

Dear Parents and Carers

Sixth Form Personal Development Week - October 2022

Each year in October the school runs a Personal Development Week where the normal timetable is suspended, and each year group engages in a range of activities which complement the normal curriculum which runs throughout the rest of the year. For Year 12 there are two options: a residential educational visit to an outdoor pursuits centre in Bournemouth or assisting with Personal Development Week here at school.

Year 12 students are openly invited to attend the residential to Bournemouth (17 - 21 October 2022) and we encourage as many of them to take part as possible. It is an ideal opportunity for all students, internal and external, to socialise and make new friends. Especially, as the restrictions of Covid have meant that many of them have missed out on opportunities like this. In 2021 234 students seized this opportunity and had an incredible time. Past students have often stated that friendships and memories made during this week have been some of their greatest shared memories of the Sixth Form at NSB.

The trip to Bournemouth is a 5-day residential where they will be able to participate in raft building, large paddle boarding, bush craft, sea kayaking, team games, survival skills, coastering, as well as a range of other activities. Many of the activities will be sea/water based. Activities continue into the evening with an opportunity to visit a large water park, go tenpin bowling and on the final evening have a Silent Disco!

For information, the cost of the trip is **£450**. A deposit will be required via Parent Pay of **£150 by 16th September 2022**. This payment will not show on you Parent Pay account until 9th September so please do not try paying before.

The payment will confirm a place on the Residential, after this date students will not be accepted on the trip as there is a very short time frame to organise such a large residential. The remaining **£300** needs be paid by **13th October 2022**. If you are in receipt of free school meals or other financial assistance you may be eligible for help with the costs of this trip, details about this will follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents/carers that our travel insurance means that if you are required to self-isolate due to being a close contact to a positive Covid case or tested positive yourself then you would be fully covered and would receive a full refund if this meant that your child was unable to travel. No refund will be given unfortunately if a student decide just to pull out of the residential, unless there are special circumstances and you have spoken either Mrs Bradley Brophy or myself Mrs O'Neill.

If your child does not wish to take part in the Bournemouth Residential, they will be required to assist with Personal Development Week, working alongside staff supporting for the lower school and therefore they will be expected to attend school.

Further details about this Residential will be given during the Parental Information Evening on Thursday 8th September.

Many Thanks.

Mrs T O'Neill
Residential Education Coordinator