

Greetings Easter Gatherer!

Easter 2017 is a long weekend, beginning lunchtime on Friday 14th April and finishing at breakfast on Tuesday 18th April. The programme is currently being planned and will hopefully provide another fun-packed weekend of events and activities to keep you all occupied over Easter.



This year you are receiving your booking forms earlier than ever before! Over recent years, feedback has been that if the booking information is received earlier, more of you will come - so I have high hopes of increased numbers this year! If you happen to lose your booking form before you fill it out and return it, copies can be printed from the file on the Old Scholars section of the school website.

As mentioned last year, we couldn't keep the prices the same as Easter 2013 prices forever. However, you will notice on your forms that there are 2 sets of charges for residents this year, and if you return your booking form and payment by 31st December 2016 then you will benefit from a 5% early booking discount, and will still be able to enjoy Easter Weekend at the 2013 prices! As the day visitor and camping charges were only introduced for the first time last year, these have not been increased, and therefore have not been discounted.

A reminder about the 2 categories of day visitor:

- 1) An Exclusive Day Visitor - this is for those who just want to pop into school for a few hours, meet friends and wander around, as paying this small charge **does not include meals, does not include programme activities, and does not include use of any of the school facilities** (such as the sports centre/swimming pool/music concert/etc)
- 2) An Inclusive Day Visitor - this is for those who intend to spend most or all day at school, and paying this charge **includes lunch and dinner** (even if only one meal is eaten), **includes all programme activities** and **includes use of all facilities**.

In addition to the above, we are also accepting bookings for camping again this year. You are welcome to sleep in your own tent or caravan/campervan if you would prefer to do so rather than sleep in school. We are unable to offer a proper campsite or proper camping facilities; there are no electric hook-ups, no waste water facilities, and no elsan disposal points. We are offering a pitch on a field for a tent, or an area of hard-standing for a camper/caravan, with washrooms/showers/toilets/car parking a short walk away. The charges for the camping tariff include breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as all of the programme activities and use of school facilities (sports centre, swimming pool, etc.)

We have tried to keep the charges as low as possible for both residents and day visitors, in the hope that we can attract lots of people and break even.

If you are planning a reunion this year, please do let me know so that we can advertise it on the website and on Facebook pages.

An electronic version of the programme can be sent to you if you email to request it - aosaeaster@yahoo.co.uk. Please note that the final programme will not be available until just before Easter, but a draft programme will be available in the New Year. We will also post the details onto the website and Facebook once they have been finalised: www.ackworthschool.com/easter-gathering

As usual, we will be agreeing with school before Easter the final accommodation and meal numbers which will be based on the numbers who have booked in 10 days before the weekend. Please ensure you have returned the enclosed booking form, or spoken to Sal or John by 25th March 2017 at the latest.

Please remember to bring your smart clothes on Saturday night for the Formal Dinner if you are eating in school on Saturday evening, swimming costumes and towels for the pool, and also a reminder that towels are not provided with accommodation.

Our President, Nick, looks forward to meeting you in Centre Library for the President's Welcome on Good Friday.

We look forward to seeing you!

With Best Wishes,

Sal and the Easter Team

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE OF THIS LETTER FOR
HELP COMPLETING THE BOOKING FORM**

1) Complete your details on the outside of the booking form - please use block capitals

Remember to give your phone/email in case we need to contact you prior to the weekend

2) Find out which of these sections you need to use by answering the questions

Are you planning to stay in school overnight? ↓ YES ↓ In a bed? ↓ YES ↓ Are you staying for the full weekend? ↓ YES ↓	Are you planning to stay in school overnight? ↓ YES ↓ In a bed? ↓ YES ↓ Are you staying for the full weekend? ↓ NO ↓ Are you having Bed, Breakfast and 1 meal? ↓ YES ↓	Are you planning to stay in school overnight? ↓ YES ↓ In a bed? ↓ YES ↓ Are you staying for the full weekend? ↓ NO ↓ Are you having Bed, Breakfast and 2 meals ↓ YES ↓	Are you planning to stay in school overnight? ↓ YES ↓ In a bed? ↓ NO ↓ In a tent, caravan or campervan? ↓ YES ↓	Are you planning to stay in school overnight? ↓ NO ↓ Day Visitors now need to book if they want to come into school during the AOSA Easter Weekend As a day visitor do you want to have, do, or use one or more of the following: Lunch, Dinner, Programme Activities, Swimming Pool, Sports Centre, Tennis Courts? ↓ YES ↓	Are you planning to stay in school overnight? ↓ NO ↓ Day Visitors now need to book if they want to come into school during the AOSA Easter Weekend As a day visitor do you want to have, do, or use one or more of the following: Lunch, Dinner, Programme Activities, Swimming Pool, Sports Centre, Tennis Courts? ↓ NO ↓ Are you just planning to just call in for an hour or two or attend the AGM? ↓ YES ↓
Use Purple section on booking form to work out code&cost for each person in your booking Remember to use the Early Booking Codes/Prices if you are booking and paying before 31.12.16 Remember to complete the meals section by ticking all meals required ↓ NEXT ↓	Use the ORANGE section on the booking form to work out code&cost for each person in your booking Remember to use the Early Booking Codes/Prices if you are booking and paying before 31.12.16 Remember to complete the meals section by ticking all meals required ↓ NEXT ↓	Use the BLUE section on the booking form to work out code&cost for each person in your booking Remember to use the Early Booking Codes/Prices if you are booking and paying before 31.12.16 Remember to complete the meals section by ticking all meals required ↓ NEXT ↓	Use green section on booking form to work out code&cost for each person in your booking Camping charges include meals so remember to complete the meals section by ticking all meals required ↓ NEXT ↓ ↓ NEXT ↓ ↓ NEXT ↓ ↓ NEXT ↓	Use the RED section on the booking form and book as an INCLUSIVE day visitor. If you are not booking as an individual it might be cheaper to use the Family Rate ↓ NEXT ↓ ↓ NEXT ↓ ↓ NEXT ↓ ↓ NEXT ↓	Use the RED section on the booking form to book as an EXCLUSIVE day visitor Please note you will not be able to use the swimming pool, sports centre, tennis courts, join in with programme activities or have any meals ↓ NEXT ↓ ↓ NEXT ↓

3) Repeat the above process for each person you are booking & remember to include full name of each person

4) In top section, tick all the meals required for each person you are booking for

5) In the top section, please tick the box on the far RIGHT HAND SIDE for each person in your booking who is vegetarian

6) Add up the total cost of all visitors using the yellow box on the top section of the form (this will be used as a check)

7) Calculate the total cost you have booked in each of the different categories on the bottom right hand section of the form

8) Double check that the yellow Grand Total box amount matches the yellow Total box on the top section

9) Select how you are paying by ticking the box for either cheque or online payment at the bottom of the form

10) Write any additional information or requests in the "Further Requests" box on the outside of the form

11) Post your booking form & payment to John Golding before 25.03.17 (and before 31.12.16 for Early Bookings)