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Y7-Y10 Ardèche adventure, Saturday 02 July to Saturday 9 July 2022

I am pleased to release details of our Ardèche Adventure trip to France in July 2022. The trip is open to year groups 7-10 and offers students a fantastic opportunity to get involved in outdoor pursuits in the truly stunning environments of the Ardèche Gorge and Cèze Valley in Southern France.

One of the highlights of this trip is undoubtedly the two-day canoe descent of the Ardèche River during which boys learn to control a large, two-person canoe and then negotiate the many rapids, twists and turns on their exhilarating journey - all under the watchful eyes of experienced guides.

In addition boys will be able to take part in a variety of outdoor pursuits including:

- Rock Climbing
- Weaselling
- Visit local market and natural show caves
- Trip to high ropes park
- Swimming
- Sleeping under the stars - beach the canoes for a night during the Ardèche descent and bivouac in the National Park

The trip is organised by Adventure Ardeche who have many years experience in working with schools on these types of activities, and we will be based at their Camping due Pont de Maisonneuve, where they have their own designated areas of the campsite.

This is a residential activity taking place in Challenge Week in July when the regular timetable is suspended. There will be a charge for the trip totalling **£650** per student and payment should be made via your child's ParentPay account (www.parentpay.com). Participation in this trip is voluntary.

To secure a place on this trip please complete the attached reply slip and return it to Mrs Dougherty in the Main School office with an initial non-returnable deposit of **£100** paid via your son's ParentPay account (www.parentpay.com) by Friday 22 October 2021. A further interim payment of **£100** will need to be paid on or before Friday 26 November 2021 with the option of paying the final balance of **£450** in instalments or in full by Friday 08 April 2022.

Next years' trip will be the eighth consecutive time we have run this trip and I guarantee that the students will have a memorable week where they will learn many new skills and have a great time in doing so. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Please note that your child will need a valid passport and either a EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) or a UK GHIC (UK Global Health Insurance Card) in order to travel.

Terms and conditions

Please see the attached document 'Terms and Conditions for all Trips' which are deemed to have been accepted upon receipt of payment.

To keep our records up to date, please inform us of any changes to your child's personal details (including parent/carer contact information) or medical information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M Sanderson', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mr M Sanderson
Trip Leader

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Student Name on Passport: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I hereby give consent for my child to travel by coach to Ardèche and have paid the non refundable **£100** deposit via ParentPay (**Please tick here to confirm payment via ParentPay**)

Please tick all boxes to confirm you have read and understood the paragraphs set out below:-

I have read the information about the proposed visit and I agree to my child taking part in the visit and the activities included in the school's letter. I declare my child fit enough to undertake the activities.

I am willing to contribute a non-refundable **£100** deposit (once cost & final details have been confirmed) towards the proposed visit: **£650** max total.

I will notify the organiser of any ailment, allergy, condition or diet that requires the attention of the organiser (e.g. hay fever, allergies, asthma).

I authorise the organiser to act on my behalf in an emergency and to sign on my behalf any consent forms required by medical authorities if they know that it would not be advisable to wait for my own signature.

I understand that my child should behave acceptably and should not be involved in buying or using cigarettes, alcohol or drugs, replica guns, laser pens or fireworks

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Passport Number: _____

Start Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Is your child is a UK Passport Holder, if not please indicate the nationality on the passport

Health Insurance Card (EHIC or UK GHIC) Expiry Date ____ / ____ / ____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Any other relevant information: _____

Emergency contact telephone numbers: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(parent / carer)

Terms and conditions for all trips

Behaviour and participation

Please note that the participation of any student who has been excluded is automatically considered at Senior Leadership Team level. Equally, your child may lose their right to be considered for a place by virtue of their behavior record and/or because they represent an unacceptable risk to the trip organiser, other students or themselves. When such a situation arises, each student is considered on an individual basis, and our judgment as to whether the trip is an essential element of the exam or course requirements, the student's individual circumstances, the nature, length and frequency of their exclusions and the potential risk they represent to the trip organiser, other students and themselves. The school reserve the right to withdraw a child from a trip for safeguarding purposes at any time, and we cannot guarantee that any monies paid will be refunded.

Payment terms

Initial Deposits are non-refundable for all trips. All payments made after the deposit will only be refunded if a medical exception is received and we can claim the money back from our insurers. We are unable to transfer money to other trips should your child not wish to attend for any reason other than medical grounds.

Personal and medical details

Please assist us to keep your child's records up to date by informing us of any changes to their personal or medical information, including parent/carer contact details at your earliest convenience.

Parent/Carer commitment

- I have read the information about the proposed visit and I agree to my child taking part in the visit and the activities included in the school's letter.
- I will notify the organiser of any ailment, allergy, condition or diet that requires the attention of the organiser (e.g. hay fever, allergies, asthma) during the trip.
- I authorise the organiser to act on my behalf in an emergency and to sign on my behalf any consent forms required by medical authorities if they know that it would not be advisable to wait for my own signature.
- I understand that while the school staff and helpers in charge of the party will take all responsible care of the students, unless they are negligent they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my child arising during or out of the journey.
- I understand that in an extreme situation and with the agreement of the Headteacher I may be requested to collect my child from a trip after it has started, and once this request has been made I must do so within 24hrs.
- I understand that my child should behave acceptably on any trip and should not be involved in buying or using cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, replica guns, laser pens or fireworks.
- If permission is given for mobile phones, cameras and other electrical equipment to be taken on a trip, they are the responsibility of the students and must be used respectfully and appropriately and switched off/put away when instructed by staff. Neither the school nor teaching staff are liable for damage to or misuse of students' property.