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Christ is the centre of our school community where we live, love and learn together.

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Dear Parents/Guardian(s),

Last academic year, we decided to introduce more residential trips to our school year to give more children the opportunity to experience new environments and challenges. In doing so, we moved our usual Alton Castle residential trip to Year 5 instead of Year 6, with Year 6 spending a week at the Pioneer centre instead.

The first ever Pioneer centre residential trip was a huge success. Children had the time of their lives taking part in challenges such as orienteering, climbing and water sports. Year 6 returned home muddy, tired, but extremely happy!

As we were so impressed with the centre this year, we have secured a booking for next academic year for our current Year 5 pupils when they reach Year 6. We would like to invite you to a meeting held in school on **Thursday 6th January** at **3:30pm** to learn more about the centre and ask any questions you may have.

A little about the centre

Our aim at NAYC & ACUK is to release potential in every person who walks through our doors. We own two purpose built activity centres, situated in the Midlands of England, not far from Birmingham. The Pioneer Centre offers a real taste of the outdoors and is often described as a home away from home because of our fantastic staff team and peaceful surroundings. As well as our adrenaline fuelled outdoor activities, there are also plenty of opportunities to experience the natural environment by learning about local wildlife and plant life.



Situated in stunning countryside on the edge of the Wyre Forest, we are within easy reach of Birmingham and the national motorway network. Pioneer's unique location offers an opportunity for young people to experience the outdoors like never before.

Pioneer offers unrivalled en-suite accommodation under one roof for groups of 12 to 300 seeking 'best value' for their residential event. The six en-suite accommodation wings also allow a number of smaller groups to remain separate, secure and individually cared for whilst enjoying Pioneers rural location and facilities.

With 20 different activities there's plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, conquer fears and have plenty of fun! Our most popular activities include indoor caving, zip wire, water sports and an inflatable obstacle course we like to call Big Bounce! Our activity sessions are built to achieve learning outside the classroom and successfully develop new life skills.

Action Plus is our most popular package, it provides a fast paced and adrenaline filled residential stay for school students. This programme is ideally suited for years 5 -7 but is readily adapted for both younger and older groups. Action Plus teaches young people that every person makes valuable contribution and that perceived limitations can be stretched. Action Plus is designed to give increased contact time with our instructors as well as certificates

Our Action Plus package is available all year around, whatever your budget we will do our best to find a price that fits your budget. This two night, three-day residential package is fully inclusive, all activities, accommodation and food are included in the price.

It is our intention that this residential will challenge and inspire the children at Saint Thomas More School.

We are offering this amazing opportunity to Year 6 (current Year 5) children from **Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November 2022.**

The cost of the entire trip, (accommodation, meals and 20 different activities) plus the coach there and back, will cost around £220 per child. This cost is based upon all children attending. To gauge interest and therefore provide parents with an accurate overall cost for the trip, please register your interest by emailing enquiry@sttommor.bham.sch.uk by **Friday 28th January.**

After this date and final numbers have been gathered, a final cost will be calculated and a payment set up on ParentPay. This will enable parents to pay for the trip in instalments over a longer period of time.

We are overjoyed to be able to offer children this opportunity for a fantastic experience after the past year and believe that this will help prepare children for their final year with us and transition to secondary school.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office on 0121 743 3289 or enquiry@sttommor.bham.sch.uk.

Sincerely,

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