

October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 9 Water Sports and Outdoor Activities Trip to Southern France/Italian Alps  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

The opportunity to try a number of exciting water sports and other adventurous activities in the south of France and Italian Alps is once again being offered to all Year 9 students. Our time will be spent at two centres, Savane in the Ardeche area of France and Villeneuve in the Aosta Valley, Italy. Both centres are run by Acorn Adventures. This will be a very active school trip comprising of mainly water based activities but also some adventurous land based activities.

The highlight of the visit is the 2 day descent of the Ardeche River in 2 person canoes through the picturesque Ardeche Gorge, with overnight bivvi (sleeping under the stars) in the gorge. Another highlight is the white water rafting on the fast flowing Dora Baltea River. Other activities are arranged by the company a few weeks before departure and could include: kayaking, caving, gorge scrambling, river trekking, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, fencing, swimming, raft building and high ropes course. Evening activities are also organised daily by the staff at the camp. Qualified staff from Acorn Adventures will instruct and supervise all of the activities.

Travel is by air-conditioned coach and all activities are included in the price. All meals are included except for food during the coach journey to and from the resort. Accommodation is in 4 person tents on delightful wooded campsites which have modern facilities, including a swimming pool in the Ardeche.

**The total cost will be £700.00** based on 35 to 42 students participating. This amount can be paid in full, or we can offer a payment plan as follows;

Deposit	£ 100.00	Due 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2017
Instalment 1	£200.00	Due 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017
Instalment 2	£200.00	Due 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018
Instalment 3	£200.00	Due 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2018

This is a great opportunity for Year 9 students and comes highly recommended by previous students, who have taken part in this activity. If you are satisfied with the details outlined in this letter, and would like your son/daughter to take part in this exciting opportunity, then please complete the consent form below and return to the student post box outside reception. Payment of the non-refundable deposit of £100 is due via ParentPay by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**. Pay point letters are available upon request – please contact the finance office with any payment queries on 01373 469006.

Please note that the maximum number of students who can be taken on this school trip is 42. In the event that this trip is over-subscribed, places will be allocated to the first 42 people to pay the deposit. In the event of the trip being under subscribed, then the trip will be cancelled and any payments made will be returned to you – we require 35 students to make this trip viable to run.



Students will require a valid passport and an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). The EHIC can be obtained free of charge from the post office or online.

Further information is available on Acorn's website: [www.acornadventure.co.uk](http://www.acornadventure.co.uk). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing [Matthew.Nielsen@fromecollege.org](mailto:Matthew.Nielsen@fromecollege.org) or by phoning the College on 01373 465353 and I will return your call as soon as I am able.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Nielsen  
Trip Leader

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*(Please return consent form to Student Post Box in main reception)*

As Parent/Carer of ..... Tutor Group .....

I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

I am aware that:-

- Insurance will be taken out for the visit abroad to give adequate personal cover. This is included in the cost of the holiday.
- I confirm that my son/daughter can swim 25 metres.
- I confirm that I will check that my son/daughter's passport and EHIC card are valid for the travel dates.
- I confirm that I agree to pay the non-refundable deposit of £100 by ParentPay by the deadline of Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and agree to the payment terms and dates, as outlined in the letter. Your place is not confirmed unless payment is received.
- **Cancellation** - I understand that by paying the deposit of £100, I am committing to pay the full amount of £700. **I understand that should my child withdraw from the trip, then any payments made are only refundable if my child's place is filled by another student.**

Signed ..... Date .....