

May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to inform you that we will be holding a one-day teambuilding event for our New Year 7 students on 28<sup>th</sup> September and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at Essex Outdoors, Mersea Island, Essex. We will be taking half of the year group on each day and we will confirm which day your child will be going nearer the time.

Students will take part in a programme of activities where they will develop employability skills and get to know students from their form group and their half of the year. I am sure you will agree that this will give them a good start to their life at Harris Academy - Benfleet and is an excellent opportunity for them to make new friends.

The cost of this trip is £52 per student which includes transport and all activities. If you would like your child to take part, please make the necessary payment via your Parentmail account, which can be made in instalments, and complete the online parental consent form via the Microsoft form link:

[Mersea Trip Consent Form - 2026 – Fill in form](#)

**Please note that both payment and parental consent are required by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026** in order to confirm final numbers with Essex Outdoors by this date, therefore, we cannot guarantee your child a place if the payment and consent form is received after 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

If your child is in receipt of **Free School Meals**, the School is able to obtain funding for the full cost. Your entitlement to this will be confirmed with your child's Primary School. Please indicate on the parental consent form if your child is eligible.

Normal lessons will take place in school for any students who do not choose to take part in the trip. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely,



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