

October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: YEAR 7 CALSHOT TRIP: 1 - 5 November 2021

I am now writing with final details of the forthcoming trip. Students will be going in form groups travelling on the following days:

Monday 1 November to Tuesday 2 November 2021 7JCA Mrs Cason, 7JSO Miss Stokes

Tuesday 2 November to Wednesday 3 November 7SBA Mr Bayliss, 7RDV Miss Davis, 7SKE Miss Kelly

Wednesday 3 November to Thursday 4 November 7REC Miss Eckles, 7JHR Miss Harris, 7HRE Mrs Reynolds

Thursday 4 November to Friday 5 November 7RGR Miss Green, 7SKH Miss Khan, 7MLO Mrs Lowles

There will be a minimum of four teachers travelling with each group. Mr Myers, Mr Leadbitter, Mr Salmon and Mrs Thomassen will be the team leaders during the week.

On the day of departure, students will be expected to register with their form teacher at 8.30am in their normal form room (although obviously they will not be in school uniform). Students will then depart from Hazelwick by coach at approximately 9.15am. Sensible, comfortable, casual clothes and shoes should be worn for travelling (no caps).

Students will require a packed lunch for the first day of their trip, which they will eat on arrival at Calshot. Please do not include any items of food which contain nuts in their packed lunch. Mobile phones may be taken. However, school rules regarding the use of mobiles must be followed – that is, they must be switched off during the day and please be aware that the school and Calshot will take no responsibility for such items. Mobile phones will be collected by school staff at bedtime and then handed back to students the following morning. In the event of an emergency, should you need to make contact with your child during their stay, please telephone one of the following numbers:

Hazelwick School (during school hours): 01293 403344 Hazelwick Staff at Calshot (out of school hours): 07494009825

At Calshot, each student will get a chance to experience four separate activities: indoor rock climbing and abseiling; dry slope skiing; archery; and an Initiative Course. For obvious health and safety reasons, normal school rules will apply on the wearing of jewellery — i.e. ideally watches only, although students may wear a small set of stud earrings in their lower lobes; caps should not be worn.

Students need to take a sleeping bag and pillow case in addition to the following kit:

Wash kit and towel

Nightwear

Spare underwear and socks

Gloves/mittens, thick socks, long sleeved top and trousers (not jeans) for skiing

Waterproof coat

Sensible footwear - trainers are ideal!

Several changes of warm casual clothes; e.g. tracksuits, fleece jumpers, warm woolly hat, bin bag(s) for muddy shoes!

Students are asked to learn the skill of putting a pillow into a pillow case – on arrival this is the first initiative test!

Students who need to take any type of **medication** should carry this sealed and securely packed in their **hand luggage.** Please make sure that it is named and instructions are clearly written and that the students know exactly what they have to do. They should give the medication to their form teacher for safe keeping on arrival at Calshot. Students are responsible for making sure that they take their medication at the appropriate time. Travel sickness tablets are also the responsibility of the students.

Students should pack their belongings – all of which should be **named** – into one bag or small case for the hold and one small bag for the inside of the coach.

Clearly, students will be expected to behave in a manner that will be acceptable to the school throughout the entire trip and ensure that they maintain positive relationships with staff (from both the school and the Activity Centre) at all times. Serious breaches of discipline could well lead to you being contacted and asked to collect your child from the Activity Centre.

However, I do not expect there to be any problems at Calshot and I am sure that your child will have a positive and enjoyable experience on this trip.

Please note that we aim to arrive back at school around 4.00pm on Day Two. If you intend to pick up your child, please be prompt. To ensure that the coach can get access to the school site, would you please avoid parking on the road leading up to the school site, which is marked with yellow hazard lines – the main car park will be open.

I trust that this is satisfactory. However, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dennett in the Year 7 Office at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Myers

Head of Lower School