



## FERNDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### **Project Week May 2019**

Next years' Project Week will take place between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This letter gives you the opportunity to request a place for your son/daughter on a specific visit/residential trip for that week.

Pupils who are in Year 8 are being offered the trips first. Any remaining places will then be offered to pupils in the Year below. If any trip is over-subscribed names are "drawn from a hat" in order to be as fair as possible.

**We require a signed slip to be returned by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.** A letter will then be sent out (on the 19<sup>th</sup>) to confirm if your child has been allocated a place and to advise that a non-refundable deposit of £30 will be due by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Any signed slips received after 12<sup>th</sup> September will be placed on a waiting list.

You must rank the trips (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> choice) so that in the event of a pupil being unsuccessful gaining their 1<sup>st</sup> choice they will automatically be considered for their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. If only one choice is indicated and this is unsuccessful then we will assume that the child wishes to remain in school for the week and take part in the activities offered within school instead.

We can make no guarantees that pupils' friends will be allocated on the same trip and would ask that pupils do not drop out merely on friendship grounds. All the activities undertaken are interesting and challenging and there has rarely been any friendship issues during Project Week itself. Unsuccessful pupils will be placed on a reserve list and may be offered a place if one becomes available before the trip takes place.

**FOR RESIDENTIAL TRIPS:** Families who are in receipt of Income Support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit (if your family income does not exceed £16,190 at the time of the trip) **but who are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit**, will have the cost of the board & lodging paid for you. The total cost of these trips will therefore be the cost of the activities only. **There is no financial assistance with non-residential trips.**

The week is of great value in providing opportunities, which supplement the normal curriculum and provide new challenges for the children in exciting surroundings. The emphasis is on enjoyment, teamwork, problem solving and discovery. We would, of course, ideally like as many pupils as possible to participate in one of the trips and firmly believe they play a vital role in the pupils' education.

Please note that all costs **are approximate** and the final cost will be confirmed in the offer letter. However it is anticipated that the cost will not differ significantly. There will be an opportunity to pay in instalments and details of how to pay will be included in the same letter.





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### **London (3 day residential trip) Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 Approximate cost £330**

Pupils will travel to London by coach and stay in a central London hotel. The visit is based around drama, media and theatre and will compliment work carried out in English lessons. As part of the visit, pupils will attend two performances of West End shows and a visit to the Cabinet War Rooms, BBC Studios, The London Dungeons and a guided tour of London attractions. All food, accommodation, visits and travel is included in the cost of the trip.

**40 places on this trip.**

### **Mill on the Brue (5 day residential trip) Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Approximate cost £330**

This is a 5 day residential trip where pupils will stay at the Mill on the Brue Activity centre in Somerset, which is a family run activity centre dedicated to schools. Pupils will stay in tents with a camp bed, the tents are provided and each tent holds 5 pupils. Pupils need to bring their own sleeping bag. All food is included in the cost of the trip and is prepared by centre staff in their canteen. The centre has showers, wash rooms and drying rooms for equipment. The pupils will be involved in activities such as climbing, canoeing and adventure games. Further information can be found at [www.millonthebrue.com](http://www.millonthebrue.com) **50 places on this trip.**

### **Local Adventure – Butchers Coppice and Moors Valley – Daily Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Approximate cost £75**

This is a non-residential week where pupils go out daily from school for a two site action packed week. The children take part in activities such as shooting, archery, abseiling, team-building and climbing. The cost covers the instruction of qualified staff, along with the cost of transport each day by coach or minibus. Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing and provide a packed lunch. **48 places on this trip.**

**Pupils remaining in School** – For those not allocated or wanting a place on a trip, the school will be providing a varied and exciting programme in school including outdoor activities, environmental projects and art, food tech, engineering and science themed activities. The whole week will be off timetable and a small voluntary contribution of approximately £10 will be requested nearer the time.

#### **FOR ALL TRIPS**

***\*\* The School reserves the right to refuse a pupil's participation on the trip on the grounds of behaviour, discipline or safety. If this should happen your monies will only be refunded if this place can be filled by another pupil and full payment received. If you choose to remove your child for any reason all monies already paid will not be refunded e.g. holidays, friendship issues etc. \*\****

If you have any questions or queries regarding the trips please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email via the school office.

Yours Sincerely

*G. E. Allen*

Mrs G E Allen  
Headteacher





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## Project week 2019 – To be returned by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

**\*\*Please ensure all slips are returned to your child's tutor by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September\*\***

(Any signed slips received **after** the 12th will be placed on the waiting list)

Child's name: .....

Class: .....

I have read the above letter and would like my child to be considered for the following trip(s).

*(Please prioritise by indicating 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> choice if you wish to choose more than one)*

**London** (3 day residential trip) Approximate cost £330

**Mill on the Brue** (5 day residential trip) Approximate cost £330

**Local adventure** (daily to Moors Valley & Butchers Coppice) Approximate cost £75

I wish my child to **remain in school**, approximate cost £10

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY IN AT THIS STAGE**

Parent/Guardian signature .....

Date.....

