



Year 7 Menai Visit – Conway Centre, Anglesey

Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2017

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Brine Leas

Name:.....

Progress Group:.....



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We hope that all our Year 7 students are able to attend the residential visit to the Conway Centre.

We hope to answer most of your possible questions about the visit in this booklet but in addition we will hold a meeting on **Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 6.30pm** in the Main Hall at Brine Leas School, where a representative from the Conway Centre and Brine Leas staff will give a presentation about the Menai 'experience'.

What do students need to bring?

- + Trousers/Jeans
- + Old shirt (for painting)
- + Sweaters/Fleeces
- + Waterproof coat/anorak (*for the castle and Beaumaris visits*)
- + Sensible shoes for walking and/or wellingtons
(*There is no need for walking boots*)
- + Indoor shoes/trainers
- + A change of clothes
- + Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and towel
- + A packed lunch for the first day
- + Pen, pencil, coloured pencils or felt tips
- + Disposable cameras are allowed but please label them with your child's name
- + Pocket money (no more than £10 allowed)
- + Refillable Water Bottle

For most of the week, informal and comfortable clothes will be required. Students may wish to bring additional clothes to wear for the celebration on Thursday evening.

Please try and pack in as small a bag as possible as we have limited space on the coaches for luggage. A house coloured luggage tag will be provided and we would ask that you ensure that your child's property is labelled.

Outdoor, specialised clothing will be provided by the centre.

IMPORTANT

Students should not bring any valuables with them

NO mobile phones or electronic devices please

Cameras may be taken, but are the student's own responsibility
(Brine Leas School and the Conway Centre will not be held responsible for any loss or breakages)

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.

We have introduced two outdoor sessions which will be run by the Centre. These sessions will involve various activities and children do have a choice.

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 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'. We are not asking parents to provide their children with any expensive equipment or clothing.

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.

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'.

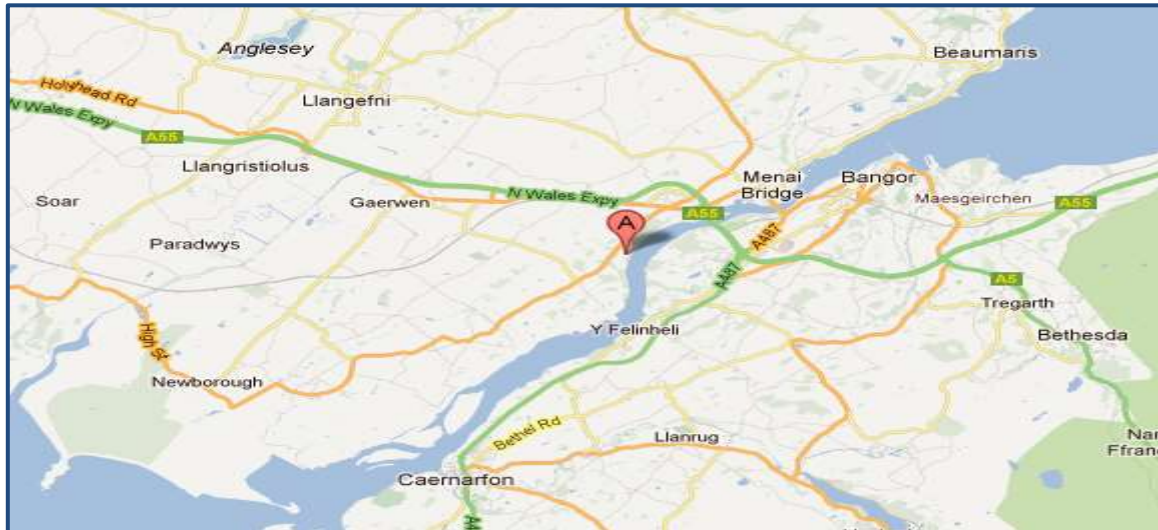
Students will be divided into small groups with one teacher which will help them to feel more secure and we will do everything to ensure that their week is a happy one.

Conway Centre Address and Contact:

The Conway Centre
Llanfairpwll
Gwynedd
LL61 6DJ

Telephone number: 01248 714501 **(For use in an emergency only)**

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Accommodation:

- ✚ In dormitories, maximum of 10 to a dormitory.
- ✚ The boys' dormitories are situated on the first two floors and the girls are on the top floor. Staff accommodation is adjacent to the dormitories.
- ✚ There are some single dormitories which we will need to use due to the size of the group.
- ✚ Three good meals daily are included in the overall cost of the residential.





When do we go?

We will leave school on Monday 16th October 2017 at 9.30am and return to school on Friday 20th October 2017 at approximately 2.30pm. Students should arrive at school on Monday at the normal time.

Cost of the Residential Visit:

The cost of the visit is **£255** 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

The only additional cost will be pocket money (optional). Parents please do **not** spend a lot of money equipping your child for the visit.

Payment:

Initial payment	£125	Must be paid by Friday 15 th September 2017
Final payment	£130	Must be paid by Wednesday 4 th October 2017

If you wish, you can make the final payment in two instalments of £65 and £65, but the full amount must be paid to the school no later than Wednesday 4th October 2017.

Financial Assistance

It is the policy of Brine Leas School to support families when financial hardship may preclude a student from attending a visit, therefore 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.

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 the Conway Centre?

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, the Centre 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 which possesses a wealth of industrial, historical and natural interest.

Although the centre has changed over time, we have been going for 25 years and many parents will have been as part of their Brine Leas School experience.

Medical:

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

In your welcome pack you will find a Parental/Guardian Consent Form (Form C) to complete, which asks a number of questions regarding your child's health. Please ask to see Mrs Brown if you have any concerns.

If needed, there are three local doctors on call, which is more than enough to deal with any problems. Local nurses are also available and the Centre team are qualified in First Aid.

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 etc. please detail this on the C Form.

It is important that we receive a completed Form C, prior to the visit. If this is not returned to school your child will be unable to travel.

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.

Pocket Money:

Students will be permitted to take up to **£10.00** pocket money for the week. **No more is needed and we ask parents to ensure that this limit is observed.** Each student will be responsible for their own money.