



Oldmachar Academy

Activities Week
15th - 19th May
2017



Residential Activities

Oldmachar Academy believes that a residential school trip or home-based activity forms a valuable part of a pupil's overall educational experience. Such trips provide opportunities to develop new skills, develop independence, build teamwork skills, to make new friends, to improve their social and interpersonal skills, work with teachers in a more relaxed atmosphere and experience a new environment and culture.

From Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2017 all S1 – S3 pupils are being offered the opportunity to participate in an activity either within the UK or abroad.

This booklet provides general information on each of the residential activities on offer and gives brief details about the destination, means of transport, accommodation and group leader. The costs given are approximate as the final cost often depends on the exact number of pupils participating. Also, it is quite possible, for example, that fuel surcharges may be imposed by coach operators and travel companies. The first deposit for each trip will be **non-refundable**.

A selection of home based day activities will be available at a later date for those pupils who do not wish to attend a residential activity. These could include a selection from Lochter, Snow Centre, Bake-Off, Craft work, Edinburgh, Glasgow and others.

We would like to remind pupils that we regard it as a privilege for them to participate in exciting and interesting activities like these. We see it as a reward for their commitment and enthusiasm in school. However pupils whose behaviour regularly falls below school expectations will be withdrawn from their activity. **If pupils withdraw, or are withdrawn by the school, from trips they will lose their deposit and any additional monies paid.**

Unfortunately, there is no system for allocating pupils to trips which is considered fair to all involved. We cannot avoid disappointment to some pupils but will do our best to allocate as many pupils as possible to their first choice of trip. With regret, we will be unable to give reasons as to why pupils have not been given a place on their trip of choice. Please also remember that should any activity be greatly under-subscribed we may be forced to cancel that activity. **Pupils who wish to choose the same activity as in 2016 should be aware that they will only be given a space if that activity is undersubscribed.**

Pupils can select one or more activities if they are interested in more than one activity. Please note - If you choose more than one activity and are given one of your choices you must accept it. If you withdraw you will be unable to select another residential trip. **Only select the trips you definitely want to attend.** All trips you select must not be ranked as they will be treated equally.

Pupils should select their activity/activities and return their completed form to their register teacher no later than Friday 16th September. Any late forms will only be considered after all "on time" forms are dealt with. There is no first come-first served. All forms received by the due date will be treated equally. The activities committee will then allocate pupils to trips. Consideration has to be made to a balance of S1, S2 and S3 as well as the male/female divide and the combination of rooms offered to us. Once this allocation has been made, late forms will then be considered. Any pupil who is unsuccessful in getting a place on their trip of choice will be informed and given an opportunity to select another trip **from what is still available.**

We are aware that pupils like to take part in these activities with their friends. If you wish to be with a particular person or persons then you must staple your choice forms together and we will allocate you as a pair or group. A maximum of 4 forms can be stapled together. If you attach more than 4 forms together we will not allocate any of you.

Please be aware that initial deposits will be required as soon as you have been allocated to a trip.

For all residential trips the initial deposit is £150.

Partial financial assistance may be available. Please contact the school office for further information.

Once the allocation is complete pupils will not be able to change their minds. If they choose to withdraw they will **not** be permitted to participate in any other residential trip.

Summary

Choose one activity and hand in form on time to tutor teacher. No later than Friday 16th September.

No more than 4 forms to be stapled together.

Make sure form is signed by a parent/carer.

Deposits will be required as soon as you have been allocated an activity.

Football Trip

Brief Description: Visit Old Trafford and The Etihad Stadium for a behind the scenes tour. Compete in an inter-school World Cup 5-aside tournament, play challenge matches against local children, train at Stoke City FC and watch Manchester United v Crystal Palace live. Also spend a day at Alton Towers.

Inclusive Dates: Monday 15th May – Sunday 21st May 2017 (7 days/6 nights)

Tour Company Operator: Trans World Soccer

Transport: Coach

Accommodation: Hotel full board

Number of Pupils: 40

Approximate Cost: £680

Krakow, Poland

Brief Description:	A cultural and historical trip to the beautiful city of Krakow in Poland. Trip includes a guided walking tour of the famous old city, bowling, IMAX cinema and a visit to a water park. The main event will be a full day excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the most notorious of the Nazi concentration camps used in World War II.
Inclusive Dates:	Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May 2017
Tour Company Operator:	IBT
Transport:	Flights from Scottish airport to Krakow and coach transfers
Accommodation:	Hotel – half board
Number of Pupils:	40
Other Requirements:	valid passport and EHIC card
Approximate Cost:	£650 (as flight seats are not released yet this could change)

Bay of Naples, Italy

Brief Description:	Located on Italy's west coast and home to Mount Vesuvius, mainland Europe's only active volcano. We will visit Vesuvius, Pompeii and Herculaneum. A day trip to Rome may also be possible. We will try our hands at ice-creaming making, pizza making and pasta making and see how they are made in factory tours.
Inclusive Dates:	Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May 2017
Tour Company Operator:	NST
Transport:	Flights from a Scottish airport and coach transfers
Accommodation:	hotel, half board
Number of Pupils:	40
Other Requirements:	valid passport, EHIC card
Approximate Cost:	£670 (as flight seats are not released yet this could change)

WW1 Battlefields

Brief Description:	Four days touring WW1 Battlefields and Memorials around Ypres Salient, Belgium and The Somme in France. A day at theme park. Canal tour of Bruges and a visit to a famous Belgian Chocolate Factory on the final day.
Inclusive Dates:	Saturday 13 May – Saturday 20 May 2017 (8 days, 7 nights)
Tour Company Operator:	IBT
Transport:	Luxury coach travel throughout, return overnight ferry Hull – Zeebrugge with dinner and breakfast on board. Four sharing a cabin.
Accommodation:	Hotels – full board
Number of Pupils:	40
Other Requirements:	Group passport and EHIC card
Approximate Cost:	£650

Spain, Barcelona and Catalonia

Brief Description:	Trip includes a day visit to Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain. Ride the Cable Car, Visit Parc Guell, FC Barcelona museum and Nou Camp, shopping on Las Ramblas. Experience white knuckle rides at Port Aventura theme park. A visit to Font Major Caves and full day at Aquapolis theme park.
Inclusive Dates:	Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May 2017
Tour Company Operator:	NST
Transport:	Coach and flights from Scottish airport.
Accommodation:	Hotel – half board
Number of Pupils:	40
Other Requirements:	Valid passport and EHIC card
Approximate Cost:	£670 (as flight seats are not released yet this could change)

Galloway Activity Centre, Scotland

Brief Description:	A multi-activity centre located on beautiful Loch Ken in the Galloway Hills. Activities include sailing, stand up paddle boarding, windsurfing, kayaking, laser tag, archery, mountain biking and much more.
Inclusive Dates:	Monday 15 – Friday 19 May 2017
Tour Company Operator:	Galloway Activity Centre
Transport:	Coach
Accommodation:	Activity Centre Lodges – full board
Number of Pupils:	40
Other Requirements:	Confidence in water and able to swim 50m
Approximate Cost:	£290

London

Brief Description:	From Tower Bridge to Buckingham Palace, the Zoo and Camden Market, London Dungeon to the Thrills of Thorpe Park. The London Experience is a jam packed week full of culture, fun and education and to top it all off you will see 3 West End Musical shows.
Inclusive Dates:	Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May 2017
Tour Company Operator:	NST
Transport:	Coach
Accommodation:	Hotel, bed and breakfast. Other meals at Hard Rock Café, Fire and Stone, Pizza Hut and Planet Hollywood
Number of Pupils:	40
Approximate Cost:	£540

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S1 – S3 Activities Week - Choice Form

Monday 15th – Friday 19th May 2017

Pupils NameRegister Class

Please put a cross in the boxes of the trips you wish to attend. You can put a cross in one box or several boxes. Only cross the boxes of the trips you are **definitely** willing to attend. If you are given a trip which you have a cross against and then change your mind you will not be able to choose another residential trip.

Spain, Barcelona and Catalonia		Galloway Activity Centre, Scotland	
Bay of Naples, Italy		Football Trip	
London		WW1 Battlefields	
Krakow, Poland			

I am aware that a deposit will be due immediately pupils are informed of their allocation. **I am aware that this initial deposit is non-refundable.** I understand that if a pupil withdraws from the activity they will not be permitted to make a second choice and will lose the deposit and any further payments made unless we are able to fill the space. I am also aware that if a pupils' behaviour in school falls below school expectations the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil, at any time up until the departure of the trip, from their chosen activity and they will lose the deposit plus any further payments made.

Parent/Carer signature.....

By signing this form you agree to the activity choice made by the above named pupil and the conditions detailed above.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR TUTOR TEACHER BY FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER.