

June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 Residential – Great Potheridge House, Okehampton

As part of the process of settling in to life at Honiton Community College and to provide students and tutors with an opportunity to socialise and develop new skills outside of the College setting we run a short residential activity for all our year seven students each year. Please find below details of this year's residential.

When

Tuesday 11th October – Wednesday 12th October – Group 1

Thursday 13th October – Friday 14th October – Group 2

Where

The centre we are going to use is the Great Potheridge House, Merton, Okehampton, an AALA registered and very well respected centre.

Activities

Activities will vary depending on the weather. They should include; High Ropes, Raft Building and Team Building/Problem Solving activities. Activities will all be run by the qualified centre staff with Honiton Community College staff in support.

Transport

The groups will travel to and from the centre by coach leaving at 9am and returning by 3pm the following day.

Equipment

Students will clearly need some of their own kit; attached is a recommended kit list. Any specialist kit is provided by the centre.

Food

Students MUST bring a packed lunch for the first day; all other food for the trip will be provided within the cost of the trip. Food will include breakfast and an evening meal plus lunch for the second day. If students wish to bring some small snacks with them they can do so but these should be suitable items that will not perish; no refrigeration will be available for students own food.

Medical Details

Please ensure that the attached Medical / Contact details sheet is completed and returned to the Student Office by date Friday 9th September 2016. This **must be returned** before we can take your child on this trip. It also enables us to take the best possible care of your child. Please ensure that you contact us to update us of any changes that may occur in advance of the trip.

Payment

The cost of the residential is £68.00. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be funded for this activity. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the cost or payment process please do get in touch with myself or with the Finance Office. Payments will be due as follows:

Payment Schedule	
Due by 31 st July	£34.00
Due by 31 st August	£34.00

All payments should be made via ParentPay. You will be given your Parentpay Registration details at Parents' Evening on Tuesday 28th June 2016. If you require any further information regarding payments please contact the College Finance Office.

Behaviour

The aim of this activity is to allow all students to gain a valuable adventure experience. In order to do this it is vital that all students behave in an appropriate manner and follow all instructions given. Any student behaving in a manner considered by staff to be anti-social or a danger to themselves or others will immediately be sent home. This may also affect their participation in future trips run by the College.

Emergency Contact

Part of the residential experience is to be away from home, sometimes for the first time without parents. To help students gain their independence we ask that **students do not take a mobile phone**. In the event of an emergency please contact the school during school hours. In the event of an out of hours emergency please use the emergency contact below. Please ensure that it is **only used in an emergency**.

Mr G Smith 07540722701

If you have any queries please email Mrs Pidgeon, Student Wellbeing Co-ordination at spidgeon@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk or ring the College on 01404 42283.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 7

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KIT CHECKLIST

A small suitcase or holdall or a day sack will normally be sufficient.

It is advisable to clearly label all items and avoid packing any expensive luxury items which may get lost or damaged.

Item	Tick as packed
1 pair trainers/pumps (wet activities)	
1 pair footwear – general use - (dry activities)	
1 pair slippers (not novelty type) or dry clean trainers - indoor use	
Bin liner for wet clothes etc	
Drinks bottle	
Swimming costume/trunks	
Hat/gloves (cold weather)	
Tee-shirt	
Sweatshirt/jumper/fleece top	
Tracksuit bottoms	
Trousers (not jeans)	
Warm coat	
Waterproof jacket and trousers	
Medication (must be clearly labelled and given to staff)	
Towels - hand and bath	
Toiletries - shower gel Toothpaste/toothbrush	
Nightwear – pyjamas/nightdress/dressing gown	
Underwear	
Socks	

Do **NOT** bring:-

Aerosols

Mobile phones

Game Boys

iPods

Or anything of value especially sentimental

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Parental Consent Form for Off- Site Activities

Please complete and return this form. The form gives your consent for your child to participate in the activity listed below.

Activity	Year 7 Residential – Great Potheridge House, Okehampton				
Dates	Tuesday 11th October – Wednesday 12th October (Group 1) Thursday 13th October – Friday 14th October (Group 2)				
Leader	Mrs Hill				
Personal Information					
Name of Student					
Date of Birth		Tutor Group			
Medical Information					
Any relevant information concerning your child's health requiring attention but which does not prevent him or her taking Part should be noted below. Does your child suffer from any of the following			Yes	No	
Suffer from allergies					
Take medication and if so what is the dosage?					
Experience Travel Sickness?					
Have diabetes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asthma?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Epilepsy?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your child experienced any relevant recent illness?					
Does your child have any special dietary requirements?					
My child is in receipt of free school meals and requires a packed lunch to be provided.					
<i>Please add any additional Comments</i>					
Swimming Ability (where applicable)			Yes	No	
Is your child able to Swim 50 metres					
Is your child water confident					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like my son/daughter to take part in the above mentioned activity and ,having read the information provided, agree for him/her taking part in any or all of the activity described I consent to any emergency medical treatment required by my child during the course of the activity (including administration of paracetamol and plasters) I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider him / her to participate I confirm that adequate arrangements have been made for the my child to be present and collected to meet the agreed travel arrangements 					
Signature of Parent/Carer			Date		
Name (Please Print)					
Address					
Tel No. Home		Tel. No. Work		Mobile No,	
Name of Students Family Doctor			Contact No Of Doctor		

Please return Parental Consent form to the Student Office.