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Dear Parents,

## Ellesmere College Sixth Form Residential Trip to St Davids, Pembrokeshire

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023, our Sixth Form pupils have the opportunity to return to the beautiful Pembrokeshire coastline for an expedition to forge new friendships before the start of the new school year. The trip was launched for the first time last year and proved to be an extremely enjoyable and positive experience and served to create friendships within the group before term had even begun. This trip will provide an immersive insight into the global issues being tackled by conservation and sustainability projects in Wales through activities such as coastal walks, coast craft, a boat safari, a visit to a bug farm and coasteering. There will be opportunities throughout to look ahead to what is in store for you at Ellesmere over the next two years. This trip is run for us by a local company, Flooglebinder, the UK's first travel company to become a Certified B Corporation®. They calculate the carbon footprint of each trip and offset everything by 120%. You can access more details about them and the trip on the Flooglebinder website (Ellesmere College Wales September 2023).

The dates and cost are as follows:

We anticipate all meeting at College at 8.30am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023, (bring a packed lunch), then travelling down in minibuses to St Davids to arrive there just after lunchtime to start the activities. We aim to return to College by 1.30pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September ready for the start of term New Pupils Afternoon. You will arrive back in time to meet up with your parents in order to meet your tutor, Housemaster/Housemistress and to hear from the Head of Sixth Form and Headmaster about life at Ellesmere College and our Sixth Form.

The total all-inclusive cost for this three-night adventure is £485.

**For current Year 11 pupils** - This amount is due in two instalments: £200 is due before 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to book the place and the balance of £285 is due by 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

For pupils joining Ellesmere the full amount (£485) is due upon application – deadline is June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023.

There will also be a room to store luggage available from 8.00am on the Thursday morning until the start of term should you need this facility.

This can be paid to the College through our card payment site: https://www.ellesmere.com/payment

## Please indicate your interest in the trip by:

- Returning the consent form and payment plan, (at the end of this letter).
- Filling in the detailed College form which can be accessed by the electronic link below.
- Paying the deposit/full amount (new pupils).

You will receive a link to book your place on the trip with the trip organisers – Flooglebinder – giving them the necessary permissions, medical information and contact details etc.

Insurance for the trip is covered by the College's policy.

The form the College requires for insurance and risk assessment purposes can be found here:

https://forms.office.com/r/Yuwgs5a2CZ

Please Click on the link above and FILL THIS IN, answering for your son or daughter where appropriate.

Thank you for agreeing to make this possible.

I am looking forward to seeing our pupils take full advantage of this exciting adventure before the start of their Sixth Form studies with us.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Sixth Form

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## PARENTAL INITIAL CONSENT FORM & PAYMENT PLAN – St Davids, September 2023

Place of Visit/Activity: St Davids, Pembrokeshire			
From: 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 To: 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023			
Pupils participating in trips and visits that extend overnight must have written consent from parent or guardians. Where one or other parent/guardian withholds permission and informs the College of their decision the pupil will not be allowed to attend the trip.			
Payment Plan (Total due £485)			
Details of payment	Amount Due	Date Due	Reference (for card payment)
Trip deposit (non refundable when accepted on the trip)	£200	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	(name) St.Davids1
Balance	£285	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	(name) St.Davids2
Please return this slip by email to: tom.gareh@ellesmere.com  (Filling in the signature electronically is fine)			
Name of Pupil:			
give permission for my son or daughter to take part in the residential trip to St. Davids (7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023):			
agree to pay the amounts as indicated by the plan above according to the due dates.			
Deposit due by Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 Card Payment: <a href="https://www.ellesmere.com/payment">https://www.ellesmere.com/payment</a>			
Signature (Parent) Date			