

Our Ref: 098 15

23rd June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Years 8 to 10 Rewards Activities – Thursday 9th July 2015 - This will be a non-uniform day for all students.

On the advice of the Local Authority we have taken the decision to cancel the rewards trip to Alton Towers, and as a result of this, we have been trying to arrange a number of alternative activities for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. After suggestions from students we now plan to take students on the following activities:

Year 10 only

- A 5 a side football tournament at Goals Soccer Centre, Speke. All Goals centres have been awarded the FA Small Sided Football Accreditation status which defines industry standards, good practices and encourages the ongoing development of small sided football. We will be travelling to and from the complex by bus. **Cost - £6.00**

Year 8 and 9 only

- The Otterspool Adventure Centre for a morning focussed on building confidence and team work. Boasting a 52 element high ropes course, on site café and much, much more! In order to take part in the trip students must be at least 1.4m tall and be able to reach up 1.8m. We will be walking to and from the centre, which is located behind the school on Otterspool Promenade. (Roughly 15 minutes away via Otterspool Park) **Cost - £25.00**

Years 8, 9 and 10

- The Manor 9 hole golf course, in Lee Park, Liverpool. The Manor is a par 3, 9-hole course measuring 1,154 yards, and it incorporates many world-famous holes ranging from the 'Postage Stamp' 8th at Royal Troon to the 'Golden Bell' 12th at Augusta National. The Manor is the 9th hole which has been designed to replicate the 6th hole at the Riviera Country Club in California, which is famous for having a bunker in the middle of the green. Students will need to bring a putter and a couple of drivers or irons. **Cost - £7.00**

Years 8 – 10

- A local Bike Ride to Albert Dock (no road cycling involved, approx. 40 min each way). This ride will give students the chance to see some of Liverpool's famous historical sites whilst gaining some gentle exercise. Students must have their own bicycle and helmet. **Cost £0.00**

All the trips will take place on the morning of Thursday 9th July. Students will arrive back at school in time for lunch and will then be able to either compete in or watch the Sports Day events during the afternoon, finishing at around 3.15pm. Please note that this is a later finishing time than normal on a Thursday. We will be travelling to and from the activities by various means and will be leaving school after registration at around 9.15am. For students not taking part in any of these activities there will be a number of free alternative activities organised in school including:

- An 'in house' film club (3 x 1 hour sessions)
- Chess competition
- Music - Samba drum workshops (3 x 1 hour)
- Inter Form Basket Ball competition (year 8 period 1, year 9 period 2 and year 10 period 3)
- Computer Gaming (3 x 1 hour)
- Art Workshops (3 x 1 hour)

In order to take part in the trip students must have fulfilled the usual criteria throughout the school year by showing that they have had a positive behavioural record and have supported the ethos of learning within the classroom. Students who have not achieved this may not be allowed to take part.

I should be grateful if you would make a voluntary contribution for cost of the trip (see above). If you would like your son to attend this trip, please return the reply slip below, together with the appropriate cash or cheque (made payable to **St Margaret's C E Academy**) in a named, sealed envelope. This is a voluntary contribution, but if we do not receive sufficient such contributions the trip will not be able to proceed. In line with a recent change to our Charging Policy, pupils for whom we receive Pupil Premium funding (e.g. those entitled to Free School Meals) will **not** be required to make a voluntary contribution for any these activities.

Parents or carers experiencing financial difficulties can contact school, in confidence, to discuss the matter with the relevant Year Head.

I hope you will consider this excellent opportunity and anticipate your response.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Brierley
Principal

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Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son to take part in the trip to: (tick only one)

- 5 aside at Goals – Y10 only. Cost £6.00
- The Otterspool Adventure Centre – Y8 and Y9 only. Cost £25.00
- The Manor 9 hole golf course. Y8, 9 and 10 Cost £7.00
- A local Bike Ride to Albert Dock. Y8, 9 and 10. No Charge
- My son will be taking part in the 'on site' activities. (Activities to be selected at a later date.)

Taking place on 9th July (am only) and enclose a voluntary contribution to cover the cost.

Signed: _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____