

# Year 7 Visit

## Lakeside, Newby Bridge

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019



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We hope that all our Year 7 students are able to attend the residential visit to the Lakeside Centre, Newby Bridge

This booklet contains information about the visit and will hopefully provide the answers to some of your questions about the visit.

In addition, we will hold a meeting on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 6.30pm** in the Main Hall at Brine Leas School. A representative from Lakeside and the Transition Team will give a presentation, which will give you more information and allow us to answer any queries you may have.



### **What are we going to do?**

During the week students will work together to develop skills in thinking, problem solving, co-operation, communication and creativity. All of these skills will be important throughout their school careers and beyond.

The Lakeside centre team have developed a programme of activities, which will utilise their amazing surroundings. It allows students to get to know each other, their Progress Tutors and other members of the Brine Leas Team whilst having fun.

The working day will be long and practical in nature, and at the end of it, students will be rewarded with a variety of social events.

### **Does everyone have to go?**

It would be fantastic if every student in Year 7 could take part in the visit. We feel that anyone who does not go on the residential will be missing a vital part of their first year in making new friends and building their confidence, as well as a very enjoyable experience.

We know that some students may not have spent much time away from home before, but feel that it is a very important part of their growing up, helping them to learn to cope with feelings of 'homesickness'.

Students will be divided into small groups with one teacher which will help them to feel more secure and we will do everything to ensure that their week is a happy one.

### **Starting Points:**

The main aim of this residential is to help students settle into life and work at a large and active school. They will gain valuable social experiences, which will help them grow in independence and confidence, and work as members of large and small groups.

They will also learn some of the basic skills, which will be important in their work at school. The idea is that this will be a springboard for the future and an excellent start to a successful secondary school career.

### **Why are we going to Lakeside?**

Firstly, there is no doubt that a residential centre provides opportunities that are not available in school. There is the exciting change of location, atmosphere and above all, pace. All of which generate much enthusiasm, creativity and hard work.

Secondly, Lakeside is well equipped as a base for our work, and helps us use this enthusiasm to the full. It is also set in an area of great natural beauty.





### **Lakeside Contact Information:**

YMCA National Centre, Lakeside  
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Ulveston, Cumbria  
LA12 8BD

**T:** 01539 539000 (Emergency only)

**E:** lakesideenq@flydecoastymca.org

**[www.lakesideymca.co.uk](http://www.lakesideymca.co.uk)**

### **Accommodation:**

Brine Leas will have exclusive use of the brand new Stroller Campus at Lakeside.

- All the rooms sleep 6 students and have an en-suite bathroom
- The boys and girls dormitories are in the same building but in separate areas. The staff accommodation is adjacent to the dormitories.
- Students are provided with a hearty menu which is included in the overall cost of the residential

### **When do we go?**

We will leave school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at around 9.30am and return to school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at approximately 1.00pm. Students should arrive at school on Monday at the normal time and report to the Sports Hall where they will register with their Progress Tutor.

## **IMPORTANT**

Students should not bring any valuables with them

**NO** mobile phones or electronic devices please

***(Brine Leas School and Lakeside cannot be held responsible for any loss or breakages)***

### **Cost of the Residential Visit:**

The cost of the visit is **£275** per child and we feel that this residential visit offers good value for money and the price includes:

Accommodation  
Meals  
Travel and Insurance  
All Resources  
Outdoor Activities

### **Payment:**

Payments for the visit should be made using our WisePay system. The Brine Leas Finance Team will be available at the meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to assist you.

<b>Initial payment</b>	£150	Must be paid by Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
<b>Final payment</b>	£125	Must be paid by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2019

### **Financial Assistance**

We have done our very best to keep the cost as affordable as possible in addition to this we can provide further help for children who receive 'Pupil Premium Funding'

It is the policy of Brine Leas School to support families when financial hardship may preclude a student from attending a visit. If you would like to request any assistance, please contact the school Business Manager, Mrs K Bradshaw and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.

If you live in Audlem, Hankelow, Buerton or parts of Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley and Newhall you may be eligible for financial aid. Please contact the Brine Leas Finance Office for an appropriate form.



### What do students need to bring?

- Trousers/Jogging Pants/Leggings are better than Jeans when taking part in activities. Students can bring Jeans to wear in the evenings if they wish.
- Sweaters/Fleeces
- T-shirts
- Waterproof coat/anorak and waterproof trousers
- Sensible shoes for walking and/or wellingtons
  - *(There is no need for walking boots)*
- Indoor shoes/trainers
- Hat and gloves
- Wash Kit and Towel
- Nightwear
- Torch
- Rucksack
- Pen, pencil, coloured pencils or felt tips
- Disposable cameras are allowed but please label them with your child's name
- Refillable Water Bottle

Parents please do **not** spend a lot of money equipping your child for the visit.

Your child's bag should be as small as possible as we only have limited space on the coaches for luggage.

A house coloured luggage tag will be provided and we would ask that you ensure that all your child's property is labelled





### **Pocket Money:**

We recommend that students take around £10 pocket money for the week. There is a tuck shop on site, which will be open at various times. Students will be responsible for their own money.

### **Telephoning Home:**

The visit is a very busy full on experience and we request that you do not allow your child to take a mobile phone on the visit. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to Mrs Brown.

### **Medical:**

The Centre team are qualified in First Aid and we will have a dedicated team from Brine Leas who will oversee children taking medication and attend to any medical needs.

It is a requirement that we are informed **of any** medical conditions that may affect your child whilst they are on this visit.

Nearer the date of departure, you will be sent an email with a link to the Form C. Without a completed form your child will not be able to take part in the visit.

If there is any additional information that you feel we should know; for example the loss of a close relative, a sudden change in circumstances or additional medical/emotional needs, please contact us on 01270 625663.

Your child's safety and wellbeing are paramount.