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May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our plans for the end of school trips this summer.

We are keen to reward those pupils who consistently adhere to the high expectations which we place upon them. One of those ways is to provide pupils with the opportunity to spend the day out of school with their peers and teachers and to celebrate the end of the school year.

We try to review the provision as often as we can so that our young people receive the best experience possible. This year the options are: -

| Y7, Y8,                  | Y9 & Y10           | Y7, Y8, Y9,Y10     | Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10     |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Blackpool Pleasure Beach | Alton Towers       | Chester Zoo        | > A walk and picnic |
| ≻Maximum places 400      | Maximum places 400 | Maximum places 200 |                     |
| Cost: £38.00             | Cost: £46.00       | Cost: £28.00       | Free                |

Rewards Day has been organised for the <u>16 July 2025</u>. On this day, students will attend one of the above experiences. Pupils can select the trip that best suits them by signing up on Arbor or by returning the reply slip attached to this letter if payment is being made by cash/cheque.

## All pupils have been invited to access the above trips, but there are some restrictions: -

- 1. Y7 and Y8 are invited to access the Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip, Chester Zoo and the walk only.
- 2. Y9 and Y10 are invited to access the Alton Towers trip, Chester Zoo and the walk only.
- 3. We expect that all of our young people will display the appropriate attitude at all times. If the behaviour of pupils over the coming months is not of an acceptable standard, their preferred choice of trip will be retracted. Persistent unacceptable behaviour includes disruption to lessons, challenge to authority, uniform breaches and punctuality.
- 4. All pupils are expected to attend school on the day of the school trip. If no trip is selected the option to participate on the walk will be given.

The cost of these trips differ, depending on the activity: -

- Blackpool Pleasure Beach: £38.00 Coaches will leave at approx 9.15am with a return back to school after 4pm.
- Alton Towers: £46.00: Coaches will leave early approx 8.00am to arrive at the park for opening time and enjoy a full day at the park, with an anticipated arrival back will be after 5pm.
- Chester Zoo: £28.00: Coaches will leave at approx 9.30am and return back to school after 4pm.
- Walk: Free Pupils will be escorted on a local walk. They will leave school by foot and will picnic in the open air with their peers and staff.

The cost of the trips covers the cost of admission, insurance and transport to and from the venue. Detailed information regarding each trip will be provided nearer to the date.

Places are restricted to the numbers provided on the table above, however we reserve the right to adjust this based on demand. Please ensure that your child consults with their friendship groups prior to choosing a trip to avoid changes.

If you would like your child to attend, please sign up online using Arbor **or** complete the reply slip below and return it to school with the deposit/full payment by **Friday 23 May 2025**.

A **£5.00** deposit will secure their place with the final payment due by **Friday 30 June 2025**. As part of our pupil premium provision, those pupils who are on free school meals will pay a 50% reduced rate. This is automatically allocated when paying by Arbor.

Cheques should be made payable to 'St Edmund Arrowsmith High School' (should a cheque fail to clear then the cost will be forwarded to you). We regret that if a cheque fails to clear then a charge of  $\pounds$ 6.00 will be added to the balance.

I trust this information is satisfactory however, please do not hesitate to contact school should you require further details.

Yours faithfully

M.J. Dunen

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REPLY SLIP: REWARDS DAY: 16 July 2025

**Only return the slip if paying by cash or cheque**, if paying by Arbor you automatically give consent for your child to attend.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FORM:

| Y7, Y8,  | Y9 & Y10     | Y7, Y8, Y9,Y10 | Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 |
|--|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <ul> <li>Blackpool Pleasure<br/>Beach</li> </ul> | Alton Towers | Chester Zoo    | A walk          |
| Cost: £38.00                                     | Cost: £46.00 | Cost: £28.00   | Free            |

I give permission for the above-named to attend the Rewards Day on 16 July 2025 (please tick chosen activity)

| I enclose the deposit of £5.00: Cash | Cheque | Eligible for FSM |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| SIGNED:                              |        | DATE:            |
| FULL NAME OF PARENT/CARER            |        |                  |