



May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 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 – On-site team-building activities

In preparation for their outdoor and adventure trip on Tuesday 19 July, students will be taking part in a carousel of team-building activities throughout the school day. This will include physical and mental challenges that they must complete with their peers.

There will be a splash zone, brain teasers, teamwork and field games stations. As one of the stations involves water, we ask that students bring old trainers and PE kit which they will change into for the activity, and out of when completed.

Tuesday 19 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.

Please note that each student will be allocated three activities from the list above for Phasels Wood. Activities 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 3.30pm. 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 required.

The total cost for these activities for both days will be £36.00; this includes travel to Phasels Wood and insurance. 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 17 June 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 Wednesday 8 June at the latest.

Yours sincerely



Miss E Hannan
Head of Year 10

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Please return this reply slip in an envelope labelled 'Year 10 Activity Days' and post in the Finance Box outside the staffroom by Friday 17 June.

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 £ _____ payable to Ashlyns School

Payments are non-refundable.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____