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Dear Parents/Carers

Key Stage 4 l'Ardèche Adventure Trip - Saturday 25th July 2026 - Saturday 01st August 2026

I am pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity being provided for students currently in Year 9 going into Year 10 to experience a challenging water sports and adventure holiday in the south of France. The trip is organised with Acorn Adventure, a leading school adventure tour firm, who are fully bonded with ABTA, ATOL and the School and Group Travel Association. Acorn Adventure has also been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge for its Ardèche Centre.

I have made a booking for an eight-day trip at the end of the summer term 2026. **The trip will depart on Saturday 25th July and return on Saturday 1st August 2026.** We will leave Sherburn High School via the New Lane entrance on Saturday afternoon (time to be confirmed once ferry times have been arranged) and travel for 20 hours to the south of France. On Sunday morning, we will complete our journey at Acorn's centre at Ruoms. The centre is well equipped and based in a delightful wooded campsite in the Rhône Alps region in France.

The stunning location known as *The Grand Canyon of Europe* is in the Ardèche region of the south of France. The highlight of the trip will be a two-day, 30km canoe descent of the mighty l'Ardèche River which runs down a spectacular gorge with sides that in places rise to 300 metres above the river. The descent will be spent navigating the difficult river rapids, challenging rock jumps and will spend our evening at an overnight bivouac site set in the remarkable landscape. No previous canoeing experience is required as we will be expertly looked after by the highly recommended Acorn River Team who have over 30 years experience on the river.

The remainder of the trip will be shorter activities based at superb locations within a short distance from the centre. These activities will include kayaking, abseiling, raft building, river trekking, swimming and visiting the local village of Ruoms. We will also spend a day at the beautiful Vallon Pont d'Arc. There are also a range of evening activities put on by the centre staff.

This trip is open to all students who are currently in Year 9 going into Year 10.

Included in the price of the trip will be:

- Travel by executive coach and ferry crossing
- Fully comprehensive insurance
- Use of all specialist equipment such as canoes, buoyancy aids, rafts etc
- Tents, beds and site fees
- All meals whilst at the centre
- Full instruction and supervision of activities

Not included in the price of the trip:

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Spending money for drinks, snacks and gifts (plus food for the journeys)
- Towels
- Swimming gear

This is an exciting opportunity which will benefit students both educationally and socially. The total cost of this Adventure Holiday is **£965** per student.

If you would like to register your child for this trip please do so on parentpay, deadline to register is September 4th. If we have more than 60 students sign up we will do a random name draw and contact all families letting them know which students received a place. All students who were not chosen will enter a waitlist to replace any students who can no longer attend. Students who have a place will then be required to pay a **£200** first payment to confirm their place. If this payment cannot be made we will offer the place to a student on the waiting list. After the first payments



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are made and the 60 places are confirmed a second payment of **£150** will be needed during the first term. The remaining balance will then be required spread out over the remaining months.

This visit is organised under the school's educational visits policy. To give consent for your child to take part in the visit please tick the consent box when registering your child for the trip. A copy of the consent information is attached (for your information only) and can also be found on the school website under the main menu in the "parentpay" section. Please read the detailed information for this trip before giving consent. You will not need to send the form to school as long as you have **provided an emergency contact number and any medical conditions in the note box.**

All students taking part in the activity will be covered by the RPA Personal Accident and Travel Insurance. If you wish to have details of this cover, please contact the office.

Should you wish to withdraw at a later date, please do so in writing. The Tour firm will not refund the first deposit and the first two instalments once paid and then has a sliding penalty for the subsequent instalments, depending on time remaining (**monies can be reclaimable through the insurance company due to illness only with written confirmation from your doctor**).

Please do think carefully before making a commitment to this trip. If you do wish to withdraw your son/daughter at a later date there may be a student willing to take their place, but please understand the position if this is not the case. **I will do my best on your behalf; however, loss of all or part of the trip cost can result.**

Sanctions:

Please be advised that any student who accrues 2 or more periods in isolation in the year of the trip departure will be eligible for removal and any payments made will be lost. I am sure you will appreciate that good behaviour is extremely important when taking students out of school for health and safety reasons. Any student who receives a suspension will not be eligible for the trip.

Although there are limited places available, we will endeavour to accommodate all students who are wishing to go and who have paid by the "payment no late date". If the activity is oversubscribed, the policy for allocating places will be random selection up to the number of places available in the presence of a governor.

Of you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at james.colton@shs.starmat.uk

Yours sincerely

James Colton
Trip Leader 2026

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE READ BEFORE GIVING PARENTAL CONSENT ON PARENTPAY

Name of Visit: **Key Stage 4 l'Ardeche Adventure**
Date: **Saturday 25th - Saturday 1st August 2026**

By ticking the consent box on the parentpay website, you have agreed to the following three consent statements:-

PARENTAL CONSENT STATEMENT

I would like my son / daughter to take part in the activity above

Please arrange for payment via the parentpay website www.parentpay.com and provide emergency contact details including your home number and a mobile phone number. Your child will not be accepted on the trip without consent, emergency contact details and payment.

MEDICAL CONSENT STATEMENT

My child is in good health and does not suffer from any condition requiring regular treatment or any complaint that may require emergency treatment and will not be excluded from any activities. I confirm that:-

1. There are no activities that I do not wish my child to take part in.
2. My child does not suffer from any condition requiring regular treatment
3. My child does not suffer from any condition which may require emergency treatment
4. I give my consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the course of the visit.

If your child does have a medical need or condition please let us know via the parentpay website by including details of the condition and what action we would need to take if applicable in the **note box** prior to sending your payment. This needs to be done for every trip irrespective of whether the school has previously been informed.

For insurance purposes, if your child suffers from a serious complaint, please send a letter to the school enclosing a letter from your doctor confirming your child is fit to participate giving details of the complaint and its treatment. Please note this in the box prior to making payment so that we know we are expecting a doctor's letter.

If we do not receive notes via parentpay regarding any medical conditions, we will assume there are no medical conditions and no restrictions to the activities your child can participate in during the visit.

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS CONSENT (if applicable)

I understand that the return time is after normal school hours. I will arrange for a responsible person to collect my son / daughter from the **school bus park** on **New Lane** where necessary.

The letter inviting your child on the school trip will inform you if the trip is returning after normal school hours together with an approximate return time. That information is also on the top of this form.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

I consent to photographs and video recordings of my child to be used by school and services for teaching and coaching purpose and for use in marketing and publicity in line with relevant policies.

BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

I understand that my child must adhere to any code of conduct and behaviour set out by the visit/activity leader, school, service or external provider.

Home Administration of Medication Record

Name of student and tutor group		DoB	
Number of GP and contact number			
Emergency contact details: Name		Contact number	
<p>Name of medication:</p> <p>Formula (e.g. tablets):</p> <p>(Name of student).....has already taken</p> <p>(dosage).....of the above named medication at (time).....</p> <p>Today. The next dose, as stated on the medication should be taken at</p> <p>(time).....</p> <p>Signed: (parent/carer)</p>			