

March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 & 9 ACTIVITIES WEEK 2020 - Monday 13th – Friday 17th July

Following our very successful activities week the past 9 years, in July 2020, all pupils in Years 8 and 9 will be given the opportunity to participate in Tretherras' annual Activities Week. The week will impact on the whole school with year 10 on work experience and year 7 going on camp and having an enterprise day. The Activities Week is an **educational experience** constituting an important part of the school curriculum, and providing an opportunity for all students to broaden their horizons and experiences by participating in a range of activities. Attendance at school during this week is **compulsory** for all students.

The cost of each activity is listed in the booklet. Where appropriate, the cost includes travel, admission fees, cost of materials, hire of equipment, cost of instruction and insurance cover. We appreciate the difficult financial climate at present and therefore offer the possibility to spread the payment of the activities over the next few weeks and months if needed. The school has made every effort to offer a wide range of engaging activities that will interest all students varying in price.

The *Education Reform Act of 1988* allows the school to request only a voluntary contribution for the cost of visits and trips that take place in normal school hours. However, Newquay Tretherras Activities Week can only take place if the cost can be met by parental contributions. As a school, we trust that you will give us your support in our efforts to provide your child with a wide range of experiences.

Every effort is made to ensure that all pupils have an equal opportunity to be involved in one of the activities of their choice, which need to be discussed at home. **Please complete the option sheet, which can be found attached, making 3 choices in order of preference and return to your child's form tutor by Friday 13th March. Forms received after this date cannot be guaranteed a place in any of their 3 choices.**

These will then be collated and an activity will be allocated to all pupils. Myself, along with the heads of year will try to ensure students get one of their first 3 choices but guarantees cannot be made as many trips have limited numbers.

It is intended to give priority to Year 9 for their first choice where possible but places **will not be** allocated on a first come first served basis. Once a place has been allocated for each child you will then receive confirmation of your child's activity choice with a request for either the full payment (for trips under £40) or a deposit (for trips over £40) by the teacher in charge of the trip but as previously stated you can opt to pay by instalments by indicating this on the reply slip. We do encourage all payments to be made via ParentPay where possible. Once your son/daughter has been allocated a specific trip, the trip and respective cost will show on your child's ParentPay account.

Staff retain the right to refuse any student access to an activity whose history of behaviour gives cause for concern, in which case the parent/carers will be contacted.

If you have any further questions please contact me or your respective Head of Year at school.

Yours sincerely



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