



15th January 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian

YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO CONWAY

A major feature of life and study here at Bridgewater is our annual visit to the Conway Centre on Anglesey for year 7 pupils.

This year we are pleased to inform you that the residential study week is to take place between Monday 21st May and Friday 25th May. Year 7 Appleton Band will go on Monday 21st May and return on Wednesday 23rd May. Stockton Band will go on Wednesday 23rd May and return on Friday 25th May. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for pupils to study and live with friends and staff in a secure environment away from the traditional school setting. The Conway Centre is owned and run by Cheshire Education Authority. It is a purpose built residential secondary school and occupies a splendid position overlooking the Menai Strait. It has excellent facilities for teaching, working and recreation. Sleeping accommodation includes some single rooms, a few larger rooms for 2 or 3 pupils but with the majority of pupils being accommodated in dormitories for 8.

The opportunity for pupils to experience this rather special week of work and community life is rare and well worth the basic transport, living and visiting costs involved.

The total cost of the trip is **£156** per pupil. This includes £96 for the fixed accommodation costs, which includes 2 nights' accommodation at the Conway Centre and breakfast, lunch and evening meal each day, as well as a further voluntary contribution of £60 to cover the cost of delivery of the enriched and extra-curricular timetable including an outdoor activity on the Menai Strait (either raft building, canoeing or kayaking), a trip to Beaumaris Gaol, Courthouse and Castle and the transport to and from the Conway Centre. The voluntary payment of £60 when added to the accommodation charge of £96 means that £156 will cover the cost of your child's place on this trip but if insufficient contributions are received, the trip may not take place. For those parents who are in receipt of free school meals or who are entitled to certain state benefits as detailed below, the accommodation costs can be waived with the voluntary contribution of £60 due by the final instalment date, Monday 26th March 2018. Please note that all payments must be received before departure.

To help us to plan the week properly we need to know as soon as possible how many pupils will be attending. Could you please return the enclosed form with a deposit of £56, where appropriate, by **Monday 29th January 2018** with the **remainder of £100** to be paid in 2 instalments by **Monday 26th March** at the latest. Payment can be made either by cheque or online through **SCOPAY.com**. Please make cheques payable to Bridgewater High School, with pupil's name and form on the back. To assist with the processing of payments we request, where possible, payments are made on the following days:-



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Principal

Tim Long BA (Oxon)
MA Ed, P.G.C.E, N.P.Q.H

Headteacher Lower School

Tracey Hatton
BA Hons, P.G.C.E, N.P.Q.H

Headteacher Upper School

Keiron Powell
BA Hons, QTS

Date	Amount	Instalment
Monday 29 th January	£56.00	Initial Deposit
Monday 26 th February	£50.00	Second Instalment
Monday 26 th March	£50.00	Final Instalment

On these days a payment desk will be operating before School and at lunchtime by the lower school office for pupils to hand in payments. If you wish to send in payments at other times please hand them into the main school office in a clearly labelled envelope.

A payment card will be issued to every pupil for payments to be recorded. The office staff will sign and record payments as they are received.

We must respectfully remind parents that in essence this is a 'normal' school week and pupils not attending will need to be educated at school in the usual fashion.

An information evening for parents will be held before our departure date. Further correspondence will be sent out in due course. We look forward to seeing you then.

Yours faithfully

M Kueres

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Mr M Kueres
Year 7 Pastoral Achievement Manager

Mrs . Morrison
Year 7 Pastoral Achievement Leader

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Please return to the main school office, Conway 2018

Pupil's Name:- _____

Form:7 _____

I/We acknowledge receipt of Conway 2018 letter and enclose a deposit of £56.00.

I/We acknowledge receipt of Conway 2018 letter and being in receipt of the following benefit seek a waiver:

Name and number of state benefit: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

Parents/Guardians are entitled to the Waiver if they are in receipt of the following benefits: (Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit).