

Wellacre Academy
February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to announce a PGL watersports trip for your son. The fully insured watersports trip leaves Wellacre Academy on **Monday 3rd August 2020** and will return on **Tuesday 11th August 2020**; travelling by Executive Coach.

The trip is split over 2 areas, the Ardèche and Mimosa. We will spend 3 days canoeing the spectacular Ardèche Gorge; returning to base at the end of each day. After 3 days we will then visit Aqualand Water Park in Cap d'Agde en route to Mimosa, where we will spend 3 days and your child will learn to sail, kayak, climb & abseil.

The Ardèche

A woodland glade beside a converted farmhouse provides shade for the chalets and tents deep in the heart of the Ardèche region. Domaine de Segries watersports centre in France (known as 'Segs') will be our base for the river trip of a lifetime through the spectacular Ardèche Gorge.

Once we are back from the river, there are plenty of adventure activities at the centre to challenge and inspire, plus an open-air swimming pool, football pitch and volleyball court for your child to use. Evening activities include a high ropes course, archery and problem solving. It's a great environment for the students to help and support each other, challenge themselves and achieve great things as a team.

Mimosa

Your son will be staying in the excellent tented village which is located on the amazing sandy beaches of the Mediterranean coast where a thrilling range of watersports awaits them. Your son will learn to sail a catamaran over the gentle waves in the sun; enjoy some beach games with their friends; test their skills on a sit-on kayak - school trips to the Mediterranean don't get much better than this! At Mimosa, the thrilling watersports sessions are led by PGL's professional team of RYA approved Instructors. There's also plenty to discover within the grounds - your child will benefit from the additional land-based adventure activities which are available such as climbing and abseiling.

The water sports trip has been organised by PGL who are ATOL protected and highly regarded as the best schools travel company in the UK. Your son will spend 8 nights full board (breakfast, lunch and tea) in the hotel with 6 days of full instructed water sports activities; with all evening entertainment included. Your son will also receive a free Wellacre water sports t-shirt and hoodie for the trip.

The cost of the trip is £850 per student, which is broken down into:

Initial non-refundable deposit to secure your son's place of £80 due no later than Wednesday 27th March 2019

Second non-refundable deposit of £200 due no later than 16th May 2019

Final payment due no later than 8th May 2020

All payments are to be made using the parentpay system and are non-refundable should all places be filled. We are a cashless school and therefore cannot accept cheques or cash.

The trip is limited to just 42 places; due to the success of previous trips I anticipate it will fill up quickly. To avoid disappoint please pay the initial deposit via Parent Pay by **Wednesday 27th March 2019.**

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Duffy

Teacher of PE and Year 11 Progress Leader