



22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Avonbourne Academies Bay Walk 2025 Sandbanks - Hengistbury Head**

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our Year 8 students to take part in a sponsored walk for charity.

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, we are offering a chance for 50 students to take on a 14.5 km challenge from Sandbanks to Hengistbury Head in support of their House charity. This is a fantastic way for your child to push themselves, build new friendships, and make a real difference in the community—all while having a great time! **Please note this is only open to Year 8 students and no other year group.**

This initiative is designed to inspire students to rise to a meaningful physical challenge while representing their House and school with pride. The walk will encourage teamwork, determination, and a sense of community spirit, as well as providing a memorable way to contribute to charitable efforts beyond the school gates.

#### **Key details:**

- **Date:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 9:00am – 3:15pm.
- **Route:** 14.5 km from Sandbanks to Hengistbury Head.
- **Fundraising Requirement:** Aiming for a minimum of £25 per student.
- **Transport:** Students will be transported to and from the walk by school minibus at 9:00am. Students will be returning to Avonbourne Academy at 3:15pm. Parents may collect their child from Hengistbury Head if preferred, however students must be collected no later than 3:00pm.
- **Availability:** Please note that **only 50 student places are available**, please complete the form below to register your interest and the 50 students will be chosen as per our trips policy.

We are calling on our most determined and enthusiastic students to rise to the occasion and take on this incredible challenge. Not only will it give them a sense of achievement, but they will also play an important role in strengthening their House's legacy of giving back to the community, supporting the following charities;

**Mind**, **The Brain Tumour Charity**, **Sport in Mind**, **Friends of the Earth** and **Young Epilepsy**

We kindly ask that participating students commit to raising a minimum of **£25** in sponsorship, which will go directly towards supporting their House charity's important work. Further details regarding logistics, sponsorship forms, and expectations for the day will be provided following confirmation of participation. Don't miss out—this is a limited opportunity, and with only 50 places available, we encourage students to sign up quickly if they want to be part of this fantastic event!

If your child would like to take part, please use this link to register interest for the event.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xfEDxkvuFT>

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Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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