



## Trips and Excursions 2016/17

15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Carers,

Trips and Excursions form a massive part of the co-curricular events that are offered here at Craigmount. To reflect our diverse catchment we offer a range of curricular enhancing experiences which aim to meet the needs of all our learners. In the session past, we had 159 excursions across the school year ranging from local visits to overseas expeditions! Whilst this presents huge opportunity for the school community, it comes with significant workload for staff to ensure the appropriate administration and organisation. May I take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for their support and staff for their invaluable contribution to the wider life of Craigmount.

Throughout the academic year there will be numerous opportunities for students to attend trips. Most trips however take place during our Week of Wellbeing (WOW) in May (Formerly known as Alternative Timetable). During this time students from S1, S2, S3 and some S4 will be given the opportunity to select from a wide variety of activities. Our various day activities remain our most popular options but we do also run a number of residential trips which take place throughout the WOW. In order to allow for appropriate planning and financing of these trips we ensure parents/carers have early notification.

Please note, all trips are dependent on numbers and cost of trips are indicative at this stage. Trip Leaders will decide the basis on which we allocate places. All trips can be paid up in installments over time and payment plans can be arranged with trip leaders. Balances must be paid in full before trips commence.

Most students opt to do a series of day trips (or a 3 day activity) during WOW17. These take place on Tue 16<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May and vary in price from being **free of charge** to **£100**. Below is a list of the day courses that were offered last year, it is likely most will run in WOW17, with some new additions.

Art Attack	Beauty & Make-up	Big Break	Canoe/Kayak
Centre Court	Crazy Snowsports	Creative Cards	Deep Sea World
Dynamic Earth	Edinburgh Sights	Edinburgh Zoo	Fear Factor EICA
First Aid	Football Frenzy	Foxlake Adventure	French Movie Day
German Movie Day	Honey Pot Ceramics	Horse Riding	Cycling
It's a stitch-up	Megabowl	Nae Limits	Rough n Rugged
Ryze Trampoline	Surfing	Hearts experience	Hibs experience
Time Capsule	Traybakes	Video Games	Waterskiing
West End Extravaganza	Xtreme Karting	Guitar Making	Cinema

Week of  
Wellbeing

# WOW17

## Tue 16<sup>th</sup> – Thu 18<sup>th</sup> May

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a caring, learning community

## WEEK OF WELLBEING 2017 – Residential Trips

A full list of courses will be published on the website prior to the Christmas break, however, planning is already underway for this year's larger residential trips which are outlined below. Students who would like more information or to enroll on a residential trip should attend the relevant information meeting with the trip leader on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** during the **morning interval**. Locations of meetings are listed below and will also be communicated via the morning bulletin.

**Bobby Charlton Soccer School - meet in room 2/50 with Mrs Hendrie.** Travel by coach to Manchester staying in half board accommodation. The trip includes two days professional football coaching, a visit to Old Trafford plus evening activities. Tuesday to Thursday inclusive.

Cost £310.

**Eigg Adventure - meet in room G/47 with Mr Cheyne.** Participants have a fun packed week ahead of them! We kick off the week with the most scenic train journey in Europe, travelling across what is now famously known as the 'Harry Potter Viaduct'. We will be travelling to Eigg on a chartered ferry from Arisaig whilst on the lookout for whales. Our accommodation for the week will be at the Glebe Hostel which is fully furnished. Other events for the week include a day trip to the Island of Rum to visit Kinloch Castle, walking deep into the Massacre Cave on Eigg as well as trying your hand at archery and kayaking. We have various scenic walks around the island as well as opportunities to play on the beach, swim in the sea and possibly do some sea kayaking.

Cost £300

**French Watersports Adventure – meet in G/29 with Mr Beattie.** Spend two days descending the dramatic Ardèche Gorge, the most fantastic open boating river in Europe, returning to base each night and spending one day at the Centre taking part in some of the activities on offer. Then travel to the Mediterranean for three days to relax and give beach watersports a go! The price is all inclusive flying from Edinburgh for this week long adventure.

Cost £730

**Highland Explorer – meet in room 1/50 with Ms Hickinson.** Come and join us on this overnight stay up in the Cairngorms! You will visit this beautiful highland wildlife park and play on the shores of Loch Morlich. We will take a trip to the Landmark adventure playground and a ride on the funicular railway up the famous Cairngorm Mountain. This 2 day overnight excursion is limited to 12 students, so get in quick! Students will have the opportunity to select an additional day activity during WOW17.

Cost £80

**Theme Parks Trip – meet in room 2/22 with Mr McPake.** The theme parks trip will be a 3 day trip. On Tuesday we will stop at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Wednesday and Thursday will be at the theme park. Accommodation is in the Moat House Hotel in Stoke-On-Trent. This will include breakfast and evening meals in the hotel. There will be night time activities which will be confirmed at a later date.

Cost £300.

**Tiree trip – meet in room 1/52 with Miss Grocott.** This adventure is aimed at active, adventurous young people who can survive without 24/7 Wi-Fi for 5 days. Travel to the stunning island of Tiree from Oban to experience adventurous activities and general exploring wrapped up in beautiful beaches and Machair. Likely activities include windsurfing, hiking, and surfing and all water sports are taught by experienced and approved providers. Accommodation is in a small hostel and all food will be prepared and cooked by the participants. A tiring yet rewarding week in a truly spectacular place.

Cost, £300.

**London – meet in room G/17 with Miss Lawson.** Travel by coach to London staying three nights' bed and breakfast in a central London hotel with en-suite facilities. Evening meals also included- in central London restaurants. Visits to ten-pin bowling, a walking tour of London sights, a trip on the London Eye, a boat trip on the Thames and shopping in Covent Garden. Two West End theatre shows are also included. Itinerary is subject to change.

Cost £440

## **RESIDENTIAL TRIPS IN 2017 (Outwith WOW17)**

As well as our Week of Wellbeing we also offer a wide variety of trips throughout the academic year. Here is a selection of some of our bigger residential trips which may be of interest to students.

### **Biology Operation Wallacea Honduras Trip June 2017- (Open to S5/S6 students)**

A place has become available on the Biology trip to Honduras in June 2017! The group will be working with scientists in Cusuco National Park who are carrying out biological field surveys and forest measurements. Activities include bat trapping, amphibian surveys and jungle skills training! After that you will venture to Utila Island to complete a PADI dive qualification and learn about coastal ecology. Operation Wallacea have managed to protect rainforest all over the world as a result of the excellent work by secondary school students, and some schools have even rediscovered species previously thought to be extinct. Come join us to help make a difference in the world. An amazing experience to mention on UCAS forms and job application forms! All flights, accommodation, food and PADI dive training included. A true once in a lifetime adventure.

See Ms Hickinson or Ms Grocott for more details.

Cost £2400

### **Ski Trip – March 2017 – Mr Gray (Open to S1-3 Students)**

Alpe d'Huez is the destination for the annual S1 – S3 ski trip in March. March. Students will ski for 6 days with 5hrs/day tuition from the French Ski School. The price is inclusive of flights from Edinburgh, accommodation, food, equipment, and everything required for a great week on the slopes! All levels welcome as we can get you up to speed at Hillend before we go!

Cost £779

### **New York City Trip – October 2017 – Miss Lawson (Open to current S3-S5 Students)**

We intend on offering this trip to those students currently in S3 – S5 who are studying any social subject. Over the 5 days the trip will visit the following NYC attractions -Visit to the Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, 9/11 Memorial Visit, Harlem Civil Rights Walking Tour, Broadway show, Times Square.....and more!

Cost £1100

Questions regarding individual trips should be directed to the respective Trip Leader.



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