



22 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 Activities Day Trip – Thorpe Park

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to take part in the Thorpe Park trip on Monday 18 July 2022. The group will be led by me, Miss Frappell, accompanied by the Year 9 form tutors. Places on the trip will cost £30.00 and will be randomly allocated by computer to ensure fairness; you do not need to make a payment at this stage. If your child is successful in gaining a place you will be informed when payment is required. It is important to note that should the payment deadline be missed your child's place on the trip may be in jeopardy. Unsuccessful students will be placed on a waiting list.

Coaches will depart from St Martin's at 9.00am and we expect to return to school at approximately 4.30pm. There will be no school buses running at this time; alternative arrangements will need to be made for those students who normally use this service to get home. Please do not park in the pink bays as this will delay the coaches from being able to enter the school.

Lunch will **not** be provided. Students should either bring a packed lunch or purchase their lunch at one of the food outlets in the park. Students eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch; please let Miss Whitfield know if you require this. Students do not have to wear school uniform, but will be expected to dress appropriately with no short skirts, shorts or crop tops.

There will be times when students are allowed free time. At these times they may be permitted to wander more freely, in small groups of no less than four, around easily defined areas throughout the theme park, indicated by a map which will be given to the individual students. Students will not be allowed to wander alone or outside the defined area or leave the group without the explicit permission of staff. It is important that parents realise that individual students will not be under the direct supervision of staff at all times during the visit although staff will remain within the designated areas so they are available should difficulties arise. An emergency number will be issued to the group to be used if they get separated at any time.

If you are interested in your son or daughter participating, please complete and return the attached consent form, with full medical information and dietary requirements, to the finance office by **Friday 29 April**.

For students not wishing to attend this trip, lessons will be timetabled within normal school hours.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the year office on 01277 238346 or via email bwhitfield@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss A Frappell
Head of Year 9

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