

February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to write and let you know that our May sports tour to Conover Hall in Shropshire has been confirmed and your child has received a place. The place on the trip is offered subject to them continuing to meet the key requirements outlined in this letter.

The trip will consist of a 3-day summer sports tour, travelling to the stunning Conover Hall in Shropshire to take part in football, rugby and badminton training & matches, along with a range of outdoor adventurous activities organised by the JCA adventure staff, in association with Edwin Doran Sports Tours.

We will depart Appleton Academy by coach on the morning of Friday 16 May 2025. Our first sports fixtures against other schools will take place on the way down to Shropshire. We will then continue our journey and on arrival at Conover Hall we will have an evening of fun welcome activities and a full dinner.

On Saturday 17 May 2025, we will have a busy day of sports fixtures, training sessions and outdoor activities. The range of activities available at Conover Hall is huge, whatever the weather conditions. In the evening, we will have a full dinner followed by fun team games and quizzes against students staying at the venue from different schools around the country.

On Sunday 18 May 2025, there will be more outdoor adventurous activities and sports fixtures before returning by coach to Appleton Academy, arriving in the early evening.

The cost of the trip is confirmed to be £295.00 per student and this is for all the activities, transport, accommodation, breakfast and dinner each day. If you decide to give your child some spending money for the trip this is entirely at your own discretion.

We require payment, via ParentPay, of a **non-refundable deposit of £100.00** by **Friday 21 February 2025** please. If payment is not received by this date, your child will lose their place on the trip. Two remaining payments of £100.00 and £95.00 will then need to be made through ParentPay by **Friday 21 March 2025** and **Friday 4 April 2025** respectively please.

Please note that your child's participation and place on the tour remains at all times dependent on their behaviour, attendance and effort at school, as well as their consistent attendance of all lunchtime and after school sports training sessions. If they do not meet these expectations and standards in the build up to the tour, a decision may be made that your child is no longer eligible to attend the trip. In those instances, monies paid for the trip to that point may be forfeited and you will certainly lose the deposit as this is absolutely non-refundable.

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Please also be aware that, while on the tour, if your child behaves in a manner that could endanger themselves or others or brings the Academy into disrepute, you will be required to travel and collect your child from Condover Hall in Shropshire, as they will no longer be able to participate in the remainder of activities over the weekend. Behaviour expectations will be managed on the visit in the same way as they would be in school and we expect students to act as ambassadors for themselves and the school.

I am extremely proud of all our sports students at Appleton Academy. I am delighted to be leading this tour and know that this will become one of the everlasting memories that your child will take from their time at the school.

I would like to thank you for your support and if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk) in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Young  
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