

March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 & 9 ACTIVITIES WEEK 2022 - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Following our very successful Activities Week pre Covid, we are very pleased to be able to offer Years 8 and 9 the opportunity to participate in Tretherras' annual Activities Week this coming July. The week will impact on the whole school with year 10 on Work Experience and year 7 having a bespoke 5-day programme delivered to them. 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. Students eligible for free school meals will have the first £35 of a trip subsidised.

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. This year we are trialling a new booking system using the school Parent Booking System. Your son/daughter has already had an assembly about the weeks programme and a hard copy of the booklet. We have attached an electronic copy of the booklet to this email for yourselves and it is available on our website.

**To book your son/daughter on the trip** they wish to participate in, please visit the booking platform via the link that will be emailed to you on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. **The booking system will go live at 5pm on Friday.** When you visit the platform via the link, choose the activity you and your child would like them to attend, agreeing the costs that are involved in that activity. If there is a space for that activity the system will allow you to secure a place. If there are no spaces left the system will ask you to select a different activity. Unfortunately, the majority of activities can only accommodate specific numbers based on costings, external providers ratios, equipment and/or transport.

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 £35) or a deposit (for trips over £35) 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 expect 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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