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Wednesday 20th March 2024

Dear Y5 Parents & Carers,

Re. Y6 Residential Visit March 2025

One of the many important milestones your child will experience during their time at Connaught, is going on the Y6 Residential or the Alternative Experience. As these trips need to be booked and planned well in advance, we start the process by reaching out to you to gauge interest when your child is still in Year 5.

After two years of very successful residential trips, we have again booked PGL Osmington Bay for our Y6 Residential for your child. We have made a provisional booking for **Monday 24th – Friday 28th March 2025**. The Alternative Experience will happen in the same week.

To talk more about what both the Residential involves, and to help you decide whether you want your child to attend, we would like to invite you to our **Residential Information Evening on Thursday 18th April 2024 at 6:30pm.** This will enable you to get a flavour of what the experiences will be like and ask any questions you may have.

The Residential visit is a fantastic opportunity and the children all take part in many adventurous and exciting activities. Their confidence and self-esteem are boosted, as they challenge themselves to take part in different experiences. Staying away from home is another important milestone and the children will be supported to overcome any nerves and develop their independence. The children come away having had a wonderful experience, making memories which they will treasure for years to come.

We firmly believe that the Residential should be open to all of our children. If you have any concerns about your child being able to cope with the demands of the trip or if there are other barriers (e.g. financial concerns) that are preventing your from signing them up, please let us know. We are more than willing to talk through any concerns and make reasonable adjustments or provide support to allow your child to attend. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, and you would require financial support for the trip, please contact the school office for more information.

We strongly encourage you all to consider sending your child on the Residential, however, if you still feel that the Residential is not something that your child would be comfortable with, then there will be an Alternative Experience provided, incorporating many exciting day trips and activities. The Alternative Experience will happen in the same week as the Residential, and the feedback from parents and children has always been positive.

If you would like more information about the Residential you can visit their website: PGL Osmington Bay Adventure nr Dorset | PGL Adventures

You can also view video of our trip to Osmington Bay last year to see what the experience was like for our current Year 6 cohort. You can find the videos on the school website: Connaught Junior School - Year 6 Residential October 2023

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We anticipate that the total cost for the Residential visit, including transport, accommodation, food, bedding and expert tuition, will be in the region of £475-£485 (depending on the number of children participating). A payment schedule will be sent to all children who are confirmed on the trip.

If you feel your child would like to go on the Residential, please log in to your ParentPay account and complete the permissions form and make a non-refundable deposit of £60. The deposit needs to be paid by 30th April.

There will also be a smaller charge for the Alternative Experience. We will be able to let you know details of this closer to the time and once the activities and transport have been booked.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please attend the Residential Information Evening on Thursday 18th April 2024 or email the school office who can direct you to the right person to answer your query.

Kind regards,

Miss Whiting
Deputy Headteacher