

Our Ref: JWS/KON

September 2023



**YEAR 7 – 10 PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Activities Week: Residential Opportunities 2024**

We are thrilled to announce that our school will be hosting an Activities Week from the 15th to the 19th of July 2024. During this special week, we will be deviating from our traditional curriculum timetable. Instead, we will provide enrichment opportunities for all our students, allowing them to showcase their abilities in alignment with our school's core values.

Activities Week is designed to offer our students a unique and transformative experience. It represents an opportunity for them to break away from the usual academic routine and engage in a variety of activities that foster personal growth, teamwork, creativity, and fun. We firmly believe that these experiences will not only help our students thrive but also create cherished memories that they will carry with them throughout their lives.

Over the coming term, we will introduce and provide more details about the exciting opportunities and activities that will be available during Activities Week. These activities will be tailored to suit various interests and age groups, ensuring that every student has the chance to participate in something they are passionate about.

**Firstly, we would like to offer four residential opportunities during Activities Week. Students who do NOT wish to go on a residential do not need to respond to this letter as other opportunities will be made available in due course.** These residential will provide a unique and immersive experience for your child, enabling them to learn and grow in a different environment while building lasting friendships with their peers. The details for each trip are as follows:

<b>Destination/ Activity</b>	<b>Dates/ No of nights</b>	<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> deposit needed by</b>
*Newquay Surfing Residential	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 24	7, 8, 9, 10	£450 (including all meals, travel and activities)	63	October 2023
Northern France - Seaside Languages and Cultures Residential	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 24	8, 9, 10	£600	44	October 2023
Germany - The River Rhine, Languages and Cultures Residential	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 24	9, 10	£650	44	October 2023
Ingestre Hall - Arts trip (This trip will be invite only)	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 24	7, 8, 9	£400	60	TBC

*\*Students who wish to take part in the surfing residential will need to be able to swim confidently and unaided for 50 metres*



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Due to the overwhelming interest and limited capacity for the residential trips, each student will have the opportunity to select their preferences by indicating a first and second choice. This ensures that we can accommodate as many students as possible and align them with their preferred experiences.

We anticipate a high demand for these incredible opportunities and while we will make every effort to accommodate everyone's first choice, it may not always be possible. However, we want to assure you that this is the beginning of a new tradition at Dormston School. We plan to run these trips annually, giving every student the chance to participate in the future if they do not secure their preferred choice this year.

To ensure fairness and transparency, in cases where a trip becomes oversubscribed, we will select students through a ballot process. We are committed to making this process as equitable as possible. **As Ingestre Hall places will be through invites, this option will NOT be available to pick at this stage.** Students who wish to go on this trip will await further details from Mr Richardson. Please note that if you do successfully gain a place on one of the 3 other trips students will not be able to change this place to Ingestre Hall, if they receive an invite to this at a later stage. Additionally, for the 2024 Activities Week, Year 10 students will be given priority when selecting their preferred residential opportunity. We recognise that this is their final Active Learning Week opportunity and we want to ensure that they have the opportunity to make the most of this experience before moving on to their next academic journey.

**If you wish for your child to take part in one of these trips then please complete the questions on this link by Monday 25 September.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/trvfKmqANZ>

Yours sincerely



**Mr Wilkes**  
**Head of Severn House**