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Trips and Excursions 2017/18

21st Sept 2017

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 114 excursions across the school year ranging from local visits to overseas expeditions! This programme presents huge opportunities for the school community, and demonstrates the significant commitment of staff as such a rich programme requires considerable planning 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 next 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 instalments 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 WOW18. These take place on Tue 15th – Thurs 17th 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 WOW18, with some new additions.



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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



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Week of
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WOW18

Tue 15th – Thu 17th May

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WEEK OF WELLBEING 2018 – 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 enrol on a residential trip should attend the relevant information meeting with the trip leader on **Friday 22nd September** during the **morning interval**. Locations of meetings are listed below and will also be communicated via the morning bulletin.

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, with an overnight bivouac camp underneath the stars. Spend another night and day at the Centre taking part in some of the dry land 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: - Approx. £740



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Highland Explorer – meet in room 1/50 with Ms Savage

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 3 day/2-night excursion is limited to 12 students, so get in quick!

Cost - Approx. £120

St. Georges – meet in room 2/50 with Mrs Hendrie

This three-day trip includes: a behind the scenes tour of St Georges Park, the training facility of the English FA; a 1.5 hour coaching session at St Georges Park with FA Coaching Staff; a session in the Performance Lab, including a session in the hydrotherapy pool; Tour of Derby County Football Club Stadium and a training session at Derby County's training ground with Academy coaching staff. We travel by coach and stay in a hotel close to St George's Park.

Cost – Approx. £350

London Trip – meet in room 2/46 with Ms Watt

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, the making of the Harry Potter- Warner Bros Studio Tour, 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.

Approximate cost will be £460

Birmingham Trip – meet in 2/30 with Ms Brown

Trip to Birmingham to visit the city sights and the Cadburys Chocolate Factory. Travelling by Train from Edinburgh on the Tuesday morning to the city centre and staying in a Premier Inn for one night. At night we will go out for dinner and go to the cinema or bowling depending on preference. Travelling back on the Wednesday afternoon arriving back in Edinburgh early evening.

Approx. Cost £160.00



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RESIDENTIAL TRIPS IN 2017/18 (Out with WOW18)

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.

Venture – S1 Residential to Benmore Outdoor Centre

Venture has been a longstanding residential for all of our S1 students. Our newly formed S1 classes get the opportunity to bond with their peers, House Tutors, Guidance and Depute over the 3 day, 2-night excursion. Students engage in a range of outdoor activities including night-lines, gorge-walks, kayaking, climbing and abseiling. We are keen to ensure all S1 attend this and support where possible. Letters have been issued to all S1's please pay using ParentPay. The trips are in September/October.

Munich Trip 24th – 26th February 2018, Miss Dickson (Open to S6 students)

This trip to Munich at the end of February specifically for S6 students provides an ideal opportunity for students to practice their language skills. A small group will fly directly from Edinburgh to Munich and will stay for 2 nights at the Novotel in Munich City Centre. All excursions will be conducted through German and activities include visiting the world famous Hofbräuhaus for our evening meal on Saturday, taking a guided tour in German of the Allianz Arena and shopping in Marienplatz. We will also take in a sightseeing tour of the city in German and students will enjoy a German film in one of Munich's cinemas. Students will be encouraged to speak German at all times including checking in to the hotel and ordering in restaurants!

Price £280, includes flights and accommodation.

French Ski School 10th - 17th March 2018, Mr Gray (Open to S1-S3 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 (breakfast, lunch and dinner included), equipment (boots, skis and poles), 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!

French ski school offers students the opportunity to develop both their physical skills and fitness in a unique and challenging environment. Students will get the opportunity to learn together within ability groups through expert tuition, creating an exciting and enjoyable experience for all. There will also be the opportunity for students to use a foreign language and get to grips working with another currency, valuable life skills.

Cost £779



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Music Tour Lake Garda - final week in June 2018, Miss Hannah (Open to S2-S6 students who take part in choirs or music groups in school)

Hotel San Vito, Lake Garda is the destination for the 2018 Music Tour in June 2018. Students will visit sights around Lake Garda, perform in concerts and also attend Gardaland theme park. The price is inclusive of all ferry travel, bus travel, food, accommodation and the majority of other tour costs. Those not currently in a music group may join one this year. It is essential they commit to all rehearsals throughout the year in order to attend.

This is an exciting opportunity to visit an area where music had its beginnings and developed throughout the years. Students will have the fantastic chance to develop their performance skills and also sightsee around a beautiful part of Ital.

New York City Trip 14th - 19th October 2018, Miss Lawson (Open to 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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