



Redmoor Academy

**Active Learning
Programme 2015**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to announce details of our exciting Active Learning Programme (ALP) 2015.

This programme consists of a series of themed learning opportunities to extend pupil learning culminating in an intensive week of studies', 18th – 22nd May 2015, involving either full / part week residential visits or a series of day visits.

Crucially, as part of ALP, all pupils will have a series of six lessons about their chosen activity to ensure that they are fully prepared for the week's activities.

Some ALP courses have no associated costs - others, which involve daily or residential visits, have a cost indicated in this booklet. I am obliged to point out that if the visit takes place predominantly in school hours, there is no legal obligation for full contribution payments. (I must point out, however, that unless we receive your support, some courses in the ALP may not proceed). Redmoor Academy may be able to help pupils in receipt of free school meals. Please contact Mrs Wilson, who will explain the procedure for request for financial support.

Alongside choices in this booklet, there are also a small number of courses that are either no or low cost. Details about these courses will be published once demand for these courses is known.

Please spend time with your child looking at the courses on offer. Pupils opting for a choice requiring parental support with funding are reminded that, once the deposit is paid, the place will be forfeited unless subsequent payments are made on time. All deposits are non-refundable.

You should complete and return the form at the back of this booklet by Monday 29th September 2014.




You will receive further information once your child has been allocated to a programme course, however, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.



Yours Sincerely,




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ACTIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME CHOICES 2015



RESIDENTIAL

The Hums Experience	<i>Munich, Germany, Salzburg, Austria</i>	<i>Years: 7/8/9</i>	Type: RESIDENTIAL: 6 Nights 7 Days
<p>Detail: Sunday 17/5 to Saturday 23/5 This exciting experience is a chance to bring Humanities to life by investigating the history, geography and culture of Salzburg, Austria and Munich, Germany. Our week will provide opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Eagles Nest, Hitler’s Mountain retreat • Slide through the salt mine of Salzburg to experience first-hand the demands of working underground • Walk through the natural setting of ‘The Sound of Music’ and discuss how it reflects a period of History • Experience Salzburg and its association with the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart • Visit the Munich Olympic Stadium and climb the Munich Tower • Visit Dachau concentration camp to try and understand about the atrocities of war as part of Morals and Ethics • Experience the geography of Bavaria, with breathtaking views of the Alps and visit a waterfall and glacier - how do these features change a landscape and how does tourism impact the area? <p>We are also looking to visit ‘Five Fingers’ and the ice caves in the area.</p>			  
			Cost: £490


Challenge Brecon With Buddies & Boots	<i>Brecon Beacons, Wales</i>	<i>Year: 9 only</i>	Type: RESIDENTIAL: 5 Nights 6 Days
<p>Detail: Sunday 17/5 to Friday 22/5 Are you up for a challenge or two? If so we are looking to recruit year 9 pupils who have a sense of adventure, can work well as a team and have a SOH*! This fabulous residential experience will be physically demanding but will also be great fun. You will work with specialist instructors and our week will provide opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climb and abseil • Canoe and kayak on the River Wye • Gorge scramble • Hill walk. <p>And just when you think it’s all over, after your evening meal, we will go out to do night activities. The Storey Arms Centre provides all specialist equipment, boots and clothing. Remember the SAS train in the Brecon Beacons and so do Redmoor! *sense of humour.</p>			 
			Cost: £385

Conquer Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Years: 7/8/9	Type: RESIDENTIAL 4 Nights 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday 18/5 to Friday 22/5 'Conquer Yorkshire' is a fantastic 5-day residential trip that has something for everyone, whether you're a culture vulture or the outdoors type.</p> <p>Our week will provide opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend two days in the heart of historic York • Visit museums and intersperse it with a trip to Waterworld • Explore the coast, moors and forest of the area • Canoe on the River Esk, which cuts through the beautiful countryside • Explore beach caves at low tide • Explore the famous harbour towns of Whitby and Scarborough (where our hotel will be). <p>Though we await final confirmation from some attractions, we fully expect to offer visits to The Castle Museum, Jorvic Viking Centre, York Chocolate Story, York Dungeons and possibly a ghost tour of the old city as well as a visit to Eden (WWII) Camp. There will also be evening team activities on the beach. School sessions will involve viking crafts, chocolate truffle making and medieval punishments!</p> <p>Join us for this exciting venture if you enjoy true variety at exceptional value.</p>			  
			Cost: £380




Surf's Up	Newquay, Cornwall	Years: 7/8/9	Type: RESIDENTIAL 4 Nights 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday 18/5 to Friday 22/5 The aim of this Cornish trip is to get the most from this beautiful part of our coast. By being immersed in the challenges and thrills of the natural world, whilst learning valuable skills and having fun, you will take on physical and mental challenges to improve your confidence in water based activities.</p> <p>Our week will provide opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf • Bodyboard • Go bouldering • Kayaking, as well as other adventure and water based activities; • Explore the coastal area • Visit Tokarne Beach and Swanpool • Explore the town of Newquay. <p>All specialist equipment and clothing is provided.</p>			 
			Cost: £350



Peak Adventure	<i>The Peak District National Park</i>	<i>Years: 7/8/9</i>	<i>Type: RESIDENTIAL 4 Nights 5 Days</i>
<p>Detail: Monday 18/5 to Friday 22/5 If you think you could be Bear Grylls, then Peak Adventure is for you. Based in a 'secret remote' area of the Peak District you will engage in many outdoor pursuits.</p> <p>Our week will provide opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climb • Abseil • Go caving • Weaselling • Spend a day at a reservoir canoeing and rafting • Plan and navigate your own expedition • Spend a night under the stars. <p>If you are up for a challenge, then apply for this trip. <i>'If you are scared of the dark and need someone to tuck you in at night, you need not apply!'</i></p>			 
			Cost: £335

PART-RESIDENTIAL

A Real Performance	<i>London, Warwick and Stratford Upon Avon</i>	<i>Years: 7/8/9</i>	<i>Type: PART-RESIDENTIAL Monday to Wednesday (London Residential) Thursday/Friday (Local Trips)</i>
<p>Detail: An exciting week of different performance - linked activities. If you are interested in the performing arts, then this is a great opportunity to get a realistic view of what it's like. This programme promises to show the many different sides to the world of 'A Real Performance'.</p> <p>Our week will provide opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and stay in London • Visit the London Eye • Go on a trip on the River Thames • Visit a London West End Theatre show • Participate in a workshop with a cast member • Tour the Harry Potter Studios • Visit the Curve, Leicester or Playbox Theatre , Warwick • Visit Stratford upon Avon • Participate in a RSC work shop • Visit Shakespeare's birthplace. 			  
			Cost: £380



LOCALLY BASED - DAY TRIPS



<p>Lazy Lemurs and Banqueting Butterflies</p>	<p>Twycross Zoo</p>	<p>Years: 8/9 (any year 7 pupils wanting to participate need to check with their maths and science teachers first)</p>	<p>Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL 5 Days</p>
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday If you are keen to experience a STEM career in biology, ecology or zoology, then this course is absolutely for you! It's a brand new opportunity for Redmoor pupils to work with the research team at Twycross Zoo on 5 research projects into animal behaviour.</p> <p>The details of the projects are yet to be finalised but look to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effect of visitor number on the behaviour of lemurs • Investigating the food preferences of butterflies and moths <p>This week will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in small groups to plan and carry out investigations • Carrying out observations on animal behaviour • Summarising findings for the British Science Association CREST award • Presenting findings at a later date to the West Midlands Regional Big Bang • If successful, gain a place in the National Science and Engineering competition. <p>Please note: Due to the nature of the research pupils should have good mathematical and scientific competencies.</p>			  
			<p>Cost: £230</p>


<p>It's All Happening At The Zoo</p>	<p>Twycross Zoo</p>	<p>Years: 7/8/9</p>	<p>Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days</p>
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday If you love animals, then this is course for you. The week is based at the famous Twycross Zoo.</p> <p>This week will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily visits to the zoo • Time spent with all the different carers of the animals – vets, animal keepers, conservationists, environmentalists • Lots of hands on learning and experiences at the zoo • Opportunity to work with small mammals. 			 
			<p>Cost: £160</p>


Equine Quadruped	Markfield Equestrian Centre	Years: 7/8/9	Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday If you love horses, then this is the course for you. This experience is for both beginners and those with experience and looks at all aspects of horsemanship.</p> <p>The course provides the opportunity for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily visits to Markfield Equestrian Centre (indoor and outdoor facilities available) • Learning to ride or further develop riding skills • Grooming horses • Caring for horses. 			
			Cost: £160


Don't Stop Moving!	Various Day Trips	Years: 8 and 9	Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday Can't keep still?! Looking to work in the forces or with the forces of nature? Then this might be the course for you! This active programme looks at working both independently and as a team through a variety of challenges that will be set for the week.</p> <p>The course provides the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beat the challenge at Boot Camp • Trust and Trust Adventure • Develop skills in the water at Waterworld • Develop hand, eye and foot coordination at Karting • Discover how stealthy you are at Paintballing. 			 
			Cost: £160

Lights, Camera, Action!	Various Day Trips	Years: 7/8/9	Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday See yourself as the next top photographer. In this course, you will participate in a variety of activities that will enable you to apply new photography skills learnt in both the theory and practical sessions prior to the week.</p> <p>The course provides pupils with photographic challenges whilst participating in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery and Laser Tag • Developing climbing and bouldering skills • Cycling at Cannock Chase • Trailing and Quadbiking at Sherwood Forest • Canoeing, Gokarting, Bush craft, Laser Pigeon Shooting at Conkers. 			 
			Cost: £150

Beat The Elite	Various Day Trips	Years: 7/8/9	Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday So you think you are fit? Do you enjoy sport? This programme focuses on the links between the world of sport and science looking in to how top athletes perform. The sessions in school will be further developed during the week via trips and visits to different sports facilities as well as workshops and activities.</p> <p>The course provides the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise being a sports medic • Workshops and visit to Loughborough University – top athlete training • Visit to national FA training centre at St Georges Park • Work with World Champion England Women’s Rugby Players • Visit to Old Trafford – tour and workshop. <p>Have you got what it takes?</p>			 
			Cost: £150

Go Outdoors	Various Day Trips	Years: 7/8/9	Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday Experience the elements: fire, water, air and land in this exciting outdoor course. Push yourself to the limits and test your skills in adrenalin fuelled activities.</p> <p>The course provides the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go skiing and ice-skating • Go sailing and rafting • Do a height assault course • Go orienteering through tough terrain • Get lost in a maze. <p>Join the Go Outdoors experience if you dare!</p>			
			Cost: £120

All The World's A Stage	Various Day Trips	Years: 7/8/9	Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday This week is for drama lovers and those interested in performing.</p> <p>The course provides the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop skills in stage make-up • Enjoy a dance workshop • Perform a play in a day • Visit the Concordia Theatre • Visit the birthplace of 'The Bard!' • Try on costumes from a professional costumier. 			
			Cost: £40

Fashion Week	Various Day Trips	Years: 7/8/9	Type: NON-RESIDENTIAL - 5 Days
<p>Detail: Monday to Friday If you are looking to develop your skills in textiles and fashion, then this may be the option for you. We are very fortunate to have Heather Jacks – winner of television's British Sewing Bee coming into Redmoor for part of the week.</p> <p>The opportunities for the week will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how to draw as a fashion illustrator • Designing and making garments • How fashion has developed through the centuries • Find out about career paths in fashion and textiles technology. 			
			Cost: £40

PLEASE NOTE:

The Active Learning Programme (ALP) is an integral part of the curriculum and therefore, all pupils will be allocated an ALP for 2015.

All pupils will have had a chance to discuss, with staff, the different programmes that are being offered and will also go through the brochure with their tutors.

Payments will be in instalments throughout the year.

A schedule of payments will be given to each pupil during October.

The **non-refundable** deposit for all choices will need to be paid by

Monday 3rd November 2014.

This tight time schedule is required to secure places with the appropriate tour operators.

Pupils in receipt of free school meals may be able to gain some financial assistance. If you have any queries regarding finance, please contact Mrs Wilson **BEFORE CHOICES ARE MADE** on 01455 230731, as it may not be possible to give financial assistance at a later date.

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Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Activity Choice 1:

Activity Choice 2:

Parent / Carer Signature:

If you are not choosing any of the programmes listed above, please indicate below, if you would prefer a personalised programme at nil cost. This will be an on-site programme and will meet the needs of the pupils who choose it.

I would like a personalised programme at nil cost for my child.

Signed

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Please return to: Mrs A Brookes, Redmoor Academy, Wykin Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire. LE10 0EP

These forms are to be returned by Monday 29th September 2014.