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Dear Parent/Carer

**GOOSE (Get out of School Experience) 22nd – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Arrangements for GOOSE 2019 are underway, and the booklet of choices is now available in the Parent Area of the Portlethen Academy website, along with ***School Excursions, Information for Parents & Carers***, which should be read in conjunction with this letter and any other communications relating to GOOSE. A hard copy of this letter and choices form will be given to your child in DCT tomorrow.

Pupils should submit their choices by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Forms should be handed in to the School Office, and for residential trips (those with D next to the Choice Code) this should be accompanied by a deposit payment (preferably by cheque) of £50. You will understand that the process of allocating trips to pupils is complex and whilst we understand the disappointment that is caused when pupils don't get their first choice it is almost impossible to make perfect matches for everyone. This year we are offering pupils the opportunity to identify up to 2 other pupils who they would like to be with, and we recommend that pupils who want to be together on a trip should make the same choices so that, should they not get their first choice, they stand a better chance of being together. We will do our very best to keep friends together on trips, please be aware that this is not always possible.

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\*. A third choice can also be given if desired. The deposit will be allocated to the trip choice that your child has been assigned to. If your child has not been offered a place on a trip the deposit will be returned. Places on trips will be allocated to 2<sup>nd</sup> year pupils first with remaining places given to first years. *\*Please note, if a school based activity is chosen only one choice needs be marked on the slip and no deposit is required.*

There will be an additional programme of school based activities put together, and we aim to offer a range of activities, or classes will be provided if required. I am very happy to receive ideas for in-school activities and will do my very best to accommodate them. 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. If you have any queries regarding GOOSE, please feel free to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Support Services Coordinator

## GOOSE Choices 2019

Pupil Name
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Tutor Group
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	Choice Code			Choice Code	
Colour Me London	CML	D	Porty Goes Wild!	PGW	D
Edinburgh Rocks	EDIN	D	Premier League Porty	PREM	D
Horsing Around	HORS		School Based Activity	SBA	
London Calling!	LDN	D	Wet and Wild	WAW	D
Made in London	MIL	D			

	Choice Code
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	

Friends*	Friend's Tutor Group

\* Please remember we will do our best, but cannot guarantee friends will be allocated together.

I confirm I have read School Excursions Information for Parents & Carers and understand that payment made for a trip will be based upon the information contained therein.

I enclose £50 cash / cheque for £50 made payable to **PORTLETHEN ACADEMY** which I understand is **non-refundable** should my child be allocated onto one of their choices shown above. *Cross out this section if you have not selected any trips where a deposit is required*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Please put this slip with payment into a sealed envelope showing:

**Pupil Name, Tutor Group and mark the envelope 'GOOSE Choice'**