

Trip: Summer Learning
Available to: Year 8
Trails, Talks and Triathlon
On: 25th – 27th June 2018
Cost: £11.00



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"Learning to Lead our Lives"
"Dysgu Trwy Arwain"

Headteacher: Mr R V Davies

Dear Parent

As part of Monmouth Comprehensive School's Summer Learning activities (25th - 27th June) Year 8 will be participating in a number of activities both on and off the school site. The purpose behind these activities is to develop skills, independence and relationships through authentic learning challenges. Challenges will be linked to the curriculum together with outside learning opportunities involving the local and wider community.

Monday 26th June to begin the week students will be taking part in the Monmouthshire Trails Challenge. This will involve completing one of three walks set in stunning scenery and locations in Monmouthshire. The three walks are The Blorenge (Abergavenny), Ysgyrd Fawr (The Skirrid) and Hatterrall Ridge (Offa's Dyke Path, Pandy). Each trail provides its own challenge with varying degrees of difficulties. Students will be expected to work as a team within time restraints in order to complete the challenge. It will also be an opportunity to refine skills of orienteering, map reading and pacing that have been developed during their PE lessons this year. Students are required to bring a packed lunch (if you are eligible for free school meals a packed lunch will be provided).

Tuesday 27th June is an opportunity for Year 8 students to visit the Monmouth Literary Festival. Students will see performances at the Savoy Theatre as well as time during the day to reflect on the information received. Students will engage in workshops given by acclaimed writers Horatio Clare and Hayley Long. Horatio Clare is a Welsh-British author who has a number of published works and has worked at the BBC as a producer on Front Row Night Waves and The Verb. Hayley Long is a teenage fiction writer who has been awarded the White Raven Award for exceptional and innovative books for children by the International Youth Library in Munich. Normal school lunch arrangements will be available on the day.

Wednesday 28th June to complete the week students will be taking part in the Monmouthshire Youth Service Triathlon in Caldicot Castle. The Triathlon will involve a run/walk, cycle and an inflatable obstacle course which will present students with an opportunity to overcome a challenge in an enjoyable environment, all students will be presented with a wrist band and a medal with more prizes to be won. Students are required to bring a packed lunch (if you are eligible for free school meals a packed lunch will be provided), but all other equipment such as bikes will be provided. As part of this activity we are giving all students the opportunity to raise money in support of extra-curricular clubs and groups at Monmouth Comprehensive School. Students may use the attached form to raise sponsorship which will support the running costs of clubs and groups, contributing towards sustaining the level of provision we currently offer here at school.

Unless advised by the activity leader, for off site visits students will leave on arranged transport after registration and return in time for home to school transport as normal. **Students do not need to wear school uniform during Summer Learning. Please ensure that students wear clothing suitable for the activity in which they are taking part, including appropriate footwear.**

In accordance with the School's Health & Safety procedure failure to give Consent will result in your child not being able to take part in this activity. By law this is a visit for which we are unable to make a charge. However the visit cannot take place unless we can raise by voluntary contributions the necessary finance to cover all the associated costs.

Payment and Consent details: All payments are non-refundable. Please complete your payment via Parentpay @ www.parentpay.com and give online consent, and inform us of your emergency contact number/medical details for the period of the trip.

I am aware that when I give Consent in ParentPay for a trip I am consenting to the following arrangements:-

1. Off-site activities travel and personal injury insurance is provided by Royal Sun Alliance. For summary of cover, please visit the School's website at www.monmouthcomprehensive.org.uk under Trips.
2. All payments are non-refundable and I agree to adhere to the payment requirements.
3. I give permission for my child to travel by private hire
4. My child must bring their relevant medication/equipment, including inhalers, on this trip.

Please direct all payment queries to the Finance Department 01600 775171/775143 or email mcsfinance@monmouth.schoolsedu.org

Yours sincerely
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