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Dear parents and carers,

End of year trip – Alton Towers

We are pleased to invite years 7 to 10 to take part in our end of year celebration visit to Alton Towers on **Wednesday 24th July 2024**.

The total cost of the trip will be **£35.50** which includes entrance into the park for the day and return coach travel. This cost will be reduced by 25% for students in receipt of free school meals (**£26.63**). The coaches will leave Kirk Hallam Community Academy bus bay at 9am, and arrive back at approximately 5:30pm, traffic dependent. On the day, students will be expected to arrive to school at the normal time and go to registration. Any students who are late cannot be guaranteed to make the coach on time.

Places are limited and are therefore on a first-come first served basis. In order for students to secure their place on the trip they must continue to demonstrate positive behaviour and attendance in the lead up to the trip. The academy reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip where basic expectations in school are not being met, in these circumstances a refund will be provided to families. Refunds will not be offered to students who have already paid but change their minds about attending.

Basic expectations include

- High levels of attendance and punctuality
- Wearing appropriate school uniform
- Upholding the Culture Code

Any student receiving 2 or more suspensions between now and the date of the trip will not be able to attend the event.

School uniform does not need to be worn, however, please ensure clothing is appropriate e.g. a waterproof jacket in case of wet weather and sun protection in case of hot weather. Your child should remember to bring any medicines such as inhalers/EpiPens where required along with a signed care plan. Food is available to purchase at the park or you may prefer to send your child with a packed lunch. Students in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a meal deal, if you indicate this on ParentPay.

Whilst at Alton Towers your child is a representative of Kirk Hallam Community Academy and therefore expected to behave in a polite and respectful manner in line with our Academy Behaviour Policy. Any decision or instruction given by both Kirk Hallam and Alton Towers staff must be entirely respected and followed at all times.

Please be aware that once in the park, students will be free to use the facilities without direct supervision of Academy staff, however a member of staff will be 'on call' at a designated area throughout the day and all students issued with an emergency staff contact number should they require assistance. No child will be permitted to leave the park at any point and all children on the trip will be expected to travel to and from Alton Towers on the transport provided.

If your child does not wish to attend the trip, they will still need to attend school on that day where an alternative programme of activities will be arranged.

The trip will be available for payment via ParentPay from Monday 3rd June 2024. The final date for payment will be Monday 1st July 2024, dependent on available places. You will also need to complete the emergency information and agree to the terms and conditions of the letter on ParentPay.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the academy.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Thornhill
Head of Year 10
Trip Leader