

21st May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: ISLES OF SCILLY TRIP 2019

I would like to invite you to attend a parents evening for the Isles of Scilly Extended Learning Week trip on Monday 10th June 2019 in the Sixth Form Common Room at 17:45 pm.

The trip will be leaving from the bus bay at 4:30 am on Saturday 13th July to enable us to catch the 09:00 Scillonion III from Penzance. It is imperative we leave on time as the next ferry isn't until the Sunday!

Can you please therefore arrive in the bus bay no later than 04:15 am to enable bags to be packed on the bus before departure at 4:30 am.

If your child suffers from travel sickness please ensure they have been given the appropriate medication before the trip begins as well as providing them with precautions for the return journey. We will not be able to provide your child with travel sickness tablets.

Once we reach St Mary's the students will have a walk to the campsite where they will be based for the week. Pelistry (Sea View) Emergency contact is Mr Matt Davey on [07522 917020](tel:07522917020). Please text me with the name of your child on this number from the mobile phone I can contact you on before the trip so I can store your details.

The islands have very limited mobile phone reception and there will be nowhere for students to charge their phones so I advise students to leave their mobile phones at home. There will be the opportunity to call home from a payphone. The campsite will have nowhere to lock valuables away so ipads and MP3 players should also be left at home. If these items are brought to the campsite the students do so at their own risk.

We have various activities planned for the week to include:

Boat trips to nearby Tresco Island and St Martins, possibly St Agnes.

Watersport activities, including Kayaking and paddle boarding.

Horse riding.

Beach activities.

Exploring St Mary's Island.

Shopping trip into St Mary's town centre.

The campsite has limited facilities. There are flushing toilets, but there are no shower facilities so students will need to be prepared to wash in a specially provided wash tent using washing bowls. The girls may want to bring a bikini top for this.

All students will be expected to participate in the smooth running of the campsite and this will involve them making their own breakfast and packed lunch as well as helping to prepare the evening meal and washing up both their own and communal utensils.

A list of equipment needed for the week is provided. If there are any pieces of kit that you do not have and cannot borrow please contact me at school as we may be able to help you out.

Equipment:

All of the items below should be packed in a soft bag if possible for ease of packing.

Underwear (enough for a week)

T shirts

Trousers (not all jeans as horse riding is uncomfortable in jeans)

Warm jumper

Fleece coat (it may get cold)

Shorts

Swimming costume/shorts

Old trainers (that you don't mind getting wet) or wet suit boots

Solid trainers or walking boots for walking around the island

A shoe preferably with a heel (for horse riding)

Sleeping bag (in a labelled bin liner to keep dry)

Pillow (in a labelled bin liner to keep dry)

Towel

Toiletries (remembering that there are no showers)

Waterproof jacket (hopefully you won't need this)

Small day backpack

Water bottle (for drinks during the day)

Plastic plate, bowl and cup.

Knife, fork and spoon

Tea towel (this will be used in the kitchen so may get very greasy)

Sunscreen + sunglasses + sun hat

Torch and spare batteries

Spending money (a maximum of £50 per student)

Any medication you may need labelled with your name and the dose you need to take at what time. This can be looked after by a member of staff.

If these items are named, it will be easier to return them to their rightful owner.

For your information, we will be packing up camp on Friday 19th July departing St Marys on the Scillonion III at 4.30 pm, with a return to the bus bay at approximately 9 pm with some very tired students.

I look forward to seeing you on the 10th June at 6pm.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Davey
Trip Organiser