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Rockley Multi-activity trip – August 2024 – **LOCATION CHANGE**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that Rockley have decided they are no longer using the UCPA Bombannes Centre in South West France for any activity trips. As some schools' experience did not live up to their high standards for their trips, Rockley felt that the location was no longer delivering the quality they usually provide and not something they feel that West Hill School would enjoy as they have previously.

This means that our planned trip in August 2024 has been relocated to **Buddens Activity Centre in Dorset**. Whilst it is obviously disappointing that we do not get to travel to France, this is still a great opportunity for students to enjoy a residential experience with their friends and take part in activities that they may never had done before. The programme Rockley are putting on for us is action packed and the students will enjoy much more activity time than they would have in France.

Because there is a lot less travel, the trip will now only run **Sunday to Friday**, however students will take part in more activities than they would have in France. The shorter travel time, as well as no ferry crossings, also means that the cost of the trip will be reduced from £850 to **£690**.

Dates	Sunday 11 th August 2024 to Friday 16 th August 2024		
Location	Buddens Activity Centre, Dorset, England		
Cost	£690 per student (plus spending money)		
Trip includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive coach travel ▪ Travel t-shirt ▪ Travel insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All meals at the Rockley centre ▪ All activities and equipment ▪ Evening entertainment 	
Sample activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abseiling ▪ Archery ▪ Bell Boating ▪ Canoeing ▪ Climbing ▪ Crate Stacking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disc Golf ▪ Dry Tooling ▪ High Ropes ▪ Kayaking ▪ Mega SUP ▪ Mud Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raft Building ▪ Rifle Shooting ▪ Sailing ▪ SUP Boarding ▪ Tomahawk Throwing ▪ Zip Wire

In order to share further details in person, we will be holding an information evening at school, where myself and staff from Rockley will be able to answer any questions you have.

Date Thursday 12th October
Location School Assembly Hall
Time 6pm to 7pm

Students, as well as parents/carers, are welcome to attend this meeting. In order for us to gauge numbers, please complete the following short form to indicate if you are attending.

<https://forms.office.com/e/jvqJPHAewf>



Unfortunately, due to the nature of our school environment there will be no parking available on the school site for this meeting. Please be respectful of our neighbours and adhere to road markings when parking in the area. There is a Tameside council car park on Darnton Road. The evening charge, from 6pm-midnight, is just £1.

Either before or after the information evening, can you discuss the changes with your son and decide if he still wishes to take part in the trip? **If your son no longer wishes to come along, a full refund of all payments so far will be made.**

To inform me of your decision, can you please complete the following form by **Friday 20th October**:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kjSNWQhvN1>

For further information and videos of the new location, please follow the links below:

- Buddens Activity Centre - <https://rockley.org/centres/buddens-activity-centre>
- Information for parents/carers - <https://www.rockley.org/school-trips/parents>
- Sample activity programme - <https://rockley.org/school-trips/multi-activity-trips/uk-school-residential-trips>

- Virtual tour of the centre - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvpUUDN6nbo>
- Activities video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF9ES9O64VU>
- Accommodation video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3OE08WIE7Q>
- Mud Trail video <https://www.dorsetadventurepark.com/dorset-mud-trail/>
- Inflatables video - <https://www.dorsetadventurepark.com/dorset-water-park/>

I apologise for the changes to the original advertised trip, but I do hope that many students still wish to attend what will no doubt be an enjoyable and exhilarating week away.

If you would like to discuss any elements of this trip or have any questions, please get in touch on 0161 338 2193 or by email at lawton@westhillschool.co.uk

I look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday 12th October at the information evening.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Lawton

Trip organiser