



May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 8 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:

### **Monday 18 July – Trip to Willen Lake, Milton Keynes**

Willen Lake is set amongst 100 acres of parkland and offers a host of water and land based activities. Students will have a variety of options to choose from such as; High Ropes, Raft Building, Kneeboarding, SUP, Mega SUP, Katananu, Kayaking and Canoeing. All the sessions are run by qualified instructors.

### **Tuesday 19 July – Sports Activities**

A variety of sporting activities will take place in the morning, and I have booked 'It's a Knockout' to take place in the afternoon, when students will experience team races and the strong possibility of getting wet with water and foam!

Please note that each student will be allocated three activities from the list above. Each activity will be organised and supervised by the staff at the centre, all of whom are very experienced and qualified in the relevant activity. Students do not need to be able to swim to take part in most of the water-based activities and all participants will wear buoyancy aids at all times. Those taking part in Kneeboarding must be able to swim 50 metres unaided. If your child cannot swim, please make a note of this on the reply slip.

More information can be found on the Willen Lake website: <https://www.willenlake.org.uk/>

We will be traveling to Milton Keynes by coach, leaving school promptly at 8.20am (registration will be at 8.00am) and returning at approximately 5.00pm. Students will need to wear comfortable, loose clothing and trainers; jeans are not suitable. Please note that students may get wet so we advise that they bring a change of clothing. There will be no opportunities to purchase food/drink so a packed lunch and a water bottle will be needed.

The total cost for these activities will be £57.50. This includes travel, insurance, activities at Willen Lake and It's a Knockout.

Payment may be made by ParentPay (our preferred option), or by cheque (made payable to Ashlyns School) by Monday 16 May at the latest. Please note that if payment is made by ParentPay, a completed permission slip is not required. If paying by cheque, please complete and return the permission slip to the Finance Box outside the staff room. Payment may be made in two installments if preferred. Payments are non-refundable.

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

I appreciate that the cost of these activity days creates an additional expense for families, particularly to those parents/carers with multiple children at the school, however I have arranged these activities because they offer fantastic experiences for the students which will:

- Increase confidence
- Identify leadership potential
- Allow students to interact with the natural environment
- Teach outdoor survival skills
- Accelerate new friendships

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 as soon as possible and by Friday 6 May at the latest.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Gee  
Head of Year 8

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Please return this reply slip in an envelope labeled 'Year 8 Activity Days' and post in the Finance Box outside the staffroom by Monday 16 May.

If payment is made by ParentPay you do not need to complete and return this slip.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 8 activities listed.

I enclose a cheque for £57.50 payable to Ashlyns School

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £30.00, payable by Monday 16 May. I will pay the balance of £27.50 by Friday 27 May.

Payments are non-refundable.

Additional notes (swimming ability please indicate if your child can swim 50m or cannot swim):

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_