



May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Activity Days – 18 and 19 July 2022

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

Monday 18 July – Trip to Phasels Wood, Hemel Hempstead

Phasels Wood offers a variety of exciting adventure activities and learning experiences for young people, including: Human Hungry Hippos, Human Table Football, Orienteering, Abseiling, Climbing, High Ropes, Pedal Racers, Archery and Cresta Run.

Tuesday 19 July – Sports Activities

'It's a Knockout' has been booked for the morning activity and then there will be a variety of sporting activities on offer to take place in the afternoon when students will experience team races and the strong possibility of getting wet with water and foam! Students should come to school in time for a normal registration and then will be involved with 'It's a Knockout' in the morning from 9.30am - 12.00pm and then a variety of sporting activities after lunch until the end of the school day. Students will be required to wear a sports kit (Ashlyns PE kit is fine) and bring a sunhat if required. Lunch will be served in school as per usual or students can bring in a packed lunch.

Please note that each student will be allocated three activities from the list above for Phasels Wood. Activity will be organised and supervised by a combination of staff at the centre (all of whom are very experienced and qualified in the relevant activity) and Ashlyns staff.

More information can be found on the Phasels Wood website:
<https://www.phaselswood.org.uk/>

We will be travelling to Hemel Hempstead by coach, leaving school promptly at 9.00am (registration will be at the normal time of 8.30am) and returning for the end of the school day at 3.20pm. Students will need to wear comfortable, loose clothing and trainers; jeans are not suitable. Depending on weather students may need to bring with them waterproofs and/or a sun hat and sunscreen. There will be no opportunities to purchase food/drink so a packed lunch and a water bottle will be needed.

Please note that on the second day students may get slightly damp as foam is used. A change of clothing may be required.

The total cost for these activities will be £32.50. This includes travel, insurance, activities at Phasels Wood and It's a Knockout. These activities are designed to be inclusive so that all can engage but if you would like to discuss your child's participation then please email me.

Payment may be made by ParentPay (our preferred option), or by cheque (made payable to Ashlyns School) by Friday 20 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. 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 Monday 9 May at the latest.

Yours sincerely



Miss H Bjornsgaard
Head of Year 9

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Please return this reply slip in an envelope labelled 'Year 9 Activity Days' and post in the Finance Box outside the staffroom by Friday 20 May 2022.

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

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 9 activities listed.

I enclose a cheque for £32.50 payable to Ashlyns School

Payments are non-refundable.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____