



9 January 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of current E Group (Year 5) to LVI (Year 12) Students,

5th JERSEY SWIM TRIP: OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

Having sent out initial information at the end of last term, and several swimmers signed up, I am aware the timing didn't work well for others to do also consider joining us, so I am re-advertising the trip now. The bi-annual trip's aim is to get as 'pruney' as possible experiencing a variety of aquatic activities both in and on top of the water, as well as visiting some of Jersey's key highlights in between! I will give both Junior and Senior School students a chance in the week beginning 13 Jan to see a montage of a previous trip and ask any questions; I will also extend to parents a similar opportunity (date and details tbc).

Staffing: Jenny White plus up to 2 others (tbc, depending on numbers)

Dates*: Monday, 27 October – Friday 31 October 2025 (*subject to flights)

Transport: Easyjet return flights: Ideally 07:00, from Gatwick, returning at 17:35 (dependent on availability/cost at time of booking). Minibus transfers around Jersey are included but I have made enquiries re a coach to/from Gatwick, which will be bookable at an extra cost.

Hotel: 4 nights Half Board at **The Merton Hotel** (twin/triple 3* accommodation with Leisure complex including flume/outdoor pool/lazy river, FlowRider)
www.seymourhotels.com/merton-hotel

Food: **Full Board** delicious buffet breakfast & dinner at the hotel with locally-sourced lunches during our excursions to discover Jersey.

Activities: All delivered/arranged by Le Mourier Swim School: www.lemourier.co.uk

1. **4 x 2hr 'Olympic Flavour' swimming training:** Morning sessions to focus on stroke technique & competitive skills (e.g. racing dives, relay change overs, racing turns) to build stamina, proficiency and confidence so swimmers can fully engage and enjoy other aquatic activities (on the trip and in future).
2. **Afternoon (mostly!) aquatic activities** chosen from: SUP-Fit, Aqua-aerobics, Water polo, SCUBA, 'dryside' Body Conditioning, Creepy Valley activities (<https://valleyadventure.je/>) including zip wires, laser combat and the big swing! and a pool 'fun swim' with floats to finish!
3. **Programme of 'Discover Jersey' excursions** with plans to do different ones to previous trips e.g 'RIB blast' excursion to Les Ecrehous islands** and visiting Elizabeth Castle, on a 'duck boat'!
4. **Programme of Evening Entertainment** (e.g. topical quizzes, silent disco, booked performers)
5. **Flow Rider surfing experience at The Merton Hotel**

** subject to weather!

Provisional Cost: £950: includes full insurance through the School's policy and a tour hoodie/sweatshirt. The final cost will be confirmed after booking flights, but I will keep it as close to the £950 price as possible, and not exceed £990. The Gatwick coach options will be bookable separately.

To secure your child's place on this trip: please **email Jenny asap with a copy of their passport picture page** to confirm/reconfirm your child would like to go. You will then, if not paid already, receive a link to pay a **deposit of £200** (credit or debit card, via Evolve). **Deadline is Tuesday 21 January at 0900.** If your child is keen to go, but paying the deposit imminently is tricky, please email me anyway and we can discuss an alternative plan. Students may be able to add on to the trip later, but usually at higher cost.

Kind regards,

Jenny White

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