

HOLBROOK ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Activities Week 2023

I am writing to provide you with exciting information about this year's Activities Week which takes place the week beginning 10th July. It will involve all students in Years 7-10.

We have planned a busy week, combining on-site activities and a variety of day trips. For example, we are excited to take participating year groups to Pleasurewood Hills and Colchester Zoo. On the days in the Academy they will spend time doing fun learning activities and also take part in Sports Day. Our Year 10 students will have the opportunity to spend a day at Suffolk One to experience what it is like to be a Year 12. Year 9 and 10 will also have an inspirational guest speaker, Paul Hannaford, leading sessions on keeping safe in our communities. Other sessions include theme based days including emotional and physical wellbeing led with external expert partners. All activities will take part on the week commencing 10th July with the exception of Year 7 who will go to Pleasurewood Hills on Monday 17th July.

We have tried to construct a programme for each year group which combines learning, challenge and fun and we think that there is something for everyone this year. We have also tried to limit the cost to families and to put together a package which we hope will be affordable and very good value for money. The cost comes from the hire of coaches for day trips and entry to Pleasurewood Hills and Colchester Zoo. More details will follow but please be aware that students will need to be collected from the Academy after the Pleasurewood Hills trip as it will return late afternoon. The Colchester Zoo trip will return in time for usual transport home.

The cost for each student is:

Year 7 and Year 8 : £52.00

Year 9 : £56.00

Year 10 : £58.00

Please pay via our School Gateway. Payment can be made from 4th April of either the full amount or by instalments with full and final payment due by Friday 23rd June 2023. Holbrook Academy will subsidise children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant and the figure shown on the Gateway for your child is the amount that is due.

We regret that it will not be possible for students to take part in day trips unless payment has been received. Due to transport arrangements and costs, it will also not be possible for students to pick and choose between the day trips on offer. They will need to attend all or none of the activities. We regret that no refunds will be possible as activities and transport have been paid for in advance. Students who do not wish to take part in the off-site activities, will be supervised on site and work will be set for them.

Participation in Activities Week is dependent upon good behaviour in the weeks leading up to Monday 10th July. We reserve the right to withdraw a student from trips before or during Activities Week if their behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable. In this event, no refund will be given.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the main office.

Yours sincerely,

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