



VICTORIA COLLEGE



ACTIVITY WEEK 2018

Monday 16th July –
Friday 20th July

***Please return the reply form by:
Friday 17th November 2017***



Dear Parent,

Following the success of previous years ventures we are again running an 'Activity Programme' in the last week of the Summer Term 2018. This will be scheduled for Monday 16th July to Friday 20th July, inclusive. All pupils are expected to be involved in our activities week, during the dates above.

We are distributing the programme at this early stage to give you sufficient time to discuss your choices, whilst also giving us the time to plan the various activities. With this in mind, it should be noted that the cost of off-Island trips is an approximation at this stage as it is dependent on the final numbers travelling. I would ask you to read the booklet carefully with your son and **return the form by post or in person to the reception at College for the attention of Mr Fidrmuc by Friday 17th November.**

In the event of an activity being oversubscribed, preference will usually be given to those who returned their forms by the stated date. Consequently your form will be date stamped when it is handed in and it will be in your interest to return the forms ASAP.

In 2017 the vast majority of pupils got their first choice of activity, however occasionally second choices were allocated. Please take your time in making all of your activity selections, as it may be necessary to allocate your second or third choice.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Fidrmuc who is organising the programme.

Yours sincerely,

Alun D Watkins,
Headmaster.



1. Off-Island Trips

CCF Summer Camps

Staff i/c Navy - Lt Taylor
Staff i/c Army - Capt Coe
Staff i/c RAF - Flt Lt Faria
Staff i/c Bisley - WO Fidrmuc

Cost: £150 (est.)

Max Number: N/A

Years 9-13

All CCF Cadets are expected to attend the CCF Summer Camp appropriate to their chosen Section in Years 9, 10 & 12 and additional places may also be available for Years 11 & 13.

NOTE: Royal Navy Section Cadets in Year 12 can elect to do the Le Mourier packages.

All CCF Sections will run Camps and Courses to the UK and Cadets will be accommodated at a UK MOD establishment.

The Camps will include a mix of military and adventurous training along with detailed service specific training.

Those selected for Bisley are expected to remain at Bisley for the Imperial Meeting, returning to Jersey on Monday 30th July.

French Activity Trip – Guerlédan (Staff i/c Mrs Roussel)

Cost £425 (est.)

Max Number: 27

Years 7-9

A five day trip to an activity centre in Brittany. The programme includes canoe-kayaking, mountain biking, archery, climbing, abseiling and orienteering. We will have our own accommodation at the 'Base de Guerledan' which is situated on the edge of the largest lake in Brittany, ensuring that no precious moments are lost in transport – all activities start right from the centre. The price is inclusive of all travel, accommodation, food, activities and insurance.

Golf in Brittany, France (Staff i/c Mr Crill)

Cost £700 (est.)

Max Number: 22

Years 7-10

Students play between 18-27 holes on the five full days at four different courses in Brittany. You will stay at a hotel at Chateau Des Ormes (www.chateaudesormes.com), the course played on the first & last day of the trip. Players must be of a good enough standard to play 27 holes per day. If a player does not have an official handicap he should be capable of playing an 18-hole course (e.g. at Les Mielles) in 110 strokes or better.



Historical Poland: Warsaw, Krakow and Auschwitz (Staff i/c Dr. Roberts)

Cost £1150 (est.)

Max Number : 30

Years 9-12

To enhance the students appreciation of cultural and historical heritage: The Holocaust and the implications of WWII.

The itinerary includes : Full accommodation ; Guided walking city sightseeing tour of Old Town of Krakow, including entrance to St Mary's Church; Schindler's List tour, including visits to the Old Jewish Quarter, ghetto area, Remuh Synagogue and Old Cemetery; Schindler's Factory guided tour; Galicja Jewish Museum guided tour; Holocaust Survivor meeting (to be confirmed); Full day study tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum (guide included)

Paris & Euro Disney (Staff i/c Mr Batchford)

Cost £625 (est.)

Max Number: 40

Years 8-10

Two Full Days Exploring Paris.

Paris is renowned for its vibrant cafés, its graceful public buildings and stunning modern architecture. Sights of interest on our tour will be: the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Stade De France, Montparnasse Tower, France Miniature, Versailles Palace, plus a relaxing cruise on the River Seine.

Two Full Days in Disneyland – Both Parks.

Discover the magic behind the scenes at Walt Disney Studios Park and let your imagination explore the fascinating world of cinema, animation and television. You will revel in the excitement of Disney Village with non-stop entertainment. There really is something for everyone at Disneyland Resort Paris from the thrill of high speed rollercoasters, to a relaxing walk around Lake Disney. We will also be able to skip the lines with our fast pass tickets!

'Whatever your age, the magic is closer than you think'



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Trip to the UK

Cost £950 (est.)

Max Number: 13

Years: 8-9

The details for the 2018 STEM trip to the UK have yet to be finalised but will be broadly similar to the 2017 trip.

In 2017 the group took part in the following; watched the F1 Race at Silverstone, Ten Pin Bowling, Factory Visits (Coca-Cola and Jaguar), Thorp Park and Other Museums and Attractions (Farnborough Air Sciences Trust, Harry Potter Studios, The British Motor Museum, The National Museum of Computing and Bletchley Park).

Planning for this trip will not commence until after October half-term.



Geography Research Trip to Iceland (Staff i/c Mrs Palfreyman)

Please be aware this trip has already been advertised to the relevant students and is now full.





2.

On-Island Activities (5 Days)

Beach Soccer

Maximum Number : 40

Years: 7-12

Cost: £130

Born on the beaches of Brazil and now here in Jersey, Beach Soccer is considered to be the conventional game's fun kid brother. The game is played on soft sand using official FIFA regulation full size goals and bespoke Beach Soccer equipment. Head Coach & Director Will Partington is an ex-England Beach Soccer International whilst his Club career saw him play with Flamengo and Botofogo in Rio, Brazil. The value and opportunity to learn the game under his guidance will be one of immense pleasure capturing all the flair and excitement that surrounds Beach Soccer! Our Beach Pitch is specifically assembled for you to enjoy and will be ready for sessions in front of The Old Station, Cafe in St Aubin's Bay! - See you on the sand!

Creepy Valley Activity Package

Maximum Number : 32

Years: 7-12

Cost £262.50

5 day land and sea adventure activities. Activities will include the following:

Archery, Orienteering, Splat-Master, Tower Climbing and Abseiling, Assault Course, Teamwork Challenges, Zip Wire, King Swing, Aerial Trekking & Powerfan, Off-Site Water Sports (provided by Absolute Adventures – (examples include Coasteering, Surfing, Kayaking, SUP, etc).

Golf at Les Mielles (Staff i/c Mr Bloor)

Maximum Number: 20

Years: 7-12

Cost: £120 tbc

This is targeted at boys who have played golf before and will be based at Les Mielles. This option is not suitable for beginners but for those ranging from an intermediate (28 handicap or less) to an advanced level. On Monday and Tuesday we have some practice time on the range and putting green, play 9 holes and have a lesson with a golf professional. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we play 18 holes of golf each day.



Jersey Adventures

Maximum Number : 16 per group

Year: 7 & 8

Cost: £180

Jersey Adventures is Jersey's longest established outdoor pursuits company and has a 100% safety record. It has been part of Victoria College's Activity Week programme now for 25 years and has offered students in Year 7 and 8 a variety of well-planned and organised activities which have proven to help develop self-esteem and character. These include rock climbing, abseiling, coasteering, kayaking, Stand Up Paddle boarding, boogie boarding, bush-craft, bunker tours, RIB tours, paintball and land sailing. All activities are led by highly qualified professionals with the Health and Safety of both students and instructors of paramount importance. The emphasis is always on enjoyment of these pursuits but in a safe and controlled manner where students work at their own ability levels and comfort zones, yet challenging enough to enhance their development. The unique delivery of activities also raises awareness of the environment and promotes respect for the living world.

Whilst the programme is set out for the week, there are always contingency plans should the weather prove to be inclement on any particular day. Students will travel to each activity by minibus, meeting at The Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre each morning.

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Land and Sea Package with Wild Adventures (Staff i/c Miss Matthews)

Maximum Number : 30

Years: 7-12

Cost £185

5 days of land and sea adventure activities. Activities will include the following:

Sea Kayaking, Abseiling, Paddle-Boarding, Rock Climbing, Seashore Safari, Boogie Boarding, Caving, Raft Race, Coasteering, Bushcraft, Archery, Cycle Tour and Orienteering



Les Ormes Activity Package

Maximum Number : 24

Years: 7-12

Cost £199

Les Ormes 5 day adventure really does cover a huge range of sports and adventures. An example of the week is below :

Monday : am : Inflatable Obstacle Course
 pm : Battle zone archery / cricket
Tuesday : am : Introduction to Kayaking
 pm : Paddle Boarding
Wednesday : Coasteering all day
Thursday : am : lazer combat
 pm: Tennis / Football
Friday : am : chosen activity / possible rib trip

Other Activities will be used, cricket, badminton, beach football and more.

Scuba Diving (Staff i/c Miss Humpries)

1) Try-Dive and Water Activities Package

Maximum number: 15

Years: 7-12

Cost: £180

5 day activity package with Bouley Bay Dive Centre. Activities will include two day try-dive in pool, a sea dive, snorkelling and a power boat trip to go snorkelling at Les Ecrehou's. This is an ideal and cost-effective taster to Scuba diving whilst also getting the chance to participate in some other water activities.

2) PADI Open Water Diving Course

Maximum number: 25

Years: 9 & 10

Cost: £300

5 day PADI Open Water course at Bouley Bay Dive Centre. After completion, the certification will allow you to dive independently of a dive professional, but always with a buddy, to a maximum depth of 18mts. The course consists of 5 academic sessions and 5 dives (1 confined water session in Langford pool and 4 open water dives at Bouley Bay).

Whilst in the water there will be a maximum student to instructor ratio of 5 to 1. There is also a Rescue Diver in the water with each group at all times, which gives the confidence and extra security to students, knowing that all safety elements are in place. Students learn to dive at their own pace and level, ensuring that they gain their certification the activity week with competence and safety. All instructors will have many years' experience in teaching diving and enjoying the best resources in Jersey waters.



Sea and Beach Activity Package with Absolute Adventures

Maximum Number : 24

Years: 7-12

Cost £210

5 days of sea-based adventure activities. Activities will include the following :

Kayaking, Coasteering, SUPing, Banana Rides, Sofa Rides, RIB Trips, Raft Building, Blokarting, RIB, Coasteering, Surfing

STEM 'Make-It' Activity Workshop (Staff i/c Mr Akers & Mr Smith)

Maximum number: 14

Years: 7-12

Cost: £ various options

Students will have the opportunity to work with staff in the VCJ workshops to complete a practical project of their choice. Ranging from self-built Radio Controlled cars, drones and boats to skateboards or full size rowing boats and more. Costs will be based on project choice but student will have the opportunity to make their dream project!

Surfing (Staff i/c Miss Videt)

Maximum number: 32

Years: 8-10

Cost: £170

5 days at the Jersey Surf School. The cost covers comprehensive insurance, surf tuition, beach safety and surf rescue. Surfboard and wet suit are provided. All abilities catered for. Please note pupils will need money for all food & drink.

College Activities

Maximum number: Unlimited

Years: 7-12

Cost: Free

5 days of sports-based activities at Victoria College led by teachers. Activities in 2017 included; Squash, Table-Tennis, Badminton, Football, Petanque, Fencing and Board games.

Supervised Self-Study

Maximum number: Unlimited

Years: All

Cost: Free

The library and all its resources will be available for the week and your son could elect to spend the week doing additional study.



3.

Partial/Non Availability

This programme is only available to pupils who cannot attend all five days

If your son is not available for the full five days of Activities Week permission must first be sought from the Headmaster via the Attendance Officer.

Requests for absence must be emailed to the Attendance Officer (attendance@vcj.sch.ie) who will then process the request on your behalf and respond to you.

If your son is available to attend some of Activities Week then there are three options:

1. He attends one of the 5-day Activities (no discount/refund can be given for the lost days).
 2. He takes part in the free College Activities programme on the days he is available
 3. He attends College when he is available for supervised self-study.
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Date received:

(For Office Use Only)

Please print, complete and return to reception at
College **by Friday 17th November 2017**

Reply Form

Notes:

- Year 9, 10 and 12 Cadets in the CCF will be expected to attend CCF activities.

Name : Year and House :

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

3rd Choice:

Partial / Non-Availability for Activities Week

- A formal absence request must be submitted to the Headmaster via the Attendance Officer for approval.

My son **will not** be available for Activities Week on the following days:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY