

Year 9 Boreatton Trip 3rd – 5th June 2024

Key Information

Travel Arrangements:

- Students will need to arrive at school through the green gates at normal time and leave their bags in the atrium.
- Students should attend tutor time until 9.10am as usual.
- At the end of tutor time students will make their way to the canteen to be safely registered and boarded onto the coaches to leave by 10am.
- We will stop at the services for a toilet stop only. Students will not be permitted to buy anything at the service station.
- No eating or drinking is going to be allowed on the coach. Students will have time to have something to eat/drink before we leave and will have their packed lunch as soon as we get to the PGL site.
- We will leave the centre at 2.00pm on Wednesday 5th June and are due back at school for approximately 3.45pm. A message will be sent out when we are nearer to school.

Returning to School:

- Please keep the disabled bays clear if possible so that the coaches can drop off here. This is really important to ensure that there is a safe space for students to get off the coaches and find their belongings.
- Students will leave the coach then collect their bags before they are allowed to return to their parents / carers.
- Lost property will be available for collection on Thursday and Friday from the Year 9 office. After Friday anything left will be added to school lost property.

Expensive items

- We are asking that no phones or other electronic items are bought for the weekend. Students don't have time to use them and they can be a distraction during group activities.
- No jewellery should be worn as they could go missing or be broken during activities. All items brought to the residential are the students responsibility. PGL and Arthur Terry are not responsible for replacing lost or damaged items. School insurance will not cover student losses.

Other information

- We will be taking pictures and videos – keep an eye on our Twitter account for any posts.

- We will have the trip phone and will use this to contact any parent/carers where necessary. Please ensure that you have saved a copy of this number: 07557747677
- Any damage to rooms or equipment will have to be met by the student.
- Spending money. Minimal amount for the tuck/gift shop at centre. No more than £20.

What to Pack:

- Bring two bags with you:

- 1) Suitcase/Holdall for clothes, wash bag, towel, plastic bags for washing and wet clothes
- 2) Day bag / rucksack for drinks and a packed lunch plus something to keep you entertained on the coach

- Clothing we suggest:

For the days...

- Layers for warmth
- Waterproof clothing – activities still go ahead in the rain!
- Lots of socks and pants!

For the evenings...

- Remember that it is not a fashion show
- Still need to be warm

For the nights...

- Warm pyjamas and thick socks.
- Sleeping bag and pillow.

- You don't need any specialist clothing (i.e wet suits) as the PGL site has everything that may be needed for the activities that the students will take part in

Suggested items:

<u>Items of Clothing</u>	<u>Footwear</u>	<u>Accessories</u>
Warm pyjamas	One pair of trainers/shoes that will get wet.	<u>Sleeping bag and Pillow – this is essential</u>
Jumpers/fleece – layer up and check the weather forecast!	One pair of trainers/shoes that will be suitable for around the centre	Toiletries and Medication (if appropriate)

	and naturally may get muddy.	
Overcoat, hat and gloves. Waterproof coat.	Perhaps another pair of shoes to travel there and back in.	Personal Towel
Few T-shirts		Spending money (£20)
Joggers/Leggings		Very limited amount of sweets, chocolates etc.
Plenty of pants and socks (some will get wet!)		Non electronic items for any down time students may have. E.g UNO cards, travel board games.

- Please pack with your child – students often don't know what has been packed and where it has been packed in their bags, so it is very useful if they pack with you so that they know what they have.
- Bin bags are essential! There will be wet and dirty clothes and shoes so bin bags will be needed to put them in!
- Other useful items
 - Watch – students will be told meeting times by their instructors and as they won't have their phones to tell the time they will need a watch to ensure that they are on time for their activities. We advise that these are not smart watches as they may get damaged during some of the activities.
 - Notebook and pen– students will be given a list of items that they may need for activities, so a notebook is useful for them to write down what they need and what time they need to meet.
 - Please **DO NOT** bring your iPads.

Emergency Rations:

Although the centre does the absolute best to provide food for everyone... We would still advise students that may be a bit picky or those used to being able to open a cupboard at home to bring a few things of food in their bags!

- Cereal bars
- Some flavoured water

- Few chocolate bars
- Please don't pack too many sweets – imagine the amount of sweets you would like children to turn up to a sleepover at your house with!
- **No nut containing items!**

Medical Equipment:

- If there are any medications needed for the weekend they need handing into Mrs Wilson on Monday morning. She will be stationed at the doors to the canteen ready to collect them.
- They **MUST** be accompanied by a medication form and **MUST** be clearly labelled!
- If students aren't able to self-medicate then **please include instructions for us to be able to safely administer any medication.**
- Epipens – the PGL site insist that **2 epipens** accompany the student if they require one. If your child uses an epipen please ensure that you have 2 that can be bought on the trip.

Rooms

- Students have been assigned a room for the trip, following the requests that they submitted.
- Each room has a bathroom that is to be shared with the people they are sharing the room with.
- **Students are not under any circumstances allowed to enter anyone else's room.**
- Once students have been instructed to go to bed at night, they are not permitted to leave their rooms until breakfast.
- Any damage to the rooms will need to be covered by the student/parent and/or carer.
- Should any students not follow these boundaries, firm sanctions will be applied. This could include a request for parents / carers to collect the student from site.

Keeping in Touch:

- **If you don't hear from us then everything is fine!**
- If possible, we will post updates on X (Twitter) – @arthurterrersch
- Please be mindful that photos will only be posted if we have had permission from parents to do so. Also, signal isn't always brilliant so we may not be able to post updates all the time.
- Please ensure that if you need to get in touch with us regarding anything to do with the trip that is an emergency, you must contact the **Trip phone (07557747677)** via text in the first instance. We will not be closely monitoring our emails – please do not directly email any of the staff on the trip, expecting a response from us in a timely

manner during this time. If you cannot get through to us via the trip phone, please phone the school directly and your query will be triaged as appropriate. Please note, we may be in the middle of activities and sessions when you may be contacting the trip phone. We will respond to you as soon as we are able.

- **The trip phone is only to be used for trip related emergencies, once we have set off from the school site.**

Key things to remember:

- Students will **need a packed lunch for Monday 3rd June** to eat when we arrive at the PGL site.
- Students are asked **NOT** to bring their phones / iPads/ electronic items with them.
- Put **names** in everything the students bring so that we can return them to the rightful owner if necessary.
- Please **DO NOT block the coach or disabled bays** when picking the students up on Wednesday.
- Students will need a **sleeping bag and pillow** as part of their equipment.
- Finally, we are so looking forward to taking your child on this residential trip. Please note that should your child's behaviour not meet the school's expectations; they may lose their place on the trip. We also reserve the right to contact any parents/carers to collect their child early from the PGL site, if their behaviour does not meet the school's or PGL's expectations.

We look forward to seeing you during our information evening on Thursday 9th May 2024, where we will be able to answer any questions that you may have. If you have any further questions or need anything clarifying following this, please contact year9@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk