

S1 Information Evening

Thursday 23rd August 2017

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Format of the evening:

- Welcome and introduction – Mrs Edgerton – Acting Head Teacher (Thursday/Friday).
- Fuel Zone taster.
- Welcome to S1 at Hyndland – Mrs Forrester – Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for S1.
- The S1 Residential Experience – Ms Burns / Mr Furniss including Q & A session.

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Hyndland Secondary Fuel Zone:

- The Fuel Zone is open each morning, interval and lunchtime.
- The Hyndland Hut which is located in the playground – is open at intervals and lunchtimes and sells a range of hot and cold snacks.
- Reminder that those who received free school meals in P7 should re-apply to receive these in S1.

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Fuel Zone School Meals:

- The cost of a full meal is £1.90 included in this is:
- Cooked main course
- Bottled water or milk
- Yoghurt
- Soup
- Unlimited bread and fruit

Menu guides are available for parents to take home.

If you have any further questions about the Fuel Zone please ask Liz, the School Catering Manager tonight

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Supporting your child in S1

- Planners – please check and sign these weekly where possible.
- Students will log both their homework and what they have learned in class daily.
- Please check the school website and school Twitter page – important news and updates will be posted here.

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Extra-curricular life at Hyndland

- Students attended a PE Freshers Fayre this week to sign up for health & well-being clubs.
- Other clubs will be highlighted at our year group assembly.
- Students will receive a booklet with all details of the clubs very soon.
- Our aim is that every S1 student participates in at least one extra-curricular activity this year.

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Extra-curricular life at Hyndland

- S1 Students will attend a Music Assembly on Monday 4th September – they will then be able to sign up for the chance to receive instrumental instruction in S1.
- Many Music extra-curricular opportunities are now up and running – Choir every Friday, Junior Wind band every Tuesday after school.

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Ms Burns – The Barcaple Experience 2017



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The S1 Residential to Barcaple 2017

- Classes 1A, 1B and 1C will attend the trip from Monday to Wednesday.
- Classes 1D, 1E and 1F will attend the trip from Wednesday to Friday.

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Why should S1 attend the trip?

- Starting secondary is a big deal!
- Loads more people, new teachers
 - It can be overwhelming!
- New S1s get to know the new people in their class
 - Gives staff opportunities to get to know the young people really well
- You will learn to work together to get through challenges!

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Rooming Arrangements:

- Students have been asked to identify up to 3 people whom they wish to share a room with during their stay at Barcaple.
- Ms Burns and Ms Neilson will then use this information to make up the rooming arrangements.
- Some rooms sleep 2, some 4 and some 6.
- Students can share a room with a friend in another class (as long as it is the correct part of the week).

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Staff attending the Barcaple Trip:

- Mrs Forrester – Depute Head Teacher S1
- Ms Burns & Ms Neilson – Trip Leaders
- Members of the Pastoral Care team will attend for part of the week
- Members of the Support for Learning Team will attend
- Ms Rennie – Acting PT S1 Transition
- A number of S1 PST tutors

Activities at Barcaple will include:

- Kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Abseiling
- High Ropes
- Blind Challenge
- Archery
- Games
- Raft Building
- Crate Stacking
- Tree Climbing
- Zip Line
- Team Challenges
- Forrest / Nature Walk

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What to bring:

Remember you are only going to be there for 2 nights – a small suitcase or holdall is all you will need.

You are advised not to bring electronic equipment such as tablets and phones. You are not really going to have time to use them and there's no phone signal or Wi-Fi!

- Warm comfortable clothing (hoodies/jogging bottoms are ideal)
- Plenty of socks (thick and thin)
- Underwear
- Swimming gear
- Jumper/fleece/jacket
- Comfortable clothes for time in the centre. Jeans are not suitable for activities
- Packed lunch for the first day
- Insect repellent
- 2 Towels
- 2 pairs of trainers (one which can get wet)
- There are drying facilities
- Any prescribed medication (**ensure Ms Burns / Ms Neilson are aware of any conditions**)

The centre will provide:

- Walking boots and waterproofs
- All equipment required for activities (harnesses/helmets)

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A typical day at Barcaple:

- 8am - Breakfast
- 10am - Activity
- 12pm - Lunch
- 2pm - Activity
- 5pm - Dinner
- 7pm - Evening Activity or games
- 8pm - Movie
- 10pm - Bedtime!



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Information required from parents:

- Completed consent forms – 2 which were issued on first day of term. Please return these asap to your child's PST tutor.
- Any medical information – please speak to either Mrs Forrester, Ms Burns or Mr Furniss here tonight.
- Payment of £135 should be made where possible by 24th August. Please speak to Mrs Forrester if there is a difficulty with this.

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Do you have any questions about
the Barcaple Trip?

Please feel free to ask them and
we will hopefully be able to
provide an answer!

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Hyndland Secondary School Parent Council

First meeting for this year is on
Thursday 31st August at 7pm in the
library.

All parents/carers welcome to come
along.

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