



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 Residentials – July 2021

I would like to update you on the situation regarding the Year 10 Residential visits for w/c 19th July 2021, and to thank you for your patience while we navigate the challenges of a changing Covid landscape.

Bude Residential:

As you know we had planned that our Residentials would go ahead, however despite the positive direction of the Roadmap, when we hope and anticipate that all restrictions will be lifted on June 21st, Adventure International, our Residential Provider at Bude have informed us that they are unable to open in 2021. This unexpected news is extremely disappointing for both parties, as we had worked very hard to ensure a Covid compliant Residential experience for our Year 10s.

However, we don't want Year 10 to miss out on end of year activities and so we have arranged an alternative. This alternative is not a Residential, but a week of day trip activities run by Exmouth Watersports. Exmouth Watersports are able to offer our Year 10s an exciting range of both land and water-based activities at two locations, run by experienced instructors. Activities include Stand-up Paddle boarding, Windsurfing, Giant Inflatable SUP Team Activities, Archery Tag, Team Challenges and Woodcraft. The week will end with Beach Olympics and a BBQ. The students will be able to participate in all the activities with the aim of improving their skills throughout the week.

Although this is an active week, it will be possible to intersperse these pursuits with a few more gentle activities (e.g. an Art and Woodcraft Project that can be displayed in School afterwards, nature walks etc) for those students who prefer that.

We believe that learning and social opportunities like this are a vital part of how we respond to the challenges of Covid, and form an integral part of the renewal plan for Students. We therefore very much hope that all our Year 10 students will wish to take part.

The cost for the **Exmouth Watersports Activity Week** is approximately £200.

Cycling the King Alfred's Way:

The Cycling Residential Trip along the King Alfred's Way is sadly unable to go ahead, however Mr Ruff, Ms Sinden and Mr Bamber will run a Cycling Adventure Week of Day Trips.

Destinations and activities will include a day exploring the Tarka Trail Cycle Route between Barnstaple and Great Torrington, a golf/cycle day at Topsham and Lympstone, a day on the Hatherleigh to Bude Cycle Route including crazy golf, a day on the Exe Estuary Cycle Trail, and a day at North Devon Wakeboarding Centre.

There will be 20 places available, with priority given to those students who had already selected the Cycling Trip. Students will need their own bike which must be in good working order. The cost for the **Cycling Adventure Week** is £85.

Life to the full for everyone.



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Surfing in Cornwall:

Unfortunately, our Surfing in Cornwall Residential cannot go ahead this year. This is because Valley Campsite, who we have stayed at for many years, recently told us that they are unable to host our School in 2021 as they are accommodating a backlog of rescheduled bookings from 2020.

Despite a long, thorough, and creative search for a replacement, our Learning Enrichment Week dates this year are later than normal, and other Caravan Parks are either fully booked with visitors who rescheduled from 2020, or they cannot accommodate School Groups.

We are very disappointed not to be able to offer an alternative, but hope that those students who were going to Cornwall, will want to take part in either the Exmouth Watersports Week or the Cycling Day Trips.

What happens now?

We hope that the students will want to take part in these alternative activities, which will provide an enriching end to such a difficult year.

So please can your child return the attached form by **Friday May 14th**, making their choice. It is really important that all students, regardless of what they have previously chosen, return a completed form. Please help us by responding quickly so we can plan accordingly, and please do check that your child has returned the form.

Your child will receive confirmation of their activity w/c 24th May.

The free in-School Year 10 My World Week will still run as an option, but we do hope that Year 10 students will take this opportunity to enjoy some incredible extended learning experiences outside of the School environment.

Payment:

In June, we hope to be in a more secure position with regard to the roadmap, which as you know is driven by data not dates. Therefore, we anticipate that payment will need to take place w/c June 28th.

Thank you for your understanding and patience while we have been working on this. If you have any queries, please contact school@spexe.org using **Year 10 LEW** as the subject line.

Yours faithfully

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YEAR 10 LEARNING ENRICHMENT WEEK

19th to 23rd July 2021

CHOICES FORM

Student Name:

Tutor Group:

I would like a place for my son/daughter on the following (**please make a first and second choice**), and understand that once a place has been confirmed, payment is to be made w/c June 28th.

If Covid subsequently prevents the trips from going ahead, all money will be refunded. As with all School Trips, if a Student's behaviour prior to the trip/s taking place, indicates that the health and safety of the visit, or the enjoyment of it by other students, may be compromised, we may remove them from the trips, and the return of any payments is dependent upon how much money has been committed on their behalf. We thank you for your support and understanding on this.

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (please print): _____

Please return this form to your Tutor by Friday May 14th

Thank you