



Building Inspiring Caring

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To: Parents/Guardians of Year 8  
CC: Bursar  
September 2017

As you are aware the Year 8 residential to Ardnabannon OEC takes place at the end of September. The students will be leaving by bus from Blackwater first thing in the morning on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> returning for 2:45pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> well in time for buses.

The cost for this residential is £85 which your child should now give to their Form Tutor. All students should wear their full PE uniform and other clothes and toiletries should be packed into one bag.

Ardnabannon provides duvets, sheets and pillows as well as all food required for the three days. In addition to normal clothes and trainers for wearing about the Centre, students will need to bring the following equipment for taking part in outdoor activities.

- Several layers of warm clothing. Fleece tops and tracksuit bottoms are ideal. Denims should not be worn during outdoor activities. Make sure there are two changes of clothes as clothing is likely to get wet.
- Several T-shirts and a pair of shorts
- Swimming costume
- Couple of pairs of thick socks to wear with mountain boots
- Couple of towels and toilet requisites
- Bin liner to take home wet clothes
- Old trainers that are likely to get wet
- Hat and gloves (if it is very cold)
- Medication as required eg asthma inhaler (if your consent form indicates asthma an inhaler must be sent with the student). Medication should be labelled with instructions and given to the Form Tutor.

Additional items which you may like to bring could include

- Torch
- Suncream (if it is to be sunny)

Please remember outdoor activities can be hard on clothes so the older the clothes the better! A full range of specialist outdoor equipment such as waterproofs and wetsuits will be provided by the Outdoor Centre.

**Valuable items should not be brought to the Residential.**

Due to the physical and wet nature of the activities the students will not be able to carry their mobile phones during the day. However, if students do decide to bring a mobile phone a one hour period after tea will be made available to make calls home if they wish.

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