



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

## A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parent / Carer

### **PGL MEDITERRANEAN WATERSPORTS TRIP MIMOSA, LANGUEDOC COAST, SOUTH OF FRANCE SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020 – SATURDAY 18 JULY 2020**

We are delighted to inform you that arrangements have been made for our students to go on a PGL Mediterranean Water Sports trip to Mimosa, South of France. The trip will run from Sunday 12 July 2020 to Saturday 18 July 2020, which will be during the School's 'Enrichment Week'. Students will therefore not miss any timetabled lessons during this once in a lifetime trip.

The PGL camp is based in Mimosa, Languedoc Coast, France. The accommodation sits moments from the uncrowded beautiful long sandy beach, where a thrilling range of watersports await our students. In Mimosa, all watersports and land based activity sessions are led by professional RYA approved instructors. The team of instructors will inspire pupils both at sea and back on dry land. There are a number of activities on offer for our students at the Mimosa base and students will get to experience a large majority of the following activities:

Abseiling	Rock Climbing
Snorkelling	Catamaran Sailing
Sit on Kayaks	Gorge Swimming
Body Boarding	Problem Solving
Banana Boat	Raft Building
Dinghy Sailing	Sports and Team beach games
Giant Stand Up Paddle boarding (sea)	

Food is locally sourced to ensure meals are tasty with a continental flavor. The delicious menus provide a balance between the familiar and the opportunity for our students to try food with a distinctly French flavor too. Hot and cold meals are available, vegetarian options, fresh croissants at breakfast, homemade soup every day, self-service salad bar and fresh fruit with every meal. Allergies, intolerances and special diets are catered for and also support for students who may be fussy eaters. Students will have breakfast, lunch and dinner provided at the PGL base throughout the week.

As part of the package, this trip also includes a one-day excursion to Aqualand Cap d'Agde which is a local water park, where the students will enjoy the thrills of water slides and rides.

The accommodation at PGL Mimosa is modern frame, large standing tents, equipped with solid framed beds. The tents are put up for the summer term for secondary school groups visiting and students will be placed into tents of four with their friends. The accommodation has onsite modern shower facilities available for all students to use throughout the day. Tents are large enough for students to stand and walk around.

*The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at [kbones@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:kbones@buckinghamschool.org), if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.*



The price of the proposed tour is £700 (based on 35 students attending – pricing will vary if the 35 spaces are not filled) which includes the following:

- Return ferry crossing/Eurotunnel and executive coach travel from School to the resort
- Full board accommodation
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Full daily activity programme - water sport activities and land based activities
- One-day full excursion – Aqualand Cap d'Agde (water park)
- Evening entertainment package
- The services of the tour operator representative once in resort

The trip has been designed for our students currently in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. We only have 35 spaces available on this trip and therefore, in order to register your child's interest, please complete the 'Expression of Interest' form on the last page of this letter. All forms must be returned to Miss Collie or Mrs Goodger via the Payment Box by 9am on Monday 20 January 2020, before or after School or during break or lunchtime. Once all Expression of Interest forms are in, if we have more interest than places available, allocation will be made by random selection of unidentifiable entries to ensure fairness.

If your child does gain a place on the trip, you will be notified and a payment item will then be generated in ParentMail. An initial deposit amount of £100 will need to be paid by 9am on Friday 31 January 2020 in order to secure your child's place. Please also complete and return both the attached Medical Consent form (EV9) and Parental Agreement to Miss Collie via the Payment Box by this same date. Please see below the payment schedule for this once in a lifetime experience.

#### **Payment Schedule – PGL Mediterranean Water Sports**

Payment due by:

Friday 31 January 2020	£100	deposit to secure a place
Friday 28 February 2020	£150	
Friday 27 March 2020	£150	
Thursday 30 April 2020	£150	
Friday 29 May 2020	£150	
Total payment:	<u>£700</u>	

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Please note that due to PGL booking policy, once you have paid the deposit and your child has been allocated a place, you will be liable to pay the full amount for the trip regardless of cancellation other than on medical grounds. There are no exceptions to this policy as laid out by PGL. I would therefore advise that you ensure your child is absolutely positive that he/she wishes to take part before registering interest.

Please also note that with Brexit looming, students may be required to apply for a European Visa at an additional cost. We are currently unaware if this will happen or how much a visa may be, but will keep you updated as and when we know.

Should you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me - I will be only too happy to answer them.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Collie  
Trip Leader, Head of Year 7 & PE Teacher  
[ccollie@buckinghamsschool.org](mailto:ccollie@buckinghamsschool.org)

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MIMOSA, SOUTH OF FRANCE  
SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020 – SATURDAY 18 JULY 2020**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The 'Expression of Interest' slip must be returned by 9am on Monday 20 January 2020.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child (named above) to be considered for a place on the PGL Mediterranean Water Sports, Mimosa trip, July 2020.

If my child is successful in securing a place on this trip, I agree to

- Pay the deposit amount of £100 via Parentmail by 9am on Friday 31 January 2020
- Complete and return the Medical Consent Form (EV9) by Friday 31 January 2020
- Complete and return the Parental Agreement by Friday 31 January 2020

Parent / Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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