



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

14th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

2020 Rockley Adventure Trip

I am pleased to announce a residential school activity trip to South-West France from Saturday 23rd May – Saturday 30th May 2020. Pupils currently in Years 7 - 9 may apply. All students will need to have a valid passport, in date for at least six months after the end of the trip. The trip is in its third year and is well established at Ormiston Denes.

The group will consist of up to 45 pupils, with staff from both Ormiston Denes Academy and Rockley Adventure attending. We will be staying at a campsite on the shores of Lac Souston. The trip is being organised in conjunction with Rockley Adventure, whose activity centres are recognised by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and are licensed in the UK by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA). This trip went ahead extremely successfully last year.

The total cost of the trip is £705.00 and includes:

- All transport from and to the academy in a fully executive coach.
- Ferry crossing.
- Travel insurance.
- Full board, from arrival at the Rockley Centre, to departure.
- All Rockley activities.
- Evening entertainment.
- All safety equipment.

Lac Souston is a fresh water lake fringed by sandy beaches in the Landes region of South-West France, famous for its pine forests and spectacular Atlantic coastline, stretching from Arcachon in the north, to Biarritz in the south.

The programme of activities organised by Rockley Adventure will include:

- Dinghy sailing.
- Catamaran sailing.
- Windsurfing.
- Kayaking.
- Stand up paddle boarding.
- Mountain biking.
- Visits to the Dune du Pyla (the largest sand dune in Europe) and Arcachon, a nearby seaside resort.
- In the evening there is a full programme of activities – for instance, beach Olympics, a French night, volleyball, swimming pool.

Students will be supervised at all times during the trip.

I will invite you to the academy for a presentation in due course, where you will be given the opportunity to gather further information about the trip.

If you would like your son/daughter to be considered for participation, please fill in the reply slip and return it with an initial deposit of £50.00 to be paid via Parent Mail by 15th February 2019. Subsequent payments will be due as outlined below:

- 2nd Deposit of £150.00 by 24th May 2019.
- Final balance – 1st March 2020.

A Parent Mail Account is required to make payments for this trip. Please contact the academy for the link, should you need to set this up, or if you have any queries regarding payments.

Reply slips should be returned in a clearly labelled envelope, named as Rockley Trip, to the Finance Office as soon as possible. Once these forms are returned and we have sufficient interest, we will confirm that the trip will go ahead.

Once the trip is confirmed, withdrawal from the trip may incur loss of any payments made, unless the reason for cancellation is covered by the travel insurance policy.

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

Yours faithfully



Stuart Aldous

Group Leader/Trip Organiser

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For the attention of: The Finance Office, Ormiston Denes Academy

Rockley Adventure Trip, South West France 2020

Student's name:

Year group: Tutor group:

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for participation in the Rockley Trip in May 2020 and the non-refundable deposit of £50.00 has been paid via Parent Mail.

I understand that should the trip not proceed due to insufficient numbers, my deposit will be returned.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:

Please return to the Finance Office as soon as possible.