

12 October 2023



Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Year 7 Residential Trip to Beam House, North Devon – July 2024

As part of our Year 7 Enrichment Programme, we are proposing to offer Year 7 students a chance to attend a residential trip at Beam House in North Devon. We have managed to secure 200 places at this popular centre so that there will be space for the vast majority of Year 7. The plan is for E band to depart on Monday 1 July and return on Wednesday 3 July and F band to depart on Wednesday 3 July and return on Friday 5 July. There will be more information to follow regarding groupings later on in the year.

E band	Yellow, Orange, White & Indigo	Monday 1 July - Wednesday 3 July 2024
F band	Pink, Green, Purple & Blue	Wednesday 3 July - Friday 5 July 2024

The purpose of the trip is for students to develop confidence, self-esteem, communication and a whole host of other skills that foster positive relationships and improve both physical and mental well-being. We have an action packed three days in store for our students with a wide range of activities on offer. From surfing and kayaking in the Atlantic to abseiling and climbing on the beautiful Devon coastline, there will be something for everyone. When finished for the day, students will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of evening activities including karaoke, 5 a-side football and a disco.

The cost of this trip has been heavily subsidised by the College with the total price of the trip being £110. This includes, travel, accommodation, all meals and all activities for the three days.

To confirm your child's place, **a deposit of £30 is required by 1 December 2023.** The balance will then be paid in instalments as shown in the table below. **If you would prefer, you can pay the full amount of £110.** This trip will be published on Parent Pay **on Monday 16 October at 12 noon and will automatically close once all 200 spaces have been filled.**

Payment Schedule Details

	Amount	Due Date
Deposit (or payment in full)	£30 (or £110)	1 December 2023
Instalment 1	£20	26 January 2024
Instalment 2	£20	1 March 2024
Instalment 3	£20	15 April 2024
Instalment 4	£20	17 May 2024

Please note, that if we do not receive enough funds to cover the cost of the trip, it will not take place. Monies paid will only be refunded if the trip does not go ahead.

The College would prefer parents to pay online through ParentPay at www.parentpay.com. If you have not yet activated your Parent Pay account, please do so. If you no longer have the log in details or are having any issues logging on, please email enquiries@thespirescollege.com in the first instance and they will support you and/or send details on how to set up your account.

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We will hold an information evening closer to the date to discuss the trip in more detail; at this point we will answer any queries you may have and provide a kit list for the trip. Please note that all specialist kit will be provided and there will be no requirement to provide anything beyond clothing, towels and wash kit.

We have taken the decision to not allow students to bring mobile phones on the trip, we will have arrangements in place to allow students to contact their parents should it be required and will discuss this further at the information evening.

You will be required to give consent to your child taking part in this trip. You can give consent on Parent Pay when you pay the deposit.

If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact me at: jwillmore@thespirescollege.com

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon" on the top line and "willmore" on the bottom line.

Mr J Willmore
Trip Leader