



Hazelwick School

An Academy

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Dear Parent/carer

SIXTH FORM HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE EXETER UNIVERSITY 1st JULY – 5th JULY

On Monday 1st July we shall be leaving school at 9.30am. Your son or daughter should arrive at school at 8.45am **WITH** their luggage, which will be loaded directly into the luggage van by a member of staff. On this first day students should make their own arrangements for lunch. We will make a short stop at the M3 services at Fleet and a longer visit to Stonehenge en route – a little money and a packed lunch for the journey, therefore, are recommended. We expect to arrive at Exeter at approximately 4.00pm.

Programme: An overview of the week's activities is outlined below. A personalised programme for students has been provided before they started study leave. Another copy will be provided on the Monday morning.

Students will stay in the university's Halls of Residence. Your son/daughter will need to bring a swimming costume and towel if they would like to make use of the swimming pool. Students will be charged £3 per person, per swim. If your son/daughter would like to use the University Gym, this is £5.00 per person per day, or £10 for the week.

Students will not need much spending money but as there will be opportunities to buy soft drinks and snacks throughout the week – service stations, university snack bars, Crealy Park, etc – you may want to allow for these.

Emergency Contact: We have two dedicated Sixth Form mobile phone. The numbers are 07542 826 006 and 07852 030 454. The University's telephone number in Exeter at Lopes Hall is 01392 725 624. Should you need to contact your son or daughter, urgent messages can be conveyed via the 24 hour Security Duty Manager on 01392 263999, Exeter University, EX4 4QR. Alternatively the school may be able to help during school hours (01293 403344).

Baggage: Stowage space in the luggage van is limited, so can I please encourage you to urge your son or daughter not to bring most of his or her wardrobe and to restrict items to **one main bag or suitcase**, plus a small bag for their packed lunch and for use when out walking, etc. during the day. Students should, however, realise the need to bring clothing suitable for various occasions. I would expect them to be appropriately dressed for visits within the university, though clearly casual clothing will be more appropriate on walks, etc.

Tuesday & Thursday - Outdoor Pursuits

Instruction for outdoor pursuits is provided by trained and certified instructors recognised by the Adventure Activities Licensing Association (AALA). Their qualifications include:

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| Coastal Scrambling | } | Adventure Activities Qualified Instructors |
| Axe Throwing | | |
| Archery Tag | | |
| Gorge Scrambling | | |

The organisations are registered with Mountain Leader Training England and all instructors have First Aid Certificates.

For outdoor pursuits, specialist clothing and safety equipment are provided. Students have already been given a clothing list that is relevant to the activity they are doing; the same list is attached to this letter. A spare towel and a change of clothing are also strongly recommended for activities involving water! A waterproof jacket is sensible for most activities and essential for the Dartmoor walk, along with comfortable trainers/boots. Bin liners are also useful for wet, dirty clothing.

Please note that students will not be permitted to take towels from the university's Halls of Residence on these activities.

Other day-to-day arrangements: Obviously, punctuality at all events is of paramount importance if such a visit is to run smoothly. Our programme is a busy one and students will be expected to arrive at venues on time. Can I suggest that those who find it difficult to wake up in the morning bring an alarm clock! I shall also expect all noise to cease by 11.00pm. Regulations for all school trips state that students are not allowed to smoke, take drugs or drink alcohol at any time. We have accepted responsibility for the good conduct and wellbeing of all students during this trip and we expect them to be able to enjoy themselves without smoking, taking drugs or drinking alcohol. This rule will be enforced most strictly and I do not expect to be let down over this matter by any student.

Return Journey: We shall leave Exeter on Friday 5th July, stopping twice on our return journey and returning by 2.30pm approximately. On this day a packed lunch is not provided, but there will be opportunities to buy food and drinks en route.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Hillier
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Sixth Form

Specific kit requirements

Archery Tag/Axe Throwing:

Good footwear and appropriate clothing for the conditions

Coasteering:

Swimsuit/trunks. Trainers (no wetsuit boots please), shorts to wear over your wetsuit and a towel. (A wetsuit will be provided at the venue).

Gorge Scrambling:

Swimsuit/trunks. Trainers (no wetsuit boots please), shorts to wear over your wetsuit and a towel. (A wetsuit will be provided at the venue).

Walk on Dartmoor

Sensible footwear (strong trainers or walking boots), waterproof coat

Students should also bring sun cream and a hat with them. They will be spending most of the week outdoors and it will hopefully be sunny!