



RIDGEWOOD  
HIGH SCHOOL

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Alton Towers Trip – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

We are taking a group of Year 11 students to Alton Towers. The visit is planned for the Year 11 community to provide a social and enjoyable experience prior to the start of their main GCSE examination period.

#### **On the day of the trip**

The trip will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. We will be leaving school at 8.00am and return at approximately 6.00pm. Students must register outside of the Maths block by no later than 7.45am.

Students will be expected to take with them a packed lunch, (if you are entitled to free school meals, please indicate this on the ParentPay form) and spending money for any other food, drinks, or gifts they require.

Weather may be variable, so students are advised to bring a waterproof jacket, sun hat, sun cream and sensible footwear that will not fall off on the rides. (No flip-flop style footwear). Clothing should be appropriate for a school environment ie: no crop tops, hot pants, vest tops or offensive logos. Students are not required to wear school uniform but should dress appropriately.

Students will not be under the direct supervision of staff for parts of the day, so they should arrange to be in a group of at least four or more with a minimum of one mobile contact number to be available in the group on the day. **They will need to notify Mrs Truslove of their arranged group by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Mrs Truslove, the trip leader, will carry a school mobile and will issue this number to students as a point of contact on the day. All students will have to sign in with staff between 12.30pm and 1.30pm at a pre-determined contact point so that we can check they are safe and well. Any bags/belongings taken must be carried around by your child. Anything left on the coach will not be accessible until the return journey home.

#### **ParentPay and Consent**

The cost of the trip is **£37.50** payable via ParentPay, our online cashless system. The payment deadline is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. There will be a consent form within ParentPay which you will need to fully complete to enable your child to go on this visit. It is very important that all the information requested on the ParentPay questionnaire is completed, including emergency contact details, necessary medical information, and full doctors phone number.



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You have previously received your ParentPay login details but if you have forgotten or mislaid these, you will need to go the ParentPay website ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) and click "forgotten password". You will then be emailed a link to reset your account. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this in school. The following ParentPay link will answer any questions you may have with regard to your online account and making a payment.

Link: <https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/>

These activities are important in enriching and extending the school curriculum. They rely largely on the goodwill of the staff who are prepared to organise such events. It is vital therefore that all students who participate support the staff, and each other, by exhibiting sensible behaviour and full co-operation at all times.

In this context we reserve the right to withdraw any student from a visit or residential activity if, in the time leading up to it they:

- are excluded or suspended from school for any reason.
- repeatedly refuse to cooperate or follow the instructions of staff and fail to respond positively to appropriate warnings.
- do not demonstrate a positive approach to punctuality and attendance.

We will be speaking to students and contacting parents/carers of students who we believe may need more support in ensuring they can take part in this visit.

Ridgewood students are always an absolute delight on these occasions, and we expect that this will continue with this tradition.

We would really like all our Year 11's to join us on their final trip and we hope that they choose to follow the expectations given in the coming months.

If you have any queries, please email me on [jtruslove@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:jtruslove@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk). Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,



**Mrs J Truslove**  
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