

19th May 2023**Airedale on Tour 2023**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am delighted to share with you our plans for Airedale on Tour for Years 7 to 10 and sixth form. This will take place on Thursday 20 July 2023 and is an exciting whole school event. As the year approaches its end, it is a fantastic opportunity to spend time with friends and staff in a new and exciting environment.

	Departure Time	Return arrival time	Cost
Flamingo Land	8.15am	6.15pm	£39
Students will spend the day at this award-winning theme and wildlife park, discovering some of the world's most thrilling rides and a wide variety of wild animals. They will need a packed lunch or money for lunch, suncream and a hat.			
Alton Towers Theme Park (Y9-10 & 6th form only)	8am	7pm	£39
Students will spend the day at this award-winning theme park, discovering some of the world's most thrilling rides, such as TH13TEEN, featuring the world's first "vertical free-fall drop" element on a rollercoaster or Oblivion, which was the world's first dive coaster! They will need a packed lunch or money for lunch, suncream and a hat. Please note that this is for Years 9, 10 & 6 th form only			
Alton Towers Waterpark	9am	4pm	£29
One of the biggest and best indoor waterparks in Europe! This trip includes wild water features, rapids and slides, such as 'The Master Blaster': a high-speed water flume that contains sharp turns, drops and dark sections. A selection of hot and cold food is available to purchase poolside from Adventurers Cave.			
The Deep and Blood Brothers!	9am	6pm	£49
Students start the morning visiting The Deep in Hull: One of the most spectacular aquariums in the world, The Deep is located in Hull, East Yorkshire and is home to aquatic animals including magnificent sharks and rays. After The Deep, students will move onto the main event: a showing of Blood Brothers, the musical at Hull Theatres for the matinee performance. Students will need a packed lunch or some money for snacks during the show.			
Paintballing	9am	3.30pm	£45
Back again by popular request, students will spend the day taking part in this fun and memorable experience at Bawtry Fields. They will need a packed lunch and should wear old, comfortable clothing. The cost of this visit includes all equipment and ample ammunition.			
Anfield Stadium Tour & River Cruise	7.30am	6pm	£39
The day will start off with an exciting stadium tour of Anfield, the 53,394-seater football stadium of Liverpool Football Club. Then, in a double-whammy, have a picture outside Goodison Park, home to Everton Football Club along with an opportunity to take part in 5-a-side football at a local venue. Then, finish the day by experiencing a river cruise! They will need a packed lunch, suncream and hat.			
Mission Out and Rothwell Park	9am	3.30pm	£25
Mission Out is a thrill-seeking family day out where students can experience active entertainment and epic challenges in the great outdoors! This trip also features a visit to Rothwell Country Park! They will need a packed lunch or money for lunch, suncream and a hat.			
Ninja Warrior & Roundhay Park	9am	3.30pm	£25

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Ninja Warrior Adventure Park is a supervised activity and fitness venue inspired by ITV's hit programme Ninja Warrior UK! You can climb, balance, jump and swing across different obstacles using and developing your Ninja skills, plus we also have the famous Warped Wall for every aspiring Ninja to conquer. They will need a packed lunch, suncream and hat. This trip also includes a visit to Roundhay Park. Enjoy a game of rounders, cricket or an ice-cream whilst basking in the sun!

Hatfield Waterpark	8.30am	5pm	£50
This is a new trip for us and will include Gladiator Challenge. This exciting activity includes tyres, cargo-netting and vertical poles. After lunch, take to the water where canoes, kayaks and windsurfs will be made available. All equipment is provided and students will need suncream and a hat.			
LEGO and Swimming (SEN)	9am	3.30pm	£25
This is a supported visit by invitation only for students with significant additional needs. Students will begin the day with a swim and fun session at Aspire in Pontefract. After lunch (included), they will immerse themselves in everything LEGO for the afternoon at The Brick Box.			

Please note that times are to be confirmed. Trips may not go ahead if there are insufficient numbers.

How to Book

In the first instance, we are asking for you to submit consent via MCAS and submit your child's trip preference list. Please submit your preference by **26 May 2023**. The preference list can be accessed via the link and QR code below.

Friday 26 May	Submit preference using link or QR code below and submit consent via MCAS.
Sunday 11 June	The academy will issue a provisional place on a trip by this date. The booking is subject to full payment by 9 July. Confirmation will be by text and discounts will be allocated
Friday 16 June	You will receive confirmation of a provisional place on the trip by this date. You will also get the confirmation via text and discount applied. The place will be confirmed when full payment is received.
Friday 7 July	Full payment is required by 9 am. If consent and payment is not received by this date, your child will be unable to attend the proposed visit.



<https://forms.office.com/e/h3QWEd37Fi>

Automatic Eligibility

We hope that as many students as possible will get involved in Airedale on Tour. We have sent information regarding eligibility. Automatic eligibility for Airedale on Tour is as follows:

- Excellent or improving attendance

- Excellent or improving behaviour
- High or improving PRIDE score

Students who are not Automatically Eligible

We are delighted that the vast majority of our students meet the criteria for automatic eligibility. We have already sent out notification of eligibility. We will communicate to you separately through MCAS and text if your child is **NOT** automatically eligible for Airedale on Tour. Students who do not meet these criteria may still be eligible; they will be referred to a staff panel that will look at each individual case and you will be informed of the outcome. Students who are not currently eligible may still book a place but will not receive priority allocation. All money paid will be refunded if your child is ineligible.

Discounts

Over 200,000 PRIDE points have been awarded to our students. This is amazing and represents two hundred thousand opportunities to reward our pupils for getting it right. Students with the highest scores will have first choice of visits. All students will receive discounts proportionate to their number of points. Discounts are also awarded for attendance and overall PRIDE scores and will be communicated to you later in the term. Any overpayments in excess of the cost of the trip and the discount will be refunded to you.

Behaviour Expectations

High standards of behaviour are paramount to the safety and enjoyment of all and as ever, we reserve the right to remove any students who do not show that they are able to meet our expectations. Final eligibility for trips rests with our staff.

Dress Code

Whilst we do not expect students to wear school uniform on this day, there will be a specific dress code for each trip and this will be communicated to you once the trip is confirmed. Students should not wear revealing clothing such as cropped tops, and shorts/skirts must be of a reasonable length. Usual jewellery rules apply. This dress code must be adhered to.

Medical and medication

Please ensure we have up-to-date medical information for your child. Students are required to have all relevant medications with them on the visit, including inhalers. If they fail to bring them, they may not be permitted to attend. Some journeys are long. If your child needs travel sickness medication, please ensure they take it prior to leaving home. If you wish to provide it for the return journey, this must be clearly labelled and given to the member of staff with a note to say you give permission for this to be administered. As it will be the height of summer, please remember to administer any anti-histamine for hayfever.

Cancellation policy

In line with the school policy, students who do not attend will not receive a refund unless a replacement can be found for the visit.

Consent

By enrolling your child on MCAS, you give your consent for your child to take part in the visit and understand the cancellation policy applies. You certify that all contact details and medical information is accurate and you understand that it is your responsibility to inform the visit leader should any of this information changes. You also understand that if you fail to disclose any medical issues then you will be held responsible for any costs incurred as a result of these issues, as the insurance provided by the Academy may be invalidated.

In the event of an emergency, we use the contact details from Bromcom to contact you. Please ensure that if you have made any changes to your contact number that they have been updated through your MCAS account.

By providing consent on MCAS, you agree for your child to be transported in a minibus, should it be required for your child's chosen visit.

We are now using Trip Aid; a mobile app for the purposes of geo-location monitoring of students and secure communication services. The academy uses this app to locate, track and monitor your child during the school trip and activities that take place off site and for the academy and its teachers to use the App to communicate with your child during the active period of the school trip and its activities taking place off the academy's premises for the relevant intended purposes of location monitoring, planning and itinerary management. We will need parental consent for this.

At the end of the trip, your child will be responsible for making their own way home from the academy. If your child needs collecting from the academy, please contact the office on **info@airedaleacademy.com** quoting 'AoT – End of Trip Arrangements'.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please don't hesitate to contact me on the contact details at the top of the letter. Please note that I am not able to communicate any details as regards discounts and eligibility at this stage. Once the trips have been confirmed, we will communicate further details.

With kind regards,

Mrs T Chambers
Vice Principal