



St Bede's and
St Joseph's
Catholic College

June 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer

MEDITERRANEAN ADVENTURE TRIP 2019

The PE department are delighted to offer a 7-day school trip to the Mediterranean in the North of Spain to experience a variety of different sports that are outside of the traditional sports of the national curriculum. These sports include: sailing, climbing, kayaking, snorkelling, paddle boarding and target sports which offers students the opportunity to gain a variety of skills. They will also have two day trips to the cultural city of Barcelona and Europe's best water park, 'Waterworld', fully included in the trip. The trip will be organised with Acorn Adventure which is fully bonded with ABTA. Acorn Adventure lead and organise a variety of successful trips around the world.

The trip will run **during the 2019 Enrichment Week from Friday, 28th June – Saturday, 6th July 2019**. The trip is open to all students in Years 7 and 8. This will be a coach trip departing from and returning to St Bede's & St Joseph's Catholic College at the Ardor site. Accommodation will be located on the Costa Brava, close to the popular resorts of Tossa de Mar and Lloret de Mar. Students will be staying in cabins with en-suite facilities that sleeps 3-8 people each.

If you would like to look in more detail at the location and accommodation, please look at the link below; -

<https://www.acornadventure.co.uk/adventure-camps/spain/mediterranean-adventure>

The estimated total cost of the trip is £699. This is based on 40 students attending the trip. The staff of SBSJ will lead and run the trip in conjunction with Acorn Adventure who will provide the services of travel, accommodation, activities and qualified instructors. However, SBSJ staff withhold the right to refuse any student who has poor attendance and behaviour to attend this trip. Furthermore, students must be able to swim to an adequate standard which will be assessed by the PE staff.

The cost of the trip includes:

- Full activity programme delivered by qualified, experienced instructors (typically 2 x 3-hour activity sessions per day plus an evening activity/entertainment)
- Entry to Waterworld
- Day trip to Barcelona
- All instruction, supervision and equipment
- Full board accommodation
- Door to door transportation
- Financial protection - ABTA and ATOL bonded
- Fully accredited provision with Safety Management System and 24/7 support

Not included in the price:

- Pocket money for snacks, drinks and souvenirs
- Appropriate clothing for the trip – details nearer the time
- Extra cost of a few water sports such as banana boat and diving.

If your son/daughter would like to go on the trip please complete the expression of interest slip attached and return it to Miss Dundas by **Friday, 13th July 2018**. Confirmation of places will be notified to students by the school. You will then be required to **pay a non-refundable deposit of £50 by Wednesday 18th July 2018** to secure your child's place. Payment for this trip can be made online through ParentPay (www.parentpay.com). *Please tick the consent box for this trip.*

Payment schedule is as follows:

Initial deposit	£50	July 2018
*First Payment	£220	September 2018
*Second payment	£229	November 2018
*Final balance	£200	February 2019

**Please feel free to pay this in instalments of your choosing via ParentPay throughout the year, as long as the specific deadlines are met.*

Please do think carefully before making a commitment to this trip. If you do wish to withdraw your son/daughter at a later date there may be a student willing to take the place, but please understand the position if this is not the case. The Tour firm will not refund the first two deposits once paid and the tour firm operates a sliding penalty once the final balance has been paid, depending on time remaining (monies can be reclaimable through the insurance company due to illness or redundancy only). We will do our best on your behalf; however, you may lose all or part of your deposits.

Yours faithfully

Miss Dundas
Party Leader / PE Teacher

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PE Teacher

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SLIP – Mediterranean Adventure 2019

Please return to Miss Dundas

Student Name:		Tutor Group:	
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(please tick boxes)

I confirm that the above named student has my consent to take part in the Mediterranean Adventure trip 2019.

If my son/daughter is allocated a place, I confirm I will pay the £50 non-refundable deposit by cheque or via Parentpay **by Wednesday, 18th July 2018** and the balance by the stated dates.

Parent/Carer Name:		Date:	
Parent/Carer Signature:			

To be returned to Miss Dundas by Friday 13th July 2018