



2 July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Expression of Interest - Rockley Watersports Trip 2022 – Le Lac, France**

[Expression of interest form](#) – Complete by midday Friday 9 July 2021

Following two previously successful watersports trips we are delighted to announce that we are booking to go again.

Mr Burningham is the watersports trip organiser with many years of experience of residential trips including running the watersports trip the last 2 times. The trip will be organised through Rockley Watersports <https://www.rockley.org>. This trip will include coach and ferry travel, all food during the stay and many different watersports including pico sailing, catamaran sailing, stand up paddle boarding and kayaking, whilst also offering a day trip to Archachon, a nearby seaside town and Dune De Pyla (biggest sand dune in Europe). We will be staying at a campsite called Le Lac on the shores of Lac Biscarrosse. Lac Biscarrosse is a fresh water lake fringed by sandy beaches in the Landes region of south-west France, famous for its pine forests and spectacular Atlantic coastline, stretching from Arcachon in the north, to Biarritz in the south.

An information evening will be held in February 2022 and details of this will be sent closer to the time.

#### **General Details**

*Dates:* Sunday 29 May 2022 – Saturday 4 June 2022

*Trip:* This will be a trip for just MECE but could end up sharing a coach with another school.

*Travel:* The journey will take in the region of 18 hours and is by coach and ferry.

*Accommodation:* Le Lac on the shores of Lac Biscarrosse. Lac Biscarrosse is a fresh water lake fringed by sandy beaches in the Landes region of south-west France, famous for its pine forests and spectacular Atlantic coastline, stretching from Arcachon in the north, to Biarritz in the south.

*Watersports:* 6 full days of watersports and activities including pico sailing, catamaran sailing, stand up paddle boarding and kayaking.

*Day trip:* One day the students will be taken to Dune de Pyla (largest sand dune in Europe) and Archachon a seaside town.

*Evening:* A range of activities likely to include quiz, egg drop, team games, beach games and the challenge

*Cost:* All students: £827

Students will need their own valid passport for this trip.

The watersports trip is not a holiday - students must be both physically fit and emotionally resilient. Details of any pre-existing illness/injury may have to be declared to the insurer ahead of the trip and an additional cost may be incurred.

During this trip the accompanying staff will be available at all times but there will be periods of remote supervision when students will be expected to be in groups of no fewer than three. Remote supervision is when the group is monitored by staff from a distance but they are not directly with the group

### **Allocation of places:**

This watersports trip has been very popular in the past. There are 40 student places available and we cannot guarantee a place for everyone who applies. **Please complete the expression of interest form [here](#) if you would like your student to be considered for a place.** In the event of oversubscription, a place on the watersports trip will be allocated on the basis of a) meeting the deadline, b) behaviour record, c) attitude to learning and attendance. If these criteria do not discriminate, names will be drawn at random.

**The deposit of £50 will be payable by 3pm on Monday 19 July (more details will follow).**  
**Please note: The deposit is non-refundable unless the trip needs to be withdrawn.**

### **Breakdown of Cost**

Return executive coach transfer from school to resort	
Return channel crossing via Ferry	
6 nights full board accommodation	
Many different watersports with qualified instructors	
All equipment for each session including buoyancy aid.	£827
Evening entertainment	
Day trip to Dune De Pyla and Archachon	
Insurance for the whole trip	

**Total**

**£827**

### **Payment scheme**

**\*\*Payments will be requested only once your son/daughter has been allocated a place on the trip\*\***

If you are in receipt of Income Support, or if this trip might cause financial difficulty, please contact the Finance Officer at [a.blackall@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:a.blackall@maidenerleghtrust.org) as soon as possible, as assistance cannot be arranged retrospectively.

If you require a hard copy of this letter, this can be acquired by your child at the school reception.

If you have any enquiries about the proposed trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email [s.burningham@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:s.burningham@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Burningham', written over a faint horizontal line.

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