



October 2007

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Curriculum and Adventurous Activity Trip to Sandymouth Cornwall
7-11 July 2008

A five day residential trip has been booked for **all current year 7** students in July 2008 – the penultimate week of their year 7. It may seem a long way ahead but to secure a week in the peak holiday time when the weather should be good, we have to book now.

The trip will be an action packed week of physical and curriculum activities to enhance your son/daughter's social, communication and leadership skills and to develop self-esteem.

It is well known that residential courses organised by schools are becoming increasingly invaluable as part of the National Curriculum. The government has placed on record the beneficial effects on a child's progress that such courses provide. They offer new and exciting challenges and by living with their peers and working together in a team environment, help develop independence, confidence and ability to recognise strengths and difficulties in a constructive way.

The Centre: The Sandymouth Centre is run by JCA (Junior Choice Adventures) a company we have used for the last two years. We have been very satisfied with their standards of teaching, health and safety and rapport with the students. This is a new centre with modern facilities including a heated swimming pool and is exclusive to our school group.

Accommodation: The students will share mobile homes for sleeping etc but all meals will be provided on site.

Activities: will include:- Body boarding, surfing, canoeing, mountain biking, fencing, archery, swimming, walking, blind trail, orienteering/team skills and other curriculum activities. These activities are led by qualified instructors. All involve an element of risk and students must be able to follow all safety instructions immediately and without question. We will not take any student whose behaviour in school involves refusal to follow staff instructions.

Transport: to Cornwall will be by coach.

The Cost: The 5 day trip will cost approximately £285.00 which can be paid in instalments as follows over the next 18 months:

£50	Deposit	by 26 October 2007
£60	2 nd Instalment	by 28 November 2007
£60	3 rd Instalment	by 18 January 2008
£60	4 th Instalment	by 29 February 2008
£55	Balance	by 25 April 2008

- Please note that the total amount can be paid off at any time in advance of the above dates.
- All cheques should be made payable to “Mount Grace School” and clearly labelled with the following:
 - Name of student
 - Form
 - Name of trip (“Sandymouth”)
 and then posted in the cheque box in Reception.
- If you are only able to pay by cash, this must be brought to the Finance Staff in Reception at break or lunchtime any school day.
- It is the School’s policy to provide help for students of families in financial need. Requests for such help should be made to the Headteacher.

We hope all year 7 students will be able to participate in this trip. More information will be available during 2007 once we know that the trip will proceed.

To enable us to secure the booking with JCA, please complete the permission slip below and return it with your deposit as detailed above.

Thank you for supporting your child.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Crawford
 Assistant Head Teacher Student Services Manager (Key Stage 3)

To: Mount Grace School

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I/we give permission for _____ Form _____
 to participate in the Sandymouth trip.

I/we understand that the deposit of £50.00 is non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled.

I enclose a deposit of £50.00 (Cheque/Cash).

Signed: _____

Name: _____ *(Please print clearly)*