



May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Activity Days – 18 and 19 July 2022

The last week of term, commencing 18 July 2022, includes two activity days and we have planned the following exciting activities for Year 7:

Monday 18 July – Trip to Warwick Castle

Warwick Castle is reputed to be one of the finest medieval castles in England. Inside the castle the past is brought to life through waxwork displays which span the years from the war-torn Middle Ages to the beginning of the twentieth century. We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at 8.30am (students should arrive at 8.00am to register) and returning at approximately 5.15pm. Students will be expected to wear a sensible pair of walking shoes and a coat appropriate for the weather. Students should bring a packed lunch and a water bottle, pocket money may be brought if your child wishes to buy an ice cream, souvenirs etc.

Tuesday 19 July – The Kite Challenge

Students will be in school, making and decorating their own Japanese 'Kakudaku' kites, which will be made with authentic Japanese materials. We are hoping that there will be some wind so that students can experience flying their kites, either successfully or unsuccessfully! Normal break and lunch arrangements will apply, although timings might be slightly different. Students will be asked to bring their own materials to decorate the kites as they wish, eg felt tips, glitter, coloured crayons, gel pens, stickers, etc.

The total cost for these activities will be £25.50. This includes travel, insurance, admission to Warwick Castle and a kite construction kit. For those students who have a valid Merlin Pass the total cost will be £17.70. It is the student's responsibility to bring and look after their pass on the day. Please note that Blue Peter badges are no longer accepted at Warwick Castle. Payment may be made by ParentPay (our preferred option), or by cheque (made payable to Ashlyns School). Please complete and return the permission slip to the Finance Box outside the staff room by Monday 6 June. Payments are non-refundable.

A full risk assessment has been undertaken for the above activities and appropriate control measures are in place.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary but if these are insufficient the trip/activities may have to be cancelled. In cases of genuine hardship, please contact Mrs Wilson in the Finance Office in confidence, by Friday 20 May at the latest.

Yours sincerely

Chris McDonald
Head of Year 7

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Please return this reply slip in an envelope labelled Year 7 Activity Days and post in the Finance Box outside the staffroom by Monday 6 June.

Student name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 7 activities listed.

I have paid via ParentPay (our preferred option) Ref Number: _____

I enclose a cheque for £25.50 payable to Ashlyns School

My child has a valid Merlin Pass and I enclose a cheque for £17.70 payable to Ashlyns School

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____