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Dear Parents/Carer(s)

RE: Activity Days - Tuesday 14 July, Wednesday 15 July and Thursday 16 July 2020

Activity Days run at the end of the summer term. All students in Years 7 to 10 have the opportunity to experience a range of activities both in and out of school. The normal school timetable is suspended for this duration and students will not be in lessons. They are not expected to wear school uniform for the 3 days identified above.

This is part of our enrichment curriculum and we are very excited by the possibilities presented to our students. Activity Days provide a safe, structured and carefully organised environment for our young people to engage in new experiences and gain new skills, as well as additional opportunities for students to be active, to achieve, to participate, to take on responsibility and to demonstrate their maturity.

This attached information details the activities that are on offer on each of the days.

We cannot guarantee that every activity will take place. Whilst we have provided an approximate cost of activities please note that these prices cannot be guaranteed. We have, however, planned a number of free activities in addition to the paid for activities. 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 your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the school may be able to offer some financial support with the cost of activities. Should you require any further advice in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Vance (Assistant Headteacher).

Please read the information carefully before your child makes their choices on the attached form. Parents are required to sign the form to say that they support the choices and consent to the pupil being allocated to the activities they've selected. Although we do our best to allocate first choices, this can't always be guaranteed, as some activities have limited spaces. Therefore we ask that students indicate their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices on the form. We may also have to change some of the in-school activities, depending on numbers and staff availability. Students will be informed of any changes prior to the Activity Days, Once the allocation is complete, letters will be sent home confirming the activity choice for each student and advising of the payment requirements through Parent Pay. **Please do not send in money with this initial choice form.**

Arranging Activity Days 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.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Vance', written in black ink.

C Vance (Mrs)

Activity information

Trip / Visit	Details	No of places	Voluntary Contribution (approx.)
Duke of Edinburgh Camp Out	If you are in Y8 or Y9 wish to start DofE Bronze, you must opt for this activity. This is an opportunity to see what's involved with DofE. It is two full days and an overnight camp out. It will include navigational skill training and practice, camp cooking and a full day of walking.	40	£15
Hardknott Forest Conservation Trip	We will be planting tree species that will help the forest return to a natural state. Ideal if you're thinking about studying science or geography at university, or you want to go into a career in the environmental sector.	14	£0
Blackpool Pleasure Beach	You will travel by coach and spend the day at Blackpool Pleasure Beach, one of the best themes parks in the UK, home to the legendary Big One & Valhalla. Note that Tuesday's trip is aimed at Years 7 and 8, whereas the trip on Thursday is for Years 9 and 10.	45	£30
Canoeing	You will have the chance to learn new skills, have fun and get wet when you spend the day with specialist canoeing instructors. Travel and equipment hire are included.	12	£35
Jump Rush	Have fun jumping around in this huge trampoline park. From balancing on the battle beams to charging your way across the traverse wall, have you got what it takes to complete the Jump Rush trampoline park challenge and finish all zones?	45	£30
Ice Skating	Whether you're a skating amateur or a seasoned pro, come and have a go at ice skating! We'll be journeying to Planet Ice in Blackburn for 2 hours of skating in the morning.	45	£25
Zoo trip	Get close to a large number of rare and endangered animals as you	20	£15

	spend the day at the South Lakes Safari Zoo. You get to feed the animals and attend a workshop (not normally offered on the regular entrance ticket!).		
Black Combe	This is a compulsory activity for all students in Year 7. It will involve a hike up to the top of Black Combe and back again! Transport is provided by the school. Appropriate footwear/clothing will be required. The trip is led by experienced staff with relevant qualifications.	100	£0
Camping skills	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. 	30	£3
Maths challenge	Come along to the maths department and grapple with various exciting mysterious activities!	60	£0
Garden Project	Put something back into your school site! Students will work in groups on different aspects of the garden project which focuses upon improving the school site. This could involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening • Work on the bungalow • Planning the next phase of the project 	20	£0
Art/music project	If you enjoy more creative subjects, have a go at combining your skills in art and music on this exciting project. Note that this activity is running on Tuesday and Thursday only.	30	£2
Creative activities	Get yourself involved in a creative writing workshop, which will give you a chance to realise all those pent up ideas, stored in your imagination! Or complete a range of creative activities, which could	60	£0

	include origami, colouring and games amongst other things!		
Team challenge	Teamwork is an ESSENTIAL employability skill! Enjoy a day of team activities, ranging from physical challenges (e.g. benchball, rounders) to cognitive (mental) challenges (e.g. problem solving). Sensible clothing and footwear is needed.	150	£0
Drama project	Like performing arts? Fancy yourself on the stage? Come along to the drama project and have some fun.	30	£0
Tree planting	Help improve the school site and the local environment by planting trees.	15	£0
Football competition	Enjoy football? Come and have a go in this competition. No previous experience or skill needed!	60	£0

Guidelines and Conditions

ATTENDANCE/BEHAVIOUR

We regard Activity Week as an important part of your son/daughter's education, and expect normal attendance and standards of behaviour. 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.** Places on activities are subject to good attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning and places may be withdrawn if your child does not meet the expected standards in school.

SELECTING AN ACTIVITY

Some activities have a limited number of places. All students will need to make a first, second and third choice and hand the form in to their form tutor by the date given. Every effort will be made to ensure each student receives their first choice of activity, but no guarantee can be given. It would be sensible for students to check the activities selected by their friendship group, first, as it is often difficult to change activities once they have been allocated.

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 but sometimes 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. Please do not pay for activities until the confirmation letter is received. Payment will be accepted via Parent Pay (details to follow). **Please note that the school requires outstanding debt to be settled before payments for activities can be accepted.**