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COO/CondoVerVis/LH
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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to offer your daughter the opportunity to attend a weekend residential netball tournament to CondoVer Hall in Shropshire from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2019. This will be the seventh year in which we have run this successful and enjoyable trip.

It is well known that residential courses organised by schools are becoming increasingly invaluable as part of the National Curriculum. The Government has stated the beneficial effects of learning outside the classroom and the impact on a child's progress that such courses provide. Learning outside the classroom offers new and exciting challenges, children will learn to work together as a team, develop independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way. The value of giving children the opportunity to try new activities cannot be underestimated.

At CondoVer Hall, fully trained and qualified instructors, with the support of school staff, provide instruction in a full programme of netball training, matches and other activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment. We will be departing for the trip from Longsands Academy at 2.00 pm on Friday, 17 May 2019.

The total cost of the visit to CondoVer Hall is £172 and includes: full board accommodation, transport from school to and from the centre, all instruction and activities, equipment and safety equipment, evening activities, achievement certificates, comprehensive insurance. Hoodies/Dresses, if required, will cost in the region of £30 per item and an option to purchase (once details have been finalised) and will be on ParentPay at a later date.

ParentPay will open for payment from 9.00 am on Thursday, 18 October 2018. If your daughter would like a place on this trip, please pay the deposit of £72 via ParentPay by 1 November 2018, after which time **places will be allocated within year groups on a first come, first served basis.** You may, of course, prefer to pay the sum of £172 in full rather than making payments in the instalments indicated below. Should you have problems accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37. Please note: when completing your purchase on ParentPay, you will need to confirm an emergency telephone contact number for the duration of the trip along with details of any medical conditions your daughter has.

Payment Schedule:

Deposit	£72	1st November 2018
First instalment	£50	1st December 2018
Second instalment	£50	1st January 2018

Once the deposit is paid, any cancellations will be subject to costs imposed by our tour operator. Please be aware that you will be expected to pay the whole amount for the trip, whether or not your child changes their mind about attending and that by paying a deposit of £72 to reserve a place on this trip, you are indicating acceptance of your obligation to pay the remaining balance once the trip is confirmed. If you should have any queries prior to paying the deposit, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

We reserve the right to not take any pupil whose behaviour is considered in any way antisocial or unsafe. The Academy is required to undertake a risk assessment for all trips and visits. We cannot allow any student to take part in an activity unless any risk involved is assessed as being low.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this purchase. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs E Simpson (esimpson@longsands.cambs.sch.uk). If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit to reserve a place on the trip and then contact Mrs Simpson immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

To prepare for the tournament, students will be expected to attend a series of training sessions in advance of the trip and we will be holding a Parents' Meeting to discuss final arrangements – the timing of which will be confirmed – which will give you the opportunity to find out more details and to have any queries answered prior to the trip. I do hope that you will be able to attend.

For further information about the trip, the activities and the centre; please check the website www.condoverhall.com and you will be able to see for yourself how worthwhile and enjoyable these visits are!

Yours faithfully



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