



Launceston College

A Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has chosen horse riding for active learning week and I hope that they will enjoy the experience. It will aim to improve the riding and stable management skills of experienced riders and to introduce the joys of the sport to new riders, as well as teaching them how to care for a large animal.

A number of students have asked about bringing their own ponies. Unfortunately due to various problems for both the College and the riding school we cannot allow students to bring their own horses. Let me assure you that the riding school has a wide range of ponies and horses to suit all ages, sizes and abilities, and the opportunity to ride a variety of mounts is always good for improving a rider's skills. It will also give them a chance to extend their riding experiences by having the opportunity to try different disciplines on horses that are trained for the particular area.

Below are the final details for the horse riding week:-

- Students need to meet at St Leonards Riding Centre, Polson, at 8:50am every day (If there is a problem any day please contact College)
- Students need to be picked up from the riding centre at 3:00-3:15pm every day (if they cannot be picked up till later please let me know but there will be no supervision after 3:15pm)
- They should bring a packed lunch, plenty to drink, and snacks (it is a very active day). If your child is entitled to a free school meal a packed lunch will be provided by the College canteen.
- They should wear wellingtons or riding boots as these give the best protection to feet
- They do not need jodhpurs - track suit bottoms are perfectly adequate (NOT jeans as these tend to rub the legs when riding)
- Please send suntan cream and or rainwear as appropriate.
- If it is sunny, tee-shirts with short sleeves give better protection than strappy tops, to shoulders, a cap is also useful.
- Protective riding hats are available at the centre.

The stables have requested that no students are dropped off at the stables prior to 8.50am as there will be no member of staff from Launceston College to supervise them. This is due to Health & Safety reasons.

Finally, it is hoped that by the end of the week all students will achieve a BHS recognised qualification and these require experienced riders to ride a variety of horses.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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