



Jesuit Schools Sixth Form Leadership Conference

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th September 2017

Notes for Pupils and Parents

The **Sixth Form Leadership Conference** brings together upper sixth (Y13/Sixth Year) pupils from each of the UK Jesuit secondary schools. Those attending have all been appointed to leadership roles in their schools (such as Head Boy or Girl, College Captain, Chaplaincy Prefect, etc.). The conference is an opportunity for you to discover more about the spirit and spirituality of St Ignatius (founder of Jesuit schools), student leadership in a Jesuit school, and how you can contribute to the Jesuit identity and mission of your own school. In doing this you are participating in something that stretches back 450-years and reaches around the global network of 2,326 Jesuit schools.

The conference will consist of presentations, discussions, activities, etc. as well as shared meals, some prayer and reflection, and celebration of the Eucharist together. Depending on the weather, there is also an opportunity for a walk along the beach to get some fresh sea air!

So that everyone is safe and is able to get the most out of the conference, there is some information, rules and guidelines we need you to know and to follow:

The Venue

The Jesuit Villa (holiday) House at Barmouth has been used by Jesuits, families and friends, and groups from the Jesuit schools, for over a hundred years. It is a safe and comfortable but simple place, overlooking the sea at Llanaber, not far outside the town of Barmouth.

You can look it up on Google maps – the postcode is LL42 1YU.

Safeguarding and Safety

The Jesuit Villa House at Barmouth is a safe place. It is simple but comfortable and well equipped. To make the conference an enjoyable and safe experience for all we ask you to follow these rules:

- You must not go into anyone else's bedroom (whether pupil or adult); socialising must be done in the public rooms of the house.
- You must not leave the house (apart from the immediate grounds) without telling us.

- You must not bring or use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (other than prescribed medicines).
- You must not go into the sea (the sea is dangerous at Barmouth with strong tides).

The house is fitted with a fire alarm system, smoke detectors, fire doors and emergency lighting. If the fire alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building immediately. Do not take any possessions with you. If the alarm goes off at night, wake others around you. The fire assembly point is the car park.

The house has modern showers and bathrooms which will be designated for pupils or staff, male or female use. You must use the toilets/bathrooms designated for your use.

You need to be aware that there is a busy road in front of the house (the A496). You need to exercise care when crossing it (not that we will be away from the house much).

You also need to be aware of an unguarded crossing over the railway line – again care needs to be taken.

Special Needs

If you have any special dietary or access needs, please make sure you let us know by completing the personal information form, and also getting the teacher/chaplain who is organising this trip for your school to let us know in advance.

Behaviour

We expect your behaviour to be of the highest standards during the conference and when travelling to and from the conference. We expect you to be considerate of others, respectful of their contributions, helpful to the conference leaders (including taking your turn with the washing up and tidying up at the end). We expect you to follow, with good grace, the instructions of the conference leaders.

To get the most out of the conference we ask you to participate in a positive and constructive way at all times. As always, the more you put into the conference, the more you will get out of it.

We have never had the slightest problem with behaviour or attitude on the Sixth Form Leadership Conference but if your behaviour is not good or is disruptive of the conference, arrangements will be made with your school for you to go home.

Lights Out

We do expect you to observe 'lights out' at the time we tell you. This means being in your room after lights out, getting some sleep (not spending too long on your phone!), not visiting other rooms.

Medicines, etc.

If you are on medication, we expect you to bring and administer your medication for yourself. But we do ask that you let us know what your medication is on your personal information form. If you

feel unwell, please make sure we know immediately, even if that means waking the duty person up during the night.

Mobile Phones

You are welcome to bring your mobile phone to the conference but during the sessions we ask you to switch it off or leave it in your room so it does not become a distraction.

Personal Data

We do not retain any of the personal information you give us on the personal information form. This is used only to organise and run the Sixth Form Leadership Conference. It is then destroyed.

What to Bring

You need to bring casual clothes for two days at Barmouth. All of the conference is held in the house (so you do not need anything smart for going out!). Make sure you bring something warm (both for the house and for walking along the beach which can have cold winds blowing off the sea at this time of year) and have trainers/shoes suitable for walking on the beach.

Please bring soap/shampoo and toiletries.

You need to bring your own towel.

Bed linen is provided.

Please do not bring too much – a small suitcase (the size you have for carry-on luggage on a plane) is fine!

Everything you need for the conference sessions (pens, paper, etc.) will be provided.

Please bring with you a copy of your current school prospectus and/or magazine – this is interesting for others to see. Each school group just needs to bring one copy. Your school chaplain or headteacher can help you with this.

Please bring with you a photograph of yourself when you were in Year 6 (P6 for Scotland) or thereabouts. This is needed for one of the sessions.

Conference Leaders

There will be four adult leaders for the conference:

- Fr Peter Brook SJ (Preston Jesuit Community)
- Ms Catherine Hanley (Stonyhurst College)
- Mr Peter O’Sullivan SJ (Jesuit Institute)
- Fr Adrian Porter SJ (Jesuit Institute)

The conference is led by Fr Adrian Porter SJ.

All the adults helping with the conference have undergone and cleared statutory DBS/PVG safeguarding checks.

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Arrival and Departure

If you are travelling by train:

On Wednesday 27th September, you should aim to join the 13.29 train from Shrewsbury which arrives at Llanaber at 16.01. Llanaber is the stop after Barmouth. Please note that Llanaber is a request stop so you will need to signal the train to stop (just like a bus). We will meet you at the station.

On Friday 29th September, you will depart on the 14.48 from Llanaber which gets into Shrewsbury at 17.20.

If you miss a connection or your train is delayed please let us know using the emergency contact number below.

Emergency Contact Number

The emergency contact number (call / voicemail / text) which you can use at any time during the conference or when travelling to/from Barmouth is Fr Porter's mobile number: **07557 902 004**

Please also make sure you have an emergency contact number for someone at your school who will be the link person for this conference (probably your school chaplain, head of sixth form, or headteacher).

Welcome to the Jesuit Schools' Sixth Form Leadership Conference 2017!

We look forward to meeting you.