



Monday, 19th September 2016



YEAR 8 IRELAND RESIDENTIAL – SUNDAY 25TH JUNE – SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2017
Harrold Priory, Lincroft & Margaret Beaufort Schools

Dear Parents, Carers, Boys & Girls.

Following our really successful and enjoyable activity-based residential visit to the West of Ireland over the last 6 years, we have decided to revisit the Delphi Adventure Centre again in 2017. This opportunity is open to all Year 8 students in each of the middle schools.

*The students will experience a wide range of activities: mountain, ocean and land-based at Delphi, the renowned mountain resort in the west of Ireland. The Centre provides a fantastic setting for our visit, which will take place **Sunday, 25th June – Sunday, 2nd July 2017**. We would expect to leave early evening on **Sunday, 25th June** and return early morning on **Sunday, 2nd July**. The dates of this visit will also provide us with long days of activities from 9am through to 10pm with the sun setting after 10.30pm.*

Delphi Mountain Resort, Connemara

The students have 24-hour round-the-clock supervision. Student accommodation is in centrally heated, multi-bedded rooms. The accommodation is purpose built, developed and refined over the years, offering excellent facilities. The buildings are sensitively blended in with the rugged surroundings, using natural stone and finished to a high standard. All rooms are en-suite with hot showers. We have run six very successful visits and this has provided us with good local knowledge and experience.

Visitors to Delphi are continually awed by the truly magnificent, unspoilt scenery of the Delphi Valley (as shown in the movie 'The Field'). The setting is inspirational and the location chosen very carefully so as to provide as flexible a programme as possible under varied weather conditions. We would encourage you to visit the website www.delphimountainresort.com to gain a full appreciation of the Centre.

Delphi is located in South West Mayo, Ireland (although the postal address is County Galway), halfway between the picturesque villages of Louisburgh and Leenane. All around are the



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mountains, beaches, sheltered inlets (on the shores of Killary Harbour), rivers, lakes and the majestic scenery of Connemara. This lovely, remote, undiscovered corner of Western Europe boasts pollution-free (EC blue flag) beaches with incredible surf, Connaught's highest mountain and beautiful, clean, fresh air - ideal for school parties.



Outward Bound Activities

In addition to accompanying staff (ratio of at least 1 adult to 10 children), activities are led and supervised by fully-trained and qualified staff employed by Delphi; trained to think and act 'safety first'. Group sizes vary according to the activity with between 8 to 12 children per instructor, supported by a member of the school staff. Copies of the Centre's comprehensive safety statement are available on request. Course content is a balance between learning, fun and instruction suitable for beginners, to more intensive, specialised courses for students wishing to improve on previously acquired skills.

We have 5 full days of activities planned that finish at 9.30pm, with a water-based and land based activity each day. Please note this is weather dependent and alternative activities will be provided. The following challenging and age-appropriate activities that may be on offer with specialist equipment and expert instruction in previous years have included:

- Surfing
- Coaststeering
- Bog Challenge
- Archery
- Indoor & Outdoor Rock Climbing

- Hill-Walking/Mountain Climbing (Croagh Patrick)
- Zip Wire & Trekking
- Canadian Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Abseiling
- Mountain Biking

Please note, that due to Delphi's location (Atlantic Coast; West of Ireland) 'midges' are prevalent. This is dependent on varying factors related to the weather and 'humidity'. Coastal and water-based activities are generally free from midges due to the prevailing winds. This is unavoidable and insect repellent is advised. Please take medical advice should your child be susceptible to the effects of insect bites.

Payment Details

The total cost of the visit will be **£610.00**. We have an option for 150 places at the Centre and we fully expect all the places to be taken up. We know there will be a high demand with each middle school having a proportion of places allocated according to the size of the year group. It is requested that the reply slip be returned to the School office as soon as possible and **no later than Monday 3rd October** to register your interest on the visit.

For this reason, we are requesting a non-returnable deposit of **£250.00** towards the total cost, followed by **2 monthly instalments of £180** to spread the cost in line with the payment schedule of the Centre. If you would like to pay on-line with your debit/credit card please contact Mrs Boddington for your log in details. Pocket money and meals en-route are not included and information regarding this will be given nearer the time.

Update: The payment schedule is as follows:
£250 deposit due by Monday 3rd October 2016
£180 due by Wednesday 30th November 2016
£180 due by Tuesday 28th February 2017

Please note we pay the centre in Euros and the cost of the visit is based on the current exchange rate. If the rate does change when we pay the final balance 12 weeks before then we will refund the difference after the trip has taken place.

Our Expectations

In line with our code of behaviour, we expect all our students to behave as our 'ambassadors' when on visits. We, therefore, reserve the right to refuse a place, or withdraw the offer of a place, should we have concerns about a child's ability to cope with the very high expectations for attitude and behaviour.

We anticipate a large demand for places so we would ask that you send in your return as soon as possible. Should we be oversubscribed, places will be drawn by lot (and unsuccessful students we be placed on a waiting list and their deposits returned).

All students are to have their own Full UK passport or a full national passport with the right to travel to Ireland from the UK (e.g. this could mean a visa application for some nationalities) and a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

All paperwork should be returned to your school and collated at Lincroft School by Mrs N Boddington, the trip administrator.

If you have any enquiries please contact the Trip Leader at your school or the administrator by email

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Yours sincerely



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To: Mrs Boddington

**YEAR 8 RESIDENTIAL SUNDAY 25TH JUNE – SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2017: DELPHI MOUNTAIN
RESORT, GALWAY, IRELAND**

Name:

Form:

School: Harrold

I/we would like you to reserve a place for my child on the visit to Delphi and enclose the £250.00 deposit (payable to 'Lincroft School')

I/we understand that the holding deposit is non-returnable unless the school is unable to offer a place on the visit because it is over-subscribed.

I/we accept that the school also reserves the right to withdraw the place offered should my/our child fail to fulfil the school's expectations for selection for the visit. In these circumstances, the deposit will be forfeited unless the school is able to re-allocate to a student on the waiting list. The balance of monies paid to the school will be returned in proportion to the schedule of payments sent to the Centre.

Signed (Parent/ Carer) _____

SEPTEMBER 2016