

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT - 29TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

Due to the huge success of our residential visits to Whitby, we are pleased to be able to inform you that we have made a provisional booking for our current Year 5 children (Year 6 in October) to visit the Youth Hostel Association, Whitby in October 2024.

We will leave school on **Tuesday 29th October** and return to school on **Friday 1st November 2024**. YHA Whitby, a Grade 1 listed mansion, sits at the top of Whitby's famous 199 steps and next to the iconic ruins of Whitby Abbey. From the panoramic views inside the award-winning garden to the building brimming with history, YHA Whitby is a magical place for groups. Our Year 6 children from Bourne Elsea Park and Colsterworth have also visited the centre a number of times and were very impressed by the facilities and activities on offer. This is a unique opportunity for the children. Not only will they have the benefits of staying in a area rich in educational opportunities, but also the social benefits of living and sharing these experiences with other children of their own age. The aim of this visit is to provide a fulfilling and stimulating residential experience. Safety is paramount and supervision is high.

The package is all-inclusive - return coach travel, 3 night's accommodation, meals from the evening meal on day 1 through to packed lunch on day 4 plus a full series of activities and attractions and evening activities. Our programme will be finalised nearer the time but in the meantime, we have attached a copy of last year's activity list for your information. I hope you agree that it will be a wonderful experience for all the children.

We have been mindful of the financial impacts on some of our families and the total cost of the visit, although dependant on final numbers, **should not exceed £275**. I realise that this is a great deal of money, but I can assure you that it is well worth it.

An initial non-refundable deposit of **£50 is required by 29th February 2024** in order to confirm your child's place. Please note payment can only be made via ParentMail +Pay. Further payment deadlines are as follows:

£56.25 to be paid by **25th March 2024**

£56.25 to be paid by **30th April 2024**

£56.25 to be paid by **31st May 2024**

£56.25 to be paid by **30th June 2024**

We completely understand that families may not be able to meet the deadlines set out. Providing that the deposit is paid, and full payment is received by **30th June 2024**, your child's place will be secure. Please do remember you can make smaller, more frequent payments if you wish. If full payment has not been received by 30th June 2024 your child will be unable to take part in the visit and any payments made may be forfeited.

As this is a curriculum enrichment activity, financial support towards the cost of the visit may be available for parents/carers in receipt of:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Qualifying parents should contact Mrs Bates, Chief Operating Officer (telephone 01778 422163 or email BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk) , who will treat the matter in the strictest confidence.

Deposits should be paid and consent given on ParentMail +Pay by **29th February 2024**. Please note that our numbers will be finalised once the deposit deadline has been reached and we cannot guarantee that any requests for children to join the group after that date will be accommodated.

Full details of travel, clothing etc. will be sent to you at a later date. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 6 team or myself if you wish to discuss further any matters related to the visit.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Houghton
Acting Head of School

Please note:

Refunds and cancellations - in the event of a pupil withdrawing from a visit not covered by insurance, then any deposit will be lost and additional monies paid cannot be refunded unless a substitute student is available to take the place. The academy does not hold reserve funds which might allow it to cover the losses which would otherwise occur through cancellations. Our policy exists to ensure that public funds are not placed at risk as a result of withdrawals and cancellations.

