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EXPERIENCE WEEK

Shoreham Academy Experience Week Tuesday 3rd July - Friday 6th July 2018

Dear parents/ carers,

Shoreham Academy is pleased to announce its second year of Experience week from Tuesday 3rd July-Friday 6th July 2018 (Monday 2nd July is PSHCE day). Students will be able to choose from a wide variety of enrichment activities that take place beyond the confines of the classroom. One of the excellent features is the variety of opportunities that students are given during the annual Experience Week. This gives students the opportunity to embark on a journey. A journey to explore new places or a journey that explores hidden talents and skills. Above all, it is a chance to learn about themselves and achieve their pledges which will assist future applications in further education, university and for jobs. An exciting week where the curriculum is enriched by providing students with activities that cannot normally take place in a normal school day.

Experience Week is an integral part of your son's/daughter's educational experience at school, it is **NOT OPTIONAL**. It is a special week offering huge opportunities to extend their curriculum experience and all students will be expected to participate in activities during the week. Failure to attend school during the week will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and truancy.

Please be aware if your child is going on the Bushcraft or Cologne - they **DO NOT** have to choose any activities. Students attending the Cologne trip will participate in the Talk Talk Deutschland activity on Tuesday. All year 8's (with the exception of the pupils who are on a residential trip or if they have signed up to a 4 day activity) are expected to take part in the Charity Walk to Bramber on Wednesday 4th July - therefore they **DO NOT** need to choose an activity to take part in on that day. Only pupils who have a medical condition will be exempt from participating in the walk. Please encourage your child to get sponsors that will go towards the school's charity. A sponsor sheet will be handed out later and available on FireFly.

Please read through the list of activities on offer available on FireFly under "Experience Week" and fill in the option form attached. Be aware that there are over 750 pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 so arranging this will not be easy. We will allocate places on activities as fairly as possible but it is important that you return the option sheet on **Tuesday 20th March to the hall from 7.30am** with second and third choice activities. **Remember that it is possible that your second or third choice may be needed if activities are overbooked. So choose this with as much care as your first choice.**

Please bear the following points in mind:

- Experiences will only run if minimum numbers are achieved. Please select a 2nd and 3rd choice in case your first choice is full, cancelled or overbooked.
- You will receive a letter confirming your child's allocation of activities as soon as these have been processed. These will also be available on FireFly.
- All In-School programmes will run from 8.30am to 2.45pm with breaks and lunches being at normal school time unless otherwise stated.

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Clothing
Pupils can wear casual clothes, but extreme styles and jewellery will **NOT** be allowed as per school policy. Further information about appropriate clothing for the various activities will be provided by the trip leader.

Student Behaviour
Pupils are expected to show exemplary behaviour. **Unacceptable behaviour will result in pupils being withdrawn from activities.** In such cases **a refund will not be possible,** as bookings are paid in advance.

Kind Regards

Mr G. Weedon *Mr. K Felton*

Mr Gary Weedon and Mr Kieran Felton

N.B. The school can offer some financial support to students who are in receipt of free school meals and want to participate in particular experiences. Please see the option form for more details.

Things to consider:
Before completing booking form please take a few moments to read these tips:

- Talk to your friends to find out what activity they will be doing
- Only pick an activity that you think you can do. It is not easy to change your choice after the deadline so you may be disappointed. Talk to the activity leader if you have any questions
- Return your form on Tuesday 20th March from 7.30 am
- Think about pledges you can achieve towards your Shoreham Academy experience

What do I do now?
Ok, you've had a good chat with your friends and you've read through the activity list with someone at home and you've found a really good activity that you would like to do. (Just one?? They're all brilliant!)
Fill out the booking form at the back really neatly. Don't forget to put your name and mentor group on it and **get parents / carers to sign it!! Forms will not be accepted without a signature from your parent / carer as this is confirms permission for trips.** Bring it to the Hall on Tuesday 20th March from 7.30am.

Then what happens?
Your name will be added to the list for your chosen activity. You will then be given a confirmation letter to take home.

What happens if the activity I want to do is full?
On the booking form you will be asked to name three choices. We will aim to allocate you the activity that you have named as your first choice but, as we have to put a limit on the number of places in each activity, this cannot be guaranteed. All activities will have a reserve list of about 5 names. You may be added to the reserve list and it may be possible to offer you a place later on.

Do I have to bring in any money with my booking form?
No. Please do not attempt to pay any money until you definitely know that you have a place.

I've been allocated a place, how do I pay the deposit and make other payments?
All payments should be made using ParentPay.