

To: Parents/Carers of Year 7, 8 and 9 students

14 March 2016

Our ref: CJJ/AMA

Dear Parent / Carer

Team Building Experience: Monday 20 – Wednesday 22 June 2016

As you may already know, the new academic year for The Academy starts on 27 June 2016. This gives us a fantastic opportunity to do something a little different on the dates listed above.

We are planning two days out for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. These two days will take place at Manley Mere Adventure Trail and at the Challenge 4 Change, Manchester Arena, the other day will be in school and will involve team building exercises run by The Academy staff.

The purpose of these trips is to develop and encourage personal and social skills through a range of activities, which are not available to us at school, and in an environment which demands co-operation. The students will be challenged, develop resilience and overall enjoy the experience. It is intended as both an enjoyable experience and one that will make a valuable contribution to each student's education.

Both days out will be fully supervised by The Academy staff and the Challenge for Change day is run by fully qualified staff. The cost of all three days is £40. This price covers all travel and activities whilst away on the trip however **students will need a packed lunch for the two days that they are out of school** (unless on Free School Meals).

All three days involve physical activities and therefore students need to wear trainers and sportswear. Students will be getting wet and muddy at Manley Mere so they will need a full change of clothes (including a towel, underwear and socks). Manley Mere involves many obstacles and challenges along a stream. The Challenge 4 Change day is inside and involves lots of challenging tasks such as a high ropes course and rock climbing.

You can view more information about Manley Mere at <http://www.manleymere.co.uk> and Challenge 4 Change at <http://challenge4change.org>. There are plenty of photos and videos that can be found here which will really help you to visualize what the days will be like.

To guarantee a place on the trip it will be essential that student behaviour is good in all aspects of school life from now on. We must be able to undertake the possibly dangerous (but safely supervised) activities and be confident that students will be well behaved at all times. Students must not be a danger to themselves or others. We reserve the right to prevent any student attending the residential if their behaviour in The Academy is such that we deem them to be a risk to themselves and/or others. /PTO ...

If you would like your son/daughter to take part, please complete the form below and send it back to **The Academy Finance Office, together with a non-returnable deposit of £10.00, by 11 April 2016.**

All reply slips and deposits should be returned to the Finance Office in a sealed envelope with your son's/daughter's name on it. The trip will use payment cards, to act as a receipt, which will be available for those who wish to pay a little at a time.

The Academy would like you to follow the payment scheme:

1 May 2016 - £20

23 May 2016 - £10

Yours sincerely



**Miss C J Jerome
Key Stage 3 Leader**

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Year 7, 8 and 9 Trip: 20 – 22 June 2016

I give permission for my son / daughter

..... (student's name and reg group)

to attend the Team Building experience days and **I enclose a non-refundable £10 deposit.**

Signed: (Parent/Carer)

Date: