

20th September 2018

Dear parent/carer

We are pleased to announce that a new enrichment trip is available to Year 10 later this academic year. We have been inspired to organise a week's visit to the Scottish Island of Iona and Mull.

Our plan for the week is to travel by coach to Oban, cross by ferry to the Isle of Mull and stay at the Youth Hostel in Tobermory. Mull and Iona are famed for their wild landscapes, beautiful forests and magnificent sea and freshwater lochs. We aim to spend an exciting week learning about the culture and customs of the island as well as engaging in activities that take us through the landscape. Our current plans (subject to change with the Scottish weather!) are likely to include journeys on mountain bike and on foot, a seashore study, a trip to see the famous sea eagles in their natural environment, a visit to a local museum and artisan cheesemaker and a visit to the religious sites on Iona. All of the adventurous activities on the trip will be led by suitably qualified school staff who also hold first aid certification.

The trip will take place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March 2019. Students will require a packed lunch and snacks for the first day, but then all other meals will be included. We have booked the Youth Hostel on a sole occupancy basis, and once there, we will be organising the students into small duty groups to manage our stay. Part of the aim of the trip is for the students to engage in the preparation of food during the week (and this also includes washing up!). The cost of the trip will be £280, based on 20 students attending. This includes all coach travel, ferry crossings, insurance, food and accommodation, visits and any equipment hire. Students are welcome to take spending money for extra snacks or drinks, or to purchase a small present etc. As the trip is taking place at the end of the winter and into spring it is expected that students will all have full waterproofs, walking boots and warm clothing – not to mention warm hats and gloves!

We would love to be able to take the whole year group (should all of them want to go!), but sadly the youth hostel only has so many beds. So, we only have 20 student places and we will allocate them on a 'out of the hat' basis. If you would like your child to have a place on the trip please return the slip to the school office and pay £50 by Parentpay as a non-returnable deposit. [If your child does not get a place then you will have the £50 returned.] Please see the full terms and conditions of attending Educational Visits on the school's website. Please pay and return the form by Monday 1st October 2018. Once we have allocated places we will then distribute consent and medical forms, provide a full kit list and give dates for part and full payment.

If you have any questions about the trip please do not hesitate to call either of us for further information.

Yours sincerely

Miss C. Neves

Mr R. Ralph

I would like _____ to be considered for the Isle of Mull trip for 18th-22nd March 2019. I understand that places are allocated on a 'name out of hat' basis and that I will pay a non-returnable deposit of £50 via Parentpay by Monday 1st October 2018. [This will be refunded if a place is not allocated.]

Name of parent/carer: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____

