



29 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 8 – Borlase Isle Of Wight Residential Activity Week 1-5 July 2024

In Year 8, an exciting residential expedition is organised for all pupils. Students will hear more about this opportunity during an assembly. The purpose of the residential trip is to support the development of vital skills such as resilience, leadership, teamwork and organisation. During the week, students will be taking part in team building activities along with water based activities such as kayaking and different types of sailing.

The residential will be based at the UKSA headquarters in Cowes. UKSA is a national maritime charity harnessing the power of the sea to transform the lives of thousands of young people each year. They are the largest RYA training centre in the world, providing schools and group activity programmes, full time education courses and professional career training in yachting and watersports. They are a leading Maritime Coastguard professional training centre and run all of our activities from their all-inclusive residential facility based in Cowes, the home of sailing.

Students will be staying in bunk room style accommodation. The accommodation has washrooms and shower facilities. During the week, all meals will be provided for students. All students, including non-swimmers, can take part in the water activities after doing a water confidence session.

Please follow [this link](#) to their website where you can browse everything they offer.

The cost will be between £500-550 for 5 days, including coach transport from SWBGS, ferries to and from the Isle of Wight and all food except lunch on the first day. It also includes all activities and highly trained staff to supervise them. Final cost will depend on numbers and a letter with finalised cost will be sent after the closing date.

If you wish your child to take part in the UKSA residential activity week, please log onto www.parentpay.com using your username and password to pay a **non-refundable** deposit of £150 by Friday 13 October 2023. If you need a copy of your activation details please email parentpay@swbgs.com. The balance will be due Friday 1 March 2024. Cancellations made before 12 April 2024 will forfeit 75% of the total fee and if a cancellation is made after 11 April, all fees will be forfeited.

In line with the school's charging policy, parents are reminded that school charity funds exist to assist families whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their son or daughter from participating. Application must be made in writing to the Business Manager, outlining the reasons why support is required by 13 October 2023.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Stevens
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