



King's Academy Ringmer

September 25th 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: YEAR 8 CAMP 2020 TO PGL SPLASH – MIMOSA BEACH AND ARDECHE

We are delighted to offer to the Year 8 students a very exciting opportunity to visit two PGL Centres in France for the Year 8 Camp in 2020 during activities week. We will depart on Sunday 28th June 2020 and return on Sunday 5th July 2020. This adventure is open to all Year 8 students on a first come first served basis.

Activities are of an outward-bound nature and involve a lot of physical effort. The day program includes activities such as dinghy sailing, kayaking, and descending down the Ardeche River and team games. The evening program includes a variety of activities. This was a new venue last year and was a well-organised and successful visit, and I feel that all who attend will not only enjoy themselves but will gain a great deal in personal and social awareness. Check out the adventure at <http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/secondary-schools/centres/mimosa-and-domaine-de-segries>

The cost for the visit is between £740 and £750 dependent on numbers. This will cover travel, accommodation, food, use of equipment, all activities and instruction by a fully qualified staff team and insurance. It will also include a rash vest (required for all water activities). During the stay at Mimosa, students will stay in tents and when we move to the Ardeche will stay in log cabins. Both sites offer modern toilets, showers and are set in ideal locations for the activities included.

Please find set out below an **example** itinerary, we hope our 8-day visit will be similar to the following:

Mimosa → Domaine de Segries - 8 days by coach			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1	Travel	Travel	Travel
Day 2	Arrive at centre Splash - Mimosa Beach	Dinghy Sailing - Mimosa Beach	Wacky Races and Disco
Day 3	Banana Boat & Sit-on Kayaks - Mimosa Beach	Dinghy Sailing - Mimosa Beach	Scrapheap Challenge and Disco
Day 4	Excursion/Transfer Day Waterpark	Excursion/Transfer Day Waterpark	Superhero Auction and Disco
Day 5	River Talk - Begin Ardèche Descent	Ardèche Descent - Day 1 Peach Orchard to Trois Eaux (5km)	Vallon-Pont-d'Arc Visit and Disco
Day 6	Ardèche Descent - Day 2 Trois Eaux to Le Mas (12km)	Ardèche Descent - Day 2 Trois Eaux to Le Mas (12km)	Photo Challenge and Disco
Day 7	Ardèche Descent - Day 3 Le Mas to Sauze Plage (13km)	Ardèche Descent - Day 3 Le Mas to Sauze Plage (13km)	Depart for the UK
Day 8	Travel	Travel	Travel

We will be collecting parental consent and payments online. An initial non-refundable deposit of **£150.00** is required by **Friday 4th October 2019**. To make your payment and give consent, please log on to ParentPay (<https://www.parentpay.com/>) and choose the service called Year 8 Camp 2020. You will be unable to complete the transaction until you have clicked on the

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'consent' box. Should you wish to see the summary of cover, this is available via the school website. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, preferably via email.

Students wishing to participate in this visit must be in possession of a full passport and a European Health Card (EHIC)*. NB. Passports must have an expiry date of six months after the return of the visit i.e. not before January 2021. Please send a photocopy of the passport to the Finance Office.

*EHIC card details– This card is the European Health Insurance Card and it is extremely important that every student has a current card when going on visits to Europe. The quickest and easiest way is to apply online at (<http://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/Healthcareabroad/pages/Healthcareabroad.aspx>). Your card will normally arrive within seven days. •To apply by phone, call 0300 330 1350

Staff members supervising the visit will be Miss Williams (Party leader) along with 2 other members of the staff. Depending on the uptake and final size of our group other members of staff may be required to also join the visit.

Year Camp Parent/Carer Information Evening – We will be holding an information evening so everyone understands the final itinerary for the week. We will advise of a date in the new year, **it is a requirement to attend this meeting.**

If you would like your son or daughter to attend, please make your non-refundable deposit of **£150.00** no later than **Friday 4th October 2019.**

Following this initial deposit, a further 4 payments of the £150.00 will be needed to be paid by the following dates: -

30th November 2019	£150.00	31st January 2020	£150.00
31st March 2019	£150.00	30th April 2019	£140.00 tbc

We will advise final balance as soon as numbers are confirmed. Once deposits have been paid and the visit confirmed with the tour operator we will be unable to refund any payments, please see the tour operator cancellation details as below

Cancellation

Please note that deposits paid are non-refundable (although can be reclaimed under the terms of our insurance cover in some circumstances) and that our cancellation policy applies to all deposits paid, whenever received.

If you cancel a confirmed place the cancellation will be subject to the following charges:

Cancellation date	Cancellation charge
Prior to 03 May 2020	any deposits paid will be retained
03 May 2020 to 30 May 2020 (56 - 29 days)	60% of the full course cost will be retained
31 May 2020 to 13 June 2020 (28 - 15 days)	80% of the full course cost will be retained
From 14 June 2020 (14 days or less)	100% of the full course cost will be retained

Insurance cover for the visit has been obtained from RPA Insurance. Details of the cover provided can be found on the school website

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Miss H. Williams
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