

Activity Week

Monday 17th July until Wednesday
19th July 2017



Millom School

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Last year Millom School ran a successful activity week for students. This was a week when the normal school timetable was put to one side so that each pupil had the opportunity to participate in something different.

This year we hope to build upon this success. Activity Week will run from Monday 17th July until Wednesday 19th July. This is part of our enrichment curriculum and we are very excited by the possibilities which offering a series of activities of this nature presents for the following reasons:

- It provides a safe, structured and carefully organised environment for our young people to engage in new experiences and gain new skills.
- It provides our students with an additional opportunity to be active, to achieve, to participate, to take on responsibility and to demonstrate their maturity.

This booklet gives you an overview of the week and details the activities that are on offer for each year group. We have made an effort to offer a wider variety of activities this year and have tried to provide a mix between 'core activities' that all students will take part in and 'optional' activities that will require us to ask for a 'voluntary contribution' towards the expense. We cannot guarantee that every activity will take place. Please be aware that some 'optional' activities may have to be cancelled due to a lack of pupil interest or where a voluntary contribution is requested, if the total contribution received does not meet the full cost of the activity. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, the school may be able to offer some financial support and should you require any further advice in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hartley.

Please read this booklet carefully before making your choices. Complete the attached *Activity Week Choice Form* at the back of this booklet. Once the selection process is complete, letters will be sent home confirming the activity choice for each student and advising of the payment requirements.

Arranging these activities requires considerable planning and, therefore, we appreciate your assistance in choice, procedure and deadlines. If you encounter any difficulty or concerns, please let the school know.

Guidelines and Conditions

ATTENDANCE

We regard Activity Week as an important part of your son/daughter's education, and expect normal attendance. Reasons for non-attendance will be required as usual since the school has to provide details of all unauthorised absences to the Department for Education. Every absence must be supported by a parental explanation which will be authorised by the school if the reason is acceptable. **Please note that a family holiday will not be considered an acceptable reason for student absence.**

SELECTING AN ACTIVITY

Some activities have a limited number of places. All students will need to make a first, second and third choice and complete the form distributed to your child (there is another copy at the back of this booklet).

The choice form has to be completed and returned to reception by Monday 12th June 2017 (at the latest). Every effort will be made to ensure each student receives their first choice of activity, but no guarantee can be given.

COSTS

Many of the prices quoted for the activities in this booklet depend upon achieving the minimum number of students required to ensure the activity is financially justified. If we are unable to achieve the minimum number of students required then we may have to cancel the activity or reduce the number of students engaging in the activity.

The costs of all the activities in this booklet are currently estimated costs and will be adhered to unless we encounter unforeseen circumstances which impact on costings. We hope these costs will not change but if they do it will only be a small difference and you will be given as much notification as possible. Millom School reserves the right to make alterations if necessary.

PAYMENT

Letters will be sent confirming the activity choice for each student and advising of the payment requirements. If, due to low numbers the activity is cancelled then any deposit paid will be reimbursed.

Trips and visits

Trip / Visit	Details	No of places	Voluntary Contribution (approx.)
Hardknott Forest Conservation Trip Mrs Vance	<p><i>Do you want to get involved in a 'green' project? Do you want to develop your scientific skills and fieldwork?</i> If the answer is YES, then this activity may be the choice for you! If you have any interest at all in nature or conservation, come and join Mrs Vance and a team of scientists from the Universities of Leeds and Cumbria in Hardknott Forest, near Eskdale. We will be spending our time planting specific tree species that will help the forest return to a natural state. This trip is a great idea if you're thinking about studying science or geography at university, or you want to go into a career in the environmental sector.</p>	15 per day	£0
Blackpool Pleasure Beach Mr Higgins	<p>Students will travel by coach and spend the day at Blackpool Pleasure Beach, one of the best theme parks in the UK, home to the legendary Big One & Valhalla.</p>	18-72	£25
Canoeing Mr Barrett	<p>Students will have the chance to learn new skills, have fun and get wet when they spend the day with specialist canoeing instructors.</p>	10 per day	£25
Chill Factore Mr Olliver	<p>For snow enthusiasts already equipped with slope skills, come and enjoy the freedom of the main slope and perfect your technique, or maybe you are a beginner who wants to try your hand at a new sport. The trip will give you the opportunity to have tuition for skiing (the students who have skied before will receive an hour lift pass instead of the skiing session). You will also take part in activities in the snow park for an hour. Students will have either have a snowboard taster or an opportunity to use the climbing wall.</p> <p>Monday sessions are as follows: skiing taster (or skiing for experienced skiers), snow park activities and snowboard taster.</p> <p>Tuesday sessions are as follows: skiing taster (or skiing for experience skiers), snow park activities and climbing.</p>	18-72	£35
Go Ape Mrs Smith	<p>Like to challenge yourself? Like heights? Don't like heights but want to face down your fears? Enjoy obstacle courses? Zip wires? Think you might enjoy obstacle courses in the air? Then sign up for this activity.</p>	15 per day	£10

In-school Activities

Activity	Details	Places	Cost
Orienteering / Camp skills Mr Nunn	Could you be the next Bear Grylls? Students will work in groups to complete a set of activities that would prepare you for a trip to the wilderness! Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting up tents • Packing rucksacks • Cooking out of doors • Completing an orienteering course. Plus there will be an element of competition to the day.	25 per day	£2
NUGEN Project Mr Jewell	Put something back into your school site! Students will work in groups on different aspects of the NUGEN Conservation Project which focuses upon improving the school site. This could involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening • Tree management and tree planting • Work on the bungalow • Planning the next phase of the project 	20 per day	£0
Pony Care Mrs Irving/Miss Tyson	Fancy a career working with horses? Maybe you want to learn a new skill. This is a chance for a small number of students to work with Mrs Irving and Miss Tyson to learn about Pony Care.	8	£0
Art project Mr Grange	Learn about Chinese art and culture. Construct a Chinese silhouette model whilst developing an animation/video of your own design based on a storyboard that you've created. We will be working closely with the music department as the second part of the project will be to upload the video into an animation or video software app and add music and sound effects.	30	£0
Great Millom School Interior Design Challenge Mr Baggaley	Enjoy being creative? Enjoy the idea of working with a blank canvas to create a space which will inspire and motivate your school community? Then sign up for this activity and let your imagination run wild. We'll provide the materials, you provide the imagination and the design/construction skills and together we will make a tired and dull area of the school a feast for the eyes and the imagination.	30	£0

Activity Week Choice Form Year 7

Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Please consider the options available and the costs involved before making your choice.

- Discuss your choices with your parent/carer then select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of activities.
- **Wednesday's Black Combe trip is a core activity for Year 7 – it is expected that all Year 7 students will take part. There is no charge for this activity.**
- **If you intend to attend the Chill Factor trip on Monday, you should not expect to attend the Chill Factor trip on Tuesday and vice versa**
- Details of dates for payment for the activities will be provided when places are confirmed.
- Do not send any money with this form.

Please remember to return this form to your tutor by **Friday 9th June 2017**

Activities	Choice
Hardknott Forest Conservation Trip	
Blackpool Pleasure Beach	
Canoeing	
Chill Factor incl. Snowboard taster (Monday)	
Go Ape	
Orienteering / Camp skills	
NUGEN Project	
Pony Care	
Art project	
Great Millom School Interior Design Challenge	
Chill Factor incl. Climbing (Tuesday)	
Wednesday Core activity: Black Combe trip – all Year 7.	
To continue with the tradition set in 2015, we are going to take all of Year 7 up Black Combe whilst developing their map reading skills.	

I have read the activity list and seen this form. I support the choice and commitment my son / daughter has made.

I understand that the activities may change depending upon numbers and voluntary contributions.

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Activity Week Choice Form Year 8

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Activity Week Choice Form Year 9

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Activity Week Choice Form Year 10

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