



THE
GLASGOW ACADEMY

8th August 2011

Dear Sixth Year

I hope you are all have a relaxing holiday and I am sure, like me, the prospect of returning to work may not be uppermost in your mind just now. However, I am looking forward to an enjoyable introduction to the new session in the Lake District.

Our Sixth Year residential experience is designed specifically to get the session off to a flying start. During the days you will work in teams on practical exercises which encourage you to think about your individual learning styles and leadership skills. Evening lectures will not only reinforce what was learned that day, but will focus on preparation for university/college applications and interview technique. One evening session will cover the contents of the Sixth Year Agreement, which everyone is expected to sign and return with a £50 deposit by Friday 9th September. The deposit is to cover damage in the S6 Centre beyond normal wear and tear and is returnable at the end of the session.

Details of the trip are on a separate sheet, which may be downloaded from our website. If your holiday arrangements have changed and you are now able to participate in the course, please complete and return a Parental Consent Form which may be obtained from Mrs Farr in the Administration Centre.

The **Educational Maintenance Allowance** is a Government funded initiative which provides a weekly payment of up to £30, paid directly to young people who stay on in education after they reach the statutory leaving age. Further details and an application form may be downloaded from

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GoingtoSchool/Welfareissuesinschool/FinancialAssistance/EducationMaintenanceAllowance/>, or collected from me at the start of term.

The **Careers Scotland Higher Education Convention** is being held on Wednesday 21st September at the Glasgow Science Centre and I hope will give you some clear ideas about your next step beyond The Academy. The Academy's one hour session is in the morning and we intend to transport pupils to the event by bus leaving from Great Western Road at 9.40am.

Yours sincerely

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Sixth Year Leadership Course

DATES : Thursday 18th August - Sunday 21st August
LOCATION : Lakeside YMCA National Centre, Newby Bridge,
Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 8DB
TELEPHONE : 08707 273 927 (or 0792 3224 289, emergency staff contact)

Staff : Miss F C Calder, Mr A L Evans, Mr D J Ford, Mrs K R Graham, Mr I A Mackie,
Mr P A Richmond, Mrs P M Ruddock, Ms J D Fulton

You need to have a few changes of warm clothing, enough to change every day. Bring clothes you don't mind getting wet and muddy. Last year there was the opportunity to canoe, and use the high ropes course.

Suggested Equipment :

- Old trainers for water activities
- Another pair for land based activities
- 2 pairs of long trousers – tracksuit, polycotton ... but jeans are not suitable
- 2 warm long sleeved tops – fleece is best
- Plenty of T-shirts
- A pair of warm, thick socks
- Hat and gloves
- Socks and underwear
- Walking boots if you have them, they can be provided by the centre if not
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Set of casual clothes and footwear for evening
- Pyjamas/warm track suit
- handkerchiefs
- toiletries and towel

Extras :

- Water bottle for drinks
- Shorts
- Suncream
- Insect repellent
- Swimming costume

Please do not bring school uniform.

Travel : Coach with on board facilities.
Meet on Kelvin Bridge at 12.30pm.
On our return I expect to arrive back at school at about 4.30 pm.

Accommodation : Dormitories, 6/7 to a room. There is no secure place for valuables so do not bring any. Female accommodation is segregated, but proper night attire is advisable.

Spending Money : Very little is required. There is a small shop which sells sweets, postcards and souvenirs including T-shirts and sweatshirts. It is usually open twice a day – times are posted on the door. Please bring small change for the vending machines.

Chewing Gum : The centre discourages eating during activities and in particular does not approve of chewing gum and other sweets that present a choking hazard.

All the normal school rules apply.