

06 October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

GOOSE (Get Out of School Experience) 24th to 26th May 2017

Arrangements for GOOSE 2017 have begun, and the booklet of residential trips and 3 day off-site activities which are being offered will be published onto the Portlethen Academy website during the October holidays. Pupils will be shown the information again in DCT (Daily Contact Time) and asked to make their choices when they return from the October break. 2nd year pupils will be asked to choose first, followed by 1st year pupils. This initial collection of choices will determine the viability of trips and allow the trip leaders to finalise costings and programmes. Please note that at this stage all of the trips are proposals, and it is important that your child gives a second as well as a first choice in case their first choice is oversubscribed or is not viable. You will receive a final costing and itinerary for the trip from the trip leader to allow for final decisions to be made and before any deposits are taken.

There will be an additional programme of non-residential, school based and local activities being put together, and we aim to offer an exciting range of sporting, art and craft, ICT, outdoor learning and dance activities for the three days. As the programme is being put together over the next term, I am very happy to receive ideas for activities that pupils are particularly interested in participating in, and will do my very best to accommodate them into the programme.

Please note that the three days of GOOSE are not additional holiday days and your child is expected to be on a school trip or in school throughout. A timetable of classes will be provided for pupils who do not wish to participate in activities. If you have any queries regarding GOOSE, please feel free to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia Thompson-Wright

Support Services Co-ordinator