



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY
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Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk 2021 (8th to 12th July)

Following on from the incredible previous success of the 2019 sponsored walk, I am delighted that we will again be taking part in The Malcolm Whales Dorset Walk in July 2021.

The Dorset Walk is open to students in Year 10. The trip consists of a 3 day, 40 mile sponsored walk, along the Jurassic coast in Dorset. The walk sets off from the seafront in Weymouth and finishes at Studland near Poole. The route is extremely challenging with numerous ascents and descents along the way.

The walk raises funds for The Malcolm Whales Foundation, a charity set up to raise awareness and funds to support those suffering from cancer, especially as a child or teenager. Over the last 12 years with the help and support of hundreds of walkers, the foundation has managed to raise over £280,000.

Your son/daughter may have started to show an interest in taking part this year, or may have taken part in 2019 and would like to take part again. This trip is open to year 10 only with 28 places available. Please be aware that a student's behaviour could jeopardise their place on the trip; if your child is sanctioned within a lesson including a C2C or C2R or outside a lesson for a behaviour incident from Monday 14th June, they will be removed from the trip.

Details are outlined below:

- Cost: **£100**
- Depart **Thursday 8 July** and return **Monday 12 July 2021**
- Thursday and Monday are travel days
- Each day we will walk approximately 14 miles
- We will be camping for 4 nights at the same campsite – 'Burnbake'
- Food and drink will be provided for lunch and dinner
- A small amount of spending money will be required, which can be used for breakfast (i.e. bacon rolls) and at cafés (on one of the nights, participants purchase their own dinner in the local town). Milk and hot water will be provided at breakfast for cereals/hot drinks
- Participants will be sleeping in tents which they share with their friends. If they are unable to find a tent we have spare tents that can be borrowed.

There are a limited number of places for this trip and these will be awarded on a 'first come, first served basis'. To secure your child's place, please email: jo.hedges@leccacademy.org to show your interest, including those who may be requesting financial support. Mrs Hedges will email to confirm whether

your child has secured their place and inform you when to make payment for the **£50 deposit**, which must be paid via ParentPay. The rest of the payment needs to be paid by **Friday 2 July 2021**. There will be a reserve list and you will be contacted as to whether you are on the reserve list as well. The walk sign up is later than normal years due to the uncertainties of the Covid restrictions, which is why there is the need for a much faster turnaround than normal. Should the trip get cancelled for any reason all monies can be refunded.

The £100 goes towards the cost of transport, fuel, the campsite and food (breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided). If you are experiencing financial hardship, we will consider each child's place separately.

The last 12 years have been incredible in terms of the support the charity have received, and any amount of support would be greatly appreciated. Students are expected to raise further sponsorship via sponsor forms or through a personal JustGiving page that can be created to support The Malcolm Whales Foundation.

The charity are also looking for any type of business donation or sponsorship towards specific aspects, e.g. the cost of transport/accommodation/t-shirts etc. Damien Whales, chairman and founder of TMWF charity can provide breakdown figures of individual costs if you wish to support in this manner.

Further information can be found via the charity website www.tmwf.co.uk and various social media platforms. There will also be a virtual information evening that will explain further details – the time and date for this is yet to be confirmed.

With your participation and your support, we are able to make a massive difference to the lives of those children and families affected by cancer. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via email: christina.emmess@leacademy.org.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Christina Emmess
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