



The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College

4th May 2017

Our ref: CLA/TBA/ Ardèche Trip 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

At Avon Valley we encourage students to develop their social skills and broaden their horizons - both in and out of the classroom. We are therefore delighted to offer an amazing opportunity for your child to take part in a new adventure to France in 2018.

I am organising an activity trip through PGL to the Ardèche area, in the south of France, from Sunday 8th July to Sunday 15th July 2018. The main highlight of this trip will be a 19-mile 2 day descent of the Ardèche river. We will canoe for 2 days and camp overnight under the stars, in a bivouac. Other activities will include: a visit to the beautiful city of Avignon, a visit to the famous "Pont du Gard" - an ancient Roman aqueduct, which is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site - as well as a visit to a Haribo sweet factory. During the week in France, we will be based in a PGL centre and students will take part in various activities such as kayaking, raft building or archery. This trip is a unique experience for students to discover a different environment and culture, to learn a new skill (and get a qualification in canoeing), and live in a group community for a few days developing their social skills.

The trip is open to all current students in Years 7, 8 and 10 and costs £680, broken down into 7 instalments, please see below. Please note that students entitled to the Pupil Premium can use this allowance to pay for part of the trip (owing to sufficient funds remaining).

Please also note that The Avon Valley School cannot refund any monies except in exceptional mitigating circumstances.

By Wednesday 17 th May 2017	£100 (initial deposit, non-refundable)
By Monday 3 rd July 2017	£100
By Monday 4 th September 2017	£100
By Friday 20 th October 2017	£100
By Monday 4 th December 2017	£100
By Friday 2 nd February 2018	£100
By Friday 2 nd March 2018	£80

The price includes:

- Full board accommodation
- Door-to-door transport and use of executive coach throughout the stay
- All activity instruction, supervision and use of specialist equipment
- A dedicated PGL Group Leader who will look after the group for the entire stay
- Varied evening entertainment programme
- Extensive travel insurance cover
- British Canoeing Paddlepower (start) qualification
- Overnight stay in a local bivouac
- Collective passport (for British students ONLY)

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To ensure optimum enjoyment from this trip, **it is essential that students are used to doing physical activities**, and they also need to have a real sense of adventure and fun. Please note that students will **ONLY** be considered for the trip if they have good attendance and behaviour. The Headteacher and I reserve the right to withdraw your child at any time if their performance in school does not match the requirements needed, to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip for all involved. **In such circumstances, money paid would be forfeited.**

Places are limited to 44 students and if you decide you would like your child to take part in this amazing opportunity then I require a non-refundable deposit of £100 payable via the School Gateway **only** by Wednesday 17th May to secure a place.

This trip will only be visible on the School Gateway from Thursday 11th May. If you have difficulty registering, please send your details by email immediately to admin@avonvalleyschool.org with 'Query Schoolcomms' in the subject line or contact the school's admin team on 01788 542355, to allow us to update our records prior to the trip going live on the Gateway on Thursday.

If the Gateway tells you that the trip is full, please send the reply slip below to me and I will add your child to my waiting list, as it may happen that a student drops out in the next few weeks or months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by e-mail labreize.c@welearn365.com

Yours sincerely

Carole Labreize
Achievement Leader – Apollo House

THE AVON VALLEY SCHOOL REPLY SLIP – French trip to the Ardèche 2018
Please return to Miss Labreize in the Apollo Office by Wednesday 17th May.

Student's name: _____

Tutor group: _____

I would like my child to take part in the trip the Ardèche/France, but the School Gateway says the trip is full. Please add my child to your waiting list.

Signed: _____

Date: _____