

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Proposed Italy activity residential trip May 2024

We write to update you on a change of destination for the adventure trip in May 2024 following guidance received from the travel operator, *Acorn Adventures*. They have advised us that the centre in the Alps will not be ready in time for our departure. *Acorn* have offered the Ardèche in France as an alternative destination, with the same dates and a slightly reduced price of £930.

The change of destination will involve a modified itinerary which we have set out below. We hope that the proposed new destination offers pupils a similar experience and opportunity to build confidence and resilience.

New Itinerary

- Day 1 – Depart SHSB
- Day 2 – Arrive, check in and explore
- Day 3 – Canoeing trip down the Ardeche and overnight sleep in Bivouac (1/2)
- Day 4 – Canoe trip back down the Ardeche (2/2)
- Day 5 – Land / water-based activities / use of on-site pool
- Day 6 – Excursion day – Aven d'Ornagac caves
- Day 7 – Land based activities / lunch / depart
- Day 8 – Arrive back at SHSB

For more information, please visit <https://www.acornadventure.co.uk/ardeche-adventure-france>

We hope that the new itinerary is as exciting for your son and they still wish to participate in the trip but we understand that this is a significant change which you will want to discuss and consider. We will be offering a full refund for any parent who does not wish to continue their involvement with the trip.

If you do **not** wish for your son to attend, please complete the form below by **midday on Friday 2nd December** and we will arrange a refund accordingly.

Withdraw from trip form: <https://forms.office.com/e/F6xs2hPpbY>

If you have any further queries about the proposed changes, please email us on enquiries@shsb.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Imbush and Mr D Hill

Trip Organisers

