



*"Do not be afraid.
Open wide the doors
for Christ."*



KYT
Alton Castle



**Welcome to the
information
evening regarding
the Year 5
residential trip to
Alton Castle.**

**Trip dates:
Wednesday 23rd -
Friday 25th June
2021**

Aims & objectives of this meeting

- Give you information about the residential trip for Year 5
- Tell you about Alton Castle and our reasons for visiting
 - Discuss payment
- Answer and questions you may have

Who is the trip for?

- This residential trip is available to all Year 5 children
- Leaving school on Wednesday 23rd June, staying for two nights and returning on the afternoon of Friday 25th June 2021

Why a residential trip in Year 5?

- Residential trips offer activities and experiences that we can't offer on site.
- Children grow in character, independence and confidence.
- A team-building experience before the challenge of Year 6.

Why Alton Castle?

- Established as a residential youth centre by the Archdiocese of Birmingham.
- The mission of the Castle is to promote the personal, spiritual and social development of all children and visitors, its employees and volunteers, through prayer and activity in such a way that they may live life to the full and become fully alive in God.



The children on retreat participate in a variety of activities during their stay. Each activity includes an element of reflection and discussion and prayer, and it is through these activities that each child is challenged and encouraged to find hidden strength, learn new skills, and experience achievement as part of a team and as an individual.



Safety

- Providing the road map goes ahead, residential educational trips are allowed from 17th May
- The trip is fully risk assessed by St. Nicholas School. Each activity is fully RA by Alton Castle staff including COVID safe procedures (copies on their website).
- Castle staff are DBS checked.
- St. Nicholas staff are first aid trained.
- Risks are identified and measures put in place to mitigate risk.
- Staff members attending are briefed by trip leader before the trip.
- Trip leader is in regular contact with school staff both in and out of school hours.
- Children are not permitted to bring their mobile phones. Staff will communicate with parents where necessary.
- Photos and other updates will be sent out via parent mail.

Practical arrangements

- Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday 23rd June.
- Please respond to the letter which will be sent out via parent mail this week which will ask you to give permission for the trip.
- Please see suggested kit list in the email sent out.
- Please complete a medical form in pack emailed out and complete by **Friday 21st May**

Payment

Coach travel & residential at Alton Castle

Final cost per child of £155

Normally in installments

We will ask for payment as late as we can

Details will be sent out as soon as we have more
information



Any Questions?



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