Activities Centre and enclose a deposit of £20.00

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date _____