GORDANO SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES WEEK

YEAR 9 RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCES

1st-5th July 2024

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Every year, during the summer term, the school has an Activities Week, which will take place 1st-5th July 2024 for years 7, 8, and 9. It's an integral part of the curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a choice of six residential experiences for the Year 9 Activities Week.

Please take a look at the exciting and diverse range of experiences offered. The brochure contains information on all the residentials, including costs and payment schedules.

For students who decide not to apply for a trip there will be a free 'base programme' of teacher-led activities in school. Please note that this is still a school week and students are expected to participate in either the Activities Week or base programme.

After reviewing each option, please select your top three preferences **here** by **9.00am on Monday 16th October.** Please also use this form to inform us if your child will be participating in the base programme to assist us with planning.

There are a limited number of places per trip, and to allocate these fairly, we will be operating a computer generated, random draw selection where places are oversubscribed.

We will allocate places during the week of 16th October and communicate the results shortly afterwards. Please note that deposits will be required to secure the place once allocated no later than 17th November.

We're looking forward to offering this fun-filled week for our students.

The Activities Week Team

LONDON

4 days and 3 nights in the heart of England's capital, our London trip is perfect for those looking for a cultural experience.

Students will participate in a theatre workshop at school on Monday before departing for London on Tuesday morning.

The trip highlights include:
Tower of London, London Eye and Thames River Cruise
Two theatre shows (exact shows to be confirmed)
Visits to the British Museum and Natural History Museum
A visit to the Houses of Parliament
Camden Market, Trafalgar Square & Covent Garden

£577.00 per person
50 places available
Full payment details at the back of the brochure.

NORTH WALES

Staying three nights in Llandudno, this trip is perfect for adventurous students.

Highlights include:
White water rafting taster session
Zip World- Fforest Coaster and Zip Safari high ropes
Bounce Below at Zip World (trampoline style nets over a vast cave)
Visit to the Great Orme Copper Mines
Journeys on the Great Orme Tramway and
Snowdon Mountain Railway

Students will participate in the base programme at school on the Monday before departing on Tuesday morning.

£594.00 per person
44 places available
Full payment details at the back of the brochure.

ISLE OF WIGHT

Perfect for the keen sea swimmers, this trip to the Isle of Wight is full of maritime activities.

Activities on offer include: Dinghy Sailing, Keelboating, Stand-up paddleboarding, Kayaking & Windsurfing

Students will be staying in Cowes and will have the opportunity to relax and unwind in the evening with activities such as crabbing and team games.

£573.00 per person
32 places available
Full payment details at the back of the brochure.

NORTH WEST

This trip is perfect for those who want to do a bit of everything.

Staying 4 nights in Manchester students will use this as a base for exploring more of the North West with visits to Liverpool & Blackpool. Highlights include:

Cadbury World Birmingham
Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Sea Life Aquarium Manchester
Namco Bowling
Mersey River Cruise
Tate Liverpool
Shopping at Liverpool One & the Trafford Centre
Manchester Museum & Imperial War Museum
Museum of Science & Industry

£598.00 per person
50 places available
Full payment details at the back of the brochure.

CORNWALL

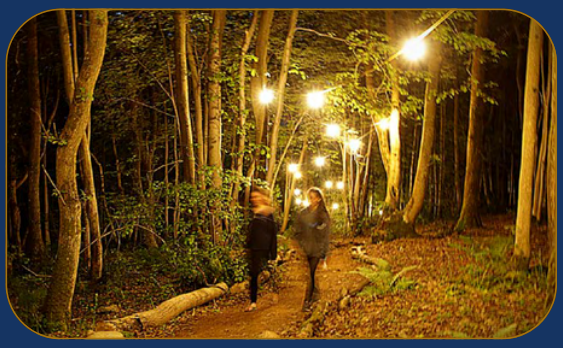
This is a great trip that combines nature, culture and fun.

During their 4 night stay in Newquay, students will get to experience a variety of different activities during their week, including:

A visit to the Eden project with workshop
See the dramatic cliff top Tintagel Castle
Visit to a Cornish Seal Sanctuary
Enjoy a day at Flambards Amusement Park
Explore Tate St Ives

£561.00 per person
50 places available
Full payment details at the back of the brochure.

MENDIPS



The perfect trip for those who enjoy activities in the great outdoors.

Students will be staying 4 nights at the Mendip Activity Centre base camps and taking part in a range of different instructor-led activities which may include:

Archery
Axe throwing
Rock climbing
Watersports
Bushcraft & team games

Mendip Activity Centre will provide a full and varied programme for students, the exact itinerary will be confirmed nearer the time. The evenings will feature night walks, team games and camp fires.

£427.00 per person
100+ places available
Full payment details at the back of the brochure.

Terms & Conditions

Allocation of Places

The school reserves the right to exclude a student from any trip/activity whose behaviour has given concern at any stage during the year. Receipt of this brochure is not an indicator of your son's/daughter's eligibility to participate.

The final decision to allow any student to take part in an activity rests with the Head of House and Deputy Head. For students who are on stage 2 of our disciplinary process, their place on a school trip/ residential will only be approved if they have demonstrated an improvement in their behaviour. Students who are on stage 3 and 4 of our disciplinary process will not be able to attend any trip/off site activity.

Because there are a limited number of places per trip, and to allocate these fairly, we will be operating a computer generated, random draw selection where places are oversubscribed.

Payment

Places will be allocated once all applications are received by the deadline of Monday 16th October at 9.00am. Once allocated, a non-refundable deposit of £150 must be paid by 17th November. The full balance for the trip must be received by 31st March 2024.

All residential experiences require a non-refundable deposit to be paid via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) to commit to the trip. Please note that once your first payment is made, the deposits are non-refundable, as this is paid to the Tour Operator. The school is unable to cover these costs (see insurance terms and conditions below).

You will be required to use ParentPay to make payments. The residential experiences on offer, including costs, may be subject to alteration depending on the uptake/overall number of students, the exact amount will be confirmed when a place is offered. An approximate schedule is set out below:

Trips	**Estimated Price**	Deposit 17th November	Stage payment 31st January	Stage payment 29th February	Final balance due 31st March
London	**£577**	£150	£100	£160	£167
North Wales	**£594**	£150	£100	£170	£174
Isle of Wight	**£573**	£150	£100	£160	£163
North West	**£598**	£150	£100	£170	£178
Cornwall	**£561**	£150	£100	£150	£161
Mendips	**£427**	£150	£100	£90	£77

A free 'base programme' with teacher-led in-school activities will be available for those students who choose not to go on a residential trip. Please note that this is still a school week and absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Please note that the schedule above is a suggested payment plan, the only fixed payment dates are the non-refundable deposit and the final balance deadline, you can pay more or less frequently if required to reach this amount. Once all deposits have been received ParentPay will then allow payments in smaller denominations.

If monthly interim payments are not met, this does not constitute a request to withdraw your child's place from the trip. You must notify the school in writing at the earliest opportunity if you have any problems making these payments.

Terms & Conditions

Cancellation

Cancellation requests must be received by the school in writing to trips@gordanoschool.org.uk from **a parent/carer** (not the student themselves). **Please note that the deposit is non-refundable.** The cancellation terms for each trip will be confirmed when a place is offered.

Medical & Emergency Contact Information

1. It is your responsibility to keep the school informed when there are any changes in medical conditions, allergies or dietary requirements plus emergency contact information. You can do this by contacting the data team by email at datateam@gordanoschool.org.uk.

2. Medical information and contact information are taken from the school database and passed to the trip leader prior to the trip. Details of any required medication will be requested from you in the month prior to the trip taking place.

Insurance

1. All trips are fully insured in the event of cancellation by the provider. This does not cover any non-refundable payments if an individual student cancels their place. Therefore, you may want to consider whether to take out your own insurance cover in the event of you subsequently cancelling your child's place.

2. Electronic items such as mobile phones, cameras, iPads, headphones and small game consoles are not covered by the school insurance. These are taken at the owner's risk.