



LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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Important Notice for Year 9 Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 9 Summer School 2020 – Dover Camp

For the last 30 years we have run an exceptionally successful residential Summer School for all students in Year 9. We are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to the present Year 9 students, after their summer examination period has ended. The Summer School will involve the whole year group in a one-week residential, educational programme, which will break away from the normal time-table in order to provide a completely different and, we believe, exciting range of learning experiences.

Our aims are:

- 1) To improve our students' understanding of the world around them in a way which is not possible within the daily curriculum, but which can be achieved by direct experiences in the field.
- 2) To encourage confidence and self-reliance in each individual by introducing him to outdoor living and some outdoor activities.
- 3) To foster a community spirit within the year group and between adults and students by living together as a group.

In doing this, we hope students will learn something, not traditionally academic, that will contribute to their knowledge and appreciation of life outside the classroom.

The Summer School will be a five-day residential experience at Kent County Council Education Department's Kearsney Camp Site, near Dover. We will have use of this site from Monday to Friday (i.e. four nights), together with all cooking, toilet and recreational facilities. An experienced staff contingent from our own school will have complete charge of and responsibility for our students.

The educational programme will include the study of historical sites, such as Dover Castle, and other local studies, such as orienteering and a visit to Port Lympne Safari Park with a lesson about conservation. We shall also offer water-sports, such as sailing and kayaking, archery, horse-riding (all under professional supervision), team-building activities and sports competitions.

The dates of the Summer School are **Monday 22nd June to Friday 3rd July 2020**. We plan to divide the year group into two groups, so that one group will be at school while the other is away and vice-versa in the second week. During the first week (22nd to 26th June) the Summer School will comprise students in 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D; during the second week (29th to 3rd July) the Summer School will comprise 9W, 9X, 9Y and 9Z.

We are very keen that every member of the year group should be able to come, and to this end our programme of activities is designed to enable everyone to participate. Costs have been kept to a minimum and a sleeping bag (the cheapest sort will suffice) is the only essential item of equipment students will require apart from normal clothing. We do hope that parents will feel that what we are proposing is an important enrichment of the curriculum and a significant contribution to their son's general and social education. A second letter containing more detailed arrangements will be sent to parents later in the Spring Term. The cost of the Summer School

is **£220.00** which will include transport, full board, insurance, instruction, all entry fees and other expenses. If parents would like to discuss the cost of this trip further then please contact me using the **afalconer@lpsb.org.uk** email address.

Payment should only be made online by sQuid (www.squidcard.com) using the same login as when topping up lunch cards. If the username/password has been forgotten this can be obtained by logging into sQuid and into the section entitled 'sign in to my account'. Once you are logged on, you will then be given the option to top up the lunch card or to pay for trips. There are two payments on sQuid for this trip each are £110, '**AF Dover 2020.1st**' and '**Af Dover 2020.2nd**'. If you have never registered on sQuid then please contact finance@lpsb.org.uk for details.

Please be aware that the school must pay a number of upfront costs to secure facilities by 8th May 2020. Your son's place on the trip will be at risk if payment has not been made by this date. The first payment is taken as a deposit and is non-refundable.

sQuid Payment Name	Deadline for Payment
AF Dover 2020.1st	Friday 7 th February
AF Dover 2020.2nd	Friday 8 th May

Please signify enrolment for the Summer School by returning the slip below to the school's reception.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Falconer

Teacher in Charge of Dover Summer School

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**To: Langley Park School for Boys, South Eden Park Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3BP
(For the attention of School's Reception Team)**

Year 9 Summer School 2020

Please **do / do not*** enrol (name of student)

Form: 9 onto the Dover Summer School 2020.

I am aware of the deadlines for the on-line payments: Yes / No*

Signed:..... Parent / Guardian*

Please print your name:

* Delete as applicable