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403 to the group project.

### Explanation of your chosen evens

For our event, we have decided to organise 2 day trips in Newcastle. For the 2 day trips, we will be taking part in fun energetic activities, which will consist of paintballing, ten-pin bowling, assault course and snow tubing.

On the first day, which will be the 13th February 2007, we are going to go to Go Ballistic, which is a paintballing centre located approximately 14 miles North-West of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at Bygate Plantation near Belsay. We have arranged a full day paintballing which is booked from 10.00 am till 4.00 pm. We are going to have a barbeque lunch at the site, which is included in the price for the day. We have arranged a coach to take us to the venue and bring us back to school. The coach is booked to take us back to school earlier than 4.00 pm should we need it, as we thought that we would be tired if we were active for the whole six hours, so we decided to make it a slightly earlier finish.





On the second day, we are making our own way to the venue. We have booked 2 games of bowling at Megabowl at the Metrocentre in Gateshead. We have booked 4 lanes for the 20 students taking part in the event plus the two teachers who are accompanying us on the event. We have estimated that this will last around two hours with a short break after the first game. We are then going to break for lunch which will last for about an hour. After lunch, we will travel to Whickham Thorns which is quite close to the bowling venue in Dunston. Students will split into two groups, one will take part in an assault course and the other group in snow tubing, and then each group will swap.

The location of these venues is shown on the map after this section.

Our selected target market is students who are aged 16-19 in 6th Form at our school, Gosforth High. We chose our target market, as we decided we would be able to have friends involved in our event and make it a really good 2 days. Also, if we needed to get in touch with customers involved in our event, we could get any information to them quickly.

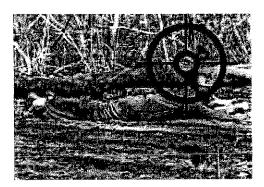
We decided on this idea as we thought it wouldn't be very expensive if we stayed in Newcastle and therefore organised an event to take place here. Also as we are 6th form students, we only have part-time jobs and therefore wouldn't be able to afford an event that would cost a lot of money.



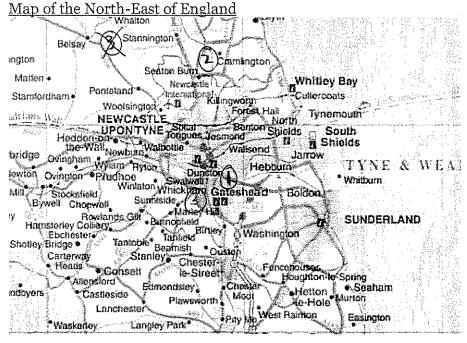
I think that we can call our 2 day trips in Newcastle an event, as we have organised it. We thought about what we could do and then came to the conclusion of three activities. We are hosting the two day event, have organised everything and have also arranged for other students involved to take part.

At the last minute we have had to change our paintballing venue from Go Ballistic, Belsay to Delta Force, Cramlington. This has not affected the price of the event. We changed because the event was only a month away and we still hadn't received a risk assessment, so we had to choose another venue to visit.

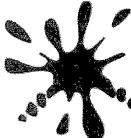
Delta Force is located in Cramlington. There are lots of different environments to play in with different scenarios such as Mad Murphy's Jungle, Year 3000 and Bus/Convoy. It sounds more exciting then the original place that we had originally planned to go to. It will take approximately 15 minutes to get there from school and we have to arrive promptly at 9.15, which will mean an earlier pick up time from school.



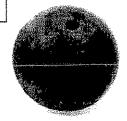
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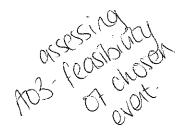
The Paintballing venue is located at point 2



The ten-pin bowling alley is located at point 1.



Whickham Thorns is located at point 3.



## Feasability Study

For our event, we had to come up with a group name; we chose to be called Travel Troopers. We decided on that name as we are A-Level Travel and Tourism students, so we thought it should have a link with travel. The Troopers part is because we knew that we would be adventuring outside of school and a group member suggested this, so we put them together and got 'Travel Troopers'. The group members are Julie Cooperthwaite, Rachael Stempczyk, Becky Boakes, Rebecca Farqhaur and Sara Brennon. We were all given job roles for our event. Each person was allocated the following role:

- Julie Cooperthwaite Marketing Manager
- Rachael Stempczyk Finance Manager
- Becky Boakes Secretary
- Rebecca Farqhaur Chairperson & Legal Aspects Manager
- Sara Brennan Physical Resources Manager

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cosid At the beginning of the course, the class took part in a group discussion about the range of events we could arrange. We decided to investigate short trips abroad and different activities around the UK.

As a class, we were divided into pairs and allocated various events to research. The different events included a trip to Amsterdam, a local trip (in Newcastleupon-Tyne), and a PGL activity centre in Shropshire, a trip to London, a trip to Paris and a trip to Bristol.

I researched London.

1. I found that staying at the Travel Lodge would cost £70.00 for 2 people sharing for two nights.

2. Travelling from Newcastle International Airport to London Stansted would cost around £40.00.

- 3. Then to entertain the group, we could have visited attractions such as the London Eye which cost £13.00 with a 10% group discount if over 15 people are involved.
- 4. Finally, a trip to Madame Tussaud's would cost between £13.50 and £21.60 per person.

Other researched ideas included:

Amsterdam - researched by Becky

We found that, for a return flight to Amsterdam from Newcastle Airport, it would cost approximately £39.00.

We looked at an average price for accommodation which we found would cost around £75.00 per night per person (based on 2 sharing).

We thought about some possible activities that we could do whilst in Amsterdam; theses included a canal/bus tour, a candlelit cruise and a trip to Madame Tussauds.



Newcastle - researched by Emma (who has since left the course)

To go paintballing, we found that it would cost £9.99 for a full day of paintballing and it would cost £4.99 for a half day. Paintballs cost £6.00 per hundred. We looked into how much it would cost to go Go-karting. It was, on average, around £20.00 per person for 15 minutes.

At Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre, there are various activities to we could do including an assault course, indoor and outdoor climbing, skiing and archery. Prices for these activities are from  $\pm 6.60$  an hour.

For a hired coach it is around £100 for pick up and drop off per day.

#### PGL Shropshire - researched by Rebecca

Rebecca found some information out on the Internet and ordered a brochure that contained more information about the activities that you can do with PGL. To stay at the PGL activity centre in a lodge that can accommodate up to 10 people for a week, is £129.00 + VAT per person. The price for half a week is £73.00. These prices include accommodation and food.

There are a wide range of activities to do once there, these include horse trekking, water rafting, canoeing and wall climbing. The activities are booked once there. The transport costs were not priced.

#### Paris - researched by Sara

Sara looked on the Internet for prices to go to Paris. For a flight from Newcastle Airport to Paris Charles de Gaulle, flying with EasyJet, the cost was around £45.00 for a return flight.

For 3\* accommodation, with a kitchen, for 2 nights it would cost around £67.00 per person, these rooms can hold up to 4 people.

For a one-day pass to DisneyLand it costs £47.00, which also includes transport. Travel cards to get around Paris are £6.00 and a sightseeing pass is £13.00. Other activities that we could do in Paris included shopping and visiting museums.

#### Bristol - researched by Taz (who has since left the course)

It would cost £80.00 for 1 full day consisting of 4 activities which you pick when booking. Examples of the activities were an assault course, horse trekking, canoeing and water rafting.

No other prices were provided.

After fully considering the findings/outcomes of our research, we chose to organise 2 day trips in Newcastle. We decided not to go Go-Karting as it was expensive and also, as we may not be able to receive permission from the Local Education Authority. We chose this option as we are going to open the event to 6th form students, who may not have a job, and therefore the price of the event was taken into consideration and the trip around Newcastle was therefore the cheapest option.

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We decided to call our group "Travel Troopers". We thought that we should have a company name associated with travel as we are taking A-Level Travel and Tourism and also something to do with taking people someone, and just came up with this. It represents us as a group, and our name will be on any paperwork that we produce and letters that are produced etc.

We came to the final decisions for our event by using our market research to decide on the activities and the details of our event.

We decided to do the following activities -

<u>Day 1</u> - Paintballing with private coach transport.

We will leave school 9.30, and when we arrive at the paintballing venue, we will participate in the activity in groups. We will have lunch on-site and then do a few hours of paintballing again and then leave the venue at around 3.30.

Day 2 - We are going to meet at 9.45 outside the Yellow Mall entrance. When everyone arrives we are going to go to Megabowl in the MetroCentre of the MetroCentre. We will play two games of bowling which will start at 10 am, and then have lunch at the MetroCentre. Students may pick where they would like to eat and they will have around an hour. We will then meet up to depart for Whickham Thorns and we plan to arrive at 1.30. Students are going to take part

eat and they will have around an hour. We will then meet up to depart for Whickham Thorns and we plan to arrive at 1.30. Students are going to take part in two different activities once there. There were a wide range of activities to chose from, however we decided, as a group, that we would take part in the assault course and snow tubing. Once we have participated in the activities we will depart and head back for school.

All of the venues are very accessible for the group to get to. There are car parking facilities at all of them, and there is room for the coach on day 1 and for people's transport on day 2.

The event was fairly easy to arrange. We rang up each company to ask about final prices and group discounts, then worked out how much it would cost per person, and called back to book the activities.

The full costing for the event is as follows:

Bus to paintballing
Paintballing £110
Paintballing activity (20 people)
Assault course (per group £10.50 \*2)
Snow Tubing (per group £41.70 \*2)
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Ten Pin Bowling (£2.50 per game \*2)\*22)

TOTAL £724.16

£36.21 = cost per person

This leaves us with £75.84 contingency money, which we are going to use to buy prizes for students. Our t-shirts that we will wear to distinguish group members from other students, and snacks for the coach on the first day will also be bought out of the money.

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The above price for paintballing has changed to £399.05, (£19.95 per person). This is for 21 people, as when you book 14 places you get the 15<sup>th</sup> place free. Therefore John Hall, the site manager is going to play along with the students. The price includes a full day paintballing which will be around 10-12 games, a BBQ lunch, the correct equipment to wear and paintballing equipment plus 200 paintballs each.

#### The contact details for the companies are as follows:

Go Ballistic Paintball Newcastle, Tyne and Wear 0870 1417490

Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre Market Lane Dunston NE11 9NX Tel: 0191 433 5767 Fax: 0191 433 5762

Minicom: 0191 460 0054

Megabowl 1 Garden Walk, The MetroCentre Gateshead NE11 0871 550 1010

Green Mountain Coach Company 01661 821721

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#### Opening Times & Pricing Information

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#### Tickets to Madame Tussauds - Individual tickets (1-9 people)

Arrival time	including Chamber Live	NOT including Chamber Live
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9.00am - 5.00pm	Child - £19.99	Child - £17.99
	Senior - £20.99	Senior - £18.99
	Family - £74.00	Family - £69.00
	Adult - £15.00	Adult - £13.00
5.00pm -	Child - £10.00	Child - £8.00
5.30/6.00pm	Senior - £13.00	Senior - £11.00
	Family - £50.00	Senior - £42.00



#### Tickets to Madame Tussauds - Group tickets (10+ people)

Arrival time	including Chamber Live	NOT including Chamber Live
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	Senior - £18.90	Senior - £17.10
	Adult - £13.50	Adult - £11.70
5.00pm -	Child - £9.00	Child - £7.20
5.30/6.00pm	Senior - £11.70	Senior - £9.90

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- For timed tickets, a premium is added to these prices.
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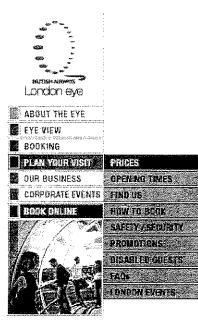
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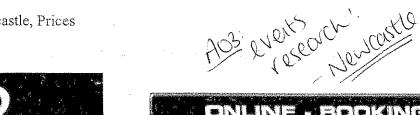
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Site Overview Paintball Newcastle, Tyne And Wear

Arguably one of the largest and busiest paintball sites in the region, Go Ballistic Newcastle boasts an incredible range of game zones and scenarios. Set in around 200 acres of countryside, the site has masses of woodland as well as purpose-built barricades and bunkers, "VIP" and 'Speedbail' are firm favourites at this massive feature-packed site.

Paintball Newcastle, Tyne And Wear

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Site Facilities Paintball Newcastle, Tyne And Wear

Go Ballistic Newcastie has an exceilent sate zone for the comfort and convenience of all players. Well-drilled marshals ensure an adrenailn-fuelled day's paintbailing at this impressive site. Light lunch available along with all the goodies you'd expect to find in the tuck shop.

Site Location Paintball Newcastle, Tyne And Wear

Go Ballistic Newcastle is situated approximately 14 miles to the north west of the city at Bygate Plantatics hear Beisay. Sunderland, Morpeth, Durham and Hartlepool are all within easy striking distance of the site. Full travel details provided on booking - you really have no excuse for not getting down here!



Site Locator:

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Booking......0870 1417490

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#### **Race Formats and Prices**

#### **Kids Karting**

The emphasis is very much on giving you a taster of this popular activity - developing your driving skills with computerised timing encouraging your efforts. Suitable for kids aged between 8 - 15 years old (min height of 122cm).

From: £14.99 per person



#### **GP** Experience

The ideal way to get out on track to practice racing lines and race craft - ideal for experienced drivers to improve lap times and techniques. Perfect for inexperienced drivers or absolute beginners. 15 min sessions on the international circuit using our 200cc Senior.

From: £19.99 per person



#### **Grand Prix Elite**

Our most popular event for novices and experienced drivers alike, where individuals compete in a series of races, hoping to qualify for the grand final, and a place on the podium. After a driver briefing and practice laps it's into the competition! A series of 4 heats is raced with the top 10 drivers going through to the Grand Final.

From: £31.99 per person



#### Team Challenge

Sign On, Full safety briefing, Kart Allocation, Driver changes and pit stops, 1 to 3 hour race depending on the number of drivers. Suitable for group sizes making up 8 - 15 teams of drivers

From: £55 per person



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#### **Corporate Karts**

Corporate Karts offers you the optimum in business pursuits! Your company can be assured of a fantastic day of karting with this phenomenal event! With unrivalled hospitality and an event perfectly suited to match your company's needs, Corporate Karts is head and shoulders above the competition!

From: £57.5 per person

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#### Whickham Thorns

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#### Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre

#### How to find us

Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre is just off the A1 on Market Lane between Dunston and Swalwell. For local travel information call Travel Line on: 0870 608 2608.



The High Ropes aerial assault course.

The centre is a designated gateway to the Great North Forest and it links into a number of longer walks and bike rides in the local countryside.

#### Tel: 0191 433 5767

NE11 9NX

Contact Us

Activity Centre

Market Lane Dunston

Fax: 0191 433 5762 Minicom: 0191 460 0054 Email: Whickham Thorns

Whickham Thorns Outdoor

#### Documents

Team Building courses (581k PDF)

#### Opening hours

-	Monday to Friday	11am to 10pm
ĺ	Saturday	11am to 6pm
	Sunday	12noon to 3pm

#### Activities

- Skiing
- Snow boarding
- Sledging
- Snow tubing
- Indoor and outdoor climbing
- Assault Course
- Walking
- Orienteering
- Mountain Biking
- Archery
- High Ropes
- Team Building
- **Parties**
- Holiday Activities

#### Courses and instruction

Instruction can be provided all year round for all activities at Whickham Thorns. A series of winter courses for skiing and snowboarding are available from October each year. Climbing courses run through the summer months.

#### Day packages

With such a wide variety of activities on one site, Whickham Thorns can offer a full day of activities to groups of up to 70 Pergrows = +2-£ 10.50 Assault waing. £ 41.70×2 Snow twaing.

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people. By splitting into smaller groups, everyone can enjoy a selection of the activities we offer. This type of visit is very popular with schools and youth organisations. We can meet most budgets and requirements.

#### General booking information

To make a booking please contact reception who will help with all of your requirements. Usually bookings are of one hour's duration and begin on the hour or half hour. Please ask at reception if you require any additional information.

#### Parking

A large car park is available. Bicycles can also be parked, own locks to be used. Car parking is FREE.

#### **Prices**

Save fff's with a Gateshead Active Card or our Active Options scheme.

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#### **Prices**

You can save £££'s with a Gateshead Active Card or our Active Options scheme.

#### Skiing and snowboarding

Price per hour session.

	18 year+	7-17 years	60 years+
Gateshead resident Active Cardholder	£6.40	£3.60	£3.60
Non resident Actice Cardholder	£6.60	£4.00	£4.00
Standard	£7.80	£7.80	£7.80

Contact Us

Whickham Thorns Outdoor

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Market Lane

Dunston NE11 9NX

Tel: 0191 433 5767 Fax: 0191 433 5762

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Contact us for further price information.

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For the research I have looked at as many different variations of accommodation and transport to ensure we get the lowest price. I have also taken into consideration the convenience and comfort of these options to ensure that the trip is attractive to the customers.

#### Transport:

There were three options for this:

- 1. To fly;
- 2. To get the ferry;
- 3. To get the train and EuroStar.

I ruled out the option to travel by ferry as I am a terrible traveller on boats and at this time of the year (February) the sea will be at its most turbulent, making the journey potentially very difficult for people who have trouble with the motion of the sea.

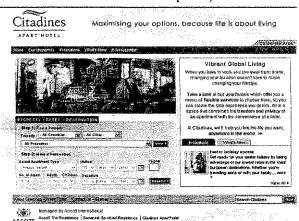
I thought about the option of getting the train to Paris, but this would mean that we would be travelling for five hours approximately as it would take three hours to travel from Newcastle Central St. to London Kings Cross and then we would have to get a connecting train to Paddington St and from there get the EuroStar to Paris which is another two to three hours. These factors therefore made this option less attractive.

To fly direct from Newcastle International would be the quickest from of transport as the journey time is just over 1hour. Easy Jet is a low cost operator that operates this route and therefore would make this option feasible in terms of affordability.

I researched the process of flights and found that for each person to travel to Paris and back to Newcastle on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2007, including all taxes and insurance would be: £45.00

I decided that this was a very good deal after receiving a quote from Air France which also operate this route for almost triple this amount (unable to provide a print out of this quote as it was carried out over the telephone).

#### Accommodation:



There were three options here:

- 1. Apartment accommodation;
- 2. Hotel accommodation.
- 3. Youth Hostel accommodation.

I decided that for my own comfort I would not be happy staying in a youth Hostel and that for the benefit of the customers in terms of flexibility of accommodation I decided that an apartment would be perfect as it would give basic cooking facilities which could help to save money on eating out in Paris which can be very expensive.

I have stayed in Citadines apartments before and although they are basic, they are clean, provide all the amenities and services you need (free continental breakfast) and they are located centrally all over Paris.

Having been to Paris I decided that Montmatre would be the best place to stay. As it is near to Scare Coeur and the Moulin Rouge which are both major tourist attractions and could be included in the event itinerary. There are also lots of small restaurants, food shops and patisseries here, so it would give flexible options on eating as this is not included in the price.

3star accomdation/2nights/Ciadines apartment sleeps four = £67pp

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#### Itinerary:

- Disney pass (1 full day) £47pp
- Sightseeing pass for two days for all monuments/museums (13pp)
- Transport passes for two days £12pp includes both Bus and Metro.

This is the outline of the key events that we will be covering. We are there for two days as this is the most affordable, realistic price that we can afford and that I think our customers will be able to afford.

Disney for one day, as this is something that is great for groups of people of any age as there is really something for everyone weathers its fast and fun rides or slow relaxing rides around the park.



Whilst in Paris I think that we should see as much of the culture as possible and by having this sigh tseeing pass we can cram in as many attractions as possible such as, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvr e Museum.

All of these will join together in terms of accessibility with the transport pass that will help us to ge t the most out of our sty in Paris.

#### Total cost per person

184.00pp

\*excludes all food and drinks\*

Rebecca's Research into an Adventure Holiday:-

#### High Borrans outdoor activity centre

- > located in the Lake district
- > Offers a wide range of activities such as walking, Climbing, caving, canoeing plus a lot more (activities aim for low school age, not sixth form)
- > Can accommodated up to 36 students plus teachers
- > Offer free teachers place provide there is a suitable ratio
- > Prices is all inclusive (including meals)
- > Transport would need to be added to the price

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Monday to Friday	£125 per head £144 per head		
Weekends [Friday to Monday]	£94 per head	£108 per head	

#### Kingswood outdoor activity centre

- ➤ Located in Dalston, Lake district
- > Offers a range of indoor and outdoor activities such as Quad bikes, nightline and circus skills (activities aim for low school age, not sixth form)

This option was not pursued any further as the website did not give any details about price and accommodation and the customer service teams were very unhelpful when I rand to enquire.

#### PGL Holidays

- > Boretton Park Centre located near Shropshire
- > Offers a range of activities for all age ranges such as High Ropes, Abseiling and Rifle shooting
- > Servable types of accommodation depending on person preference and number of students
- > Prices are inclusive (including meals): 7 nights £129 + VAT or  $3 \text{ nights-} £73 + VAT per person}$
- > Transport would need to be arranged and add to price
- > Free teachers places for every ten students
- Minimum group size of 10 people

Rebecca's Research into a Murder Mystery weekend:-

#### Murder Mystery Weekends

- > Produce murder mystery weekend for over 17 year olds
- > Minimum group size of 12 people
- > You choose your own venue e.g. hotel
- > Includes all the equipment for the weekend e.g. crime scene, stationary, clues
- Each group member will have their own character and therefore dress accordingly

#### > A Full Weekend Event.

includes room hire & 2 nights, dinner, bed & breakfast in en-suite rooms and the murder mystery throughout, starts Friday 7 pm until noon on Sunday Prices £50 plus vat per person for the murder mystery, (Minimum £900 plus vat for your group). plus venue costs of room hire, food and accommodation

#### The Original Murder Company

- Minimum group size of 10 people
- > You chose your own venue
- > Price includes all equipment e.g. crime scene report, pathology report etc
- > All customers are the detectives and actors are brought into for the other parts
- Couldn't find any fix prices as it depends on the location and type of murder story we require.

research into Amsterdam:-



#### Researching Amsterdam

#### About Amsterdam

Amsterdam (help-info) is the titular capital city of the Netherlands. It lies on the banks of two bodies of water, the IJ bay and the Amstel river. Founded in the late 12th century as a small fishing village on the banks of the Amstel, it is now the largest city in the country and is a financial and cultural centre. As of 1 August 2006, the population of the city proper is 741,329; the population of the official Greater Amsterdam area is approximately 1.5 million. Amsterdam is also one of the core urban centres of the greater metropolitan area called "Randstad" (Ring City) which encompasses other Dutch cities such as Utrecht, The Hague and Rotterdam and has a population of over 7.5 million. Amsterdam is also colloquially known as Mokum, which means 'city' in Yiddish. [1]

Amsterdam has one of the largest historic city centres in Europe, dating largely from the 17th century. At that time, a series of concentric, semi-circular canals ("grachten") were dug around the old city centre. Along the canals, houses and warehouses were built. The canals still define Amsterdam's layout and appearance today, with many fine houses and mansions situated along the banks. Some of the narrow brick houses are gradually sinking because they are built on wooden piles to cope with the marshy subsoil.

Although Amsterdam is officially designated as the capital of the Netherlands, it has never been (save a brief period between 1808 and 1810) the seat of the court, government, or parliament of the Netherlands, which are all located at The Hague. Amsterdam is also not the capital of the province in which it is located, North Holland, whose capital is located at Haarlem.

Amsterdam is famous for its free-spirited liberalism, diversity and tolerance.

The above has been taken from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amsterdam

#### Getting to Amsterdam

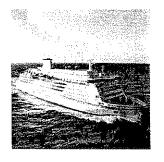
When researching Amsterdam I found out that you can travel by ferry or airplane.

#### Getting the ferry

Information about getting the ferry	The Newcastle to Amsterdam (IJmuiden)	
	ferry to Holland route connects the	
	North-East of England (UK) to Northern	
	Holland.	
	Two ships operate a daily ferry	
	to Holland service bound for the UK	
	depart 18:00 local time and arrive the	
	following day at 09:00 UK time.	
	The ship to Amsterdam departs from the	

	UK at 17:30 and after an overnight cruise arrives in Holland at 09:30 local time.	
Costs	-Car plus Passengers from £116 -Foot Passenger from £25 -Foot Passenger plus Bicycle from £30 - Motorcycle plus Passengers from £82 -Motorhome plus Passengers from £196	





#### Flying to Amsterdam

Cost of one ticket with a company called **Lufthansa** was £65 with taxes, service charge and insurance, flying direct form Newcastle into Dusseldorf.

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(AMS)	Return: Feb 15, 2007		incl	Website

#### Cost of accommodation

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City Centre - Red Light District

see on the map

Guest score: 7,49 see reviews



Hotel Amsterdam De Roode Leeuw is very well situated on the Dam Square, in the very centre of the city. The National Museum of Art 'Rijksmuseum' is just 15 minutes walk away, and Amsterdam's top entertainment area - the 'Leidselein' even closer. Public transportation is available directly at the hotel's door and the Central Station is just steps away. The hotel offers clean and comfortable...full hotel presentation

The following suppliers have rooms available for your dates 15 Mar 2007 to 17 Mar 2007:

280 EUR per stay -Booking.com

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City Centre - Between the canals

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Guest score: 7,62 see reviews



A 4-star hotel situated in a 100 year old building on the bank of the city's famous canal -Prinsengracht at the corner of the Leidsestraat. It offers 42, practically furnished, recently renovated rooms with bathrooms, internet access and in-house movies. Hotel's 'De Prinsenkelder' restaurant, located in a former warehouse dating back to the 17th century is an additional attraction for...full hotel presentation

The following suppliers have rooms available for your dates 15 Mar 2007 to 17 Mar 2007:

269 EUR per stay -

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269 EUR per stay -Booking.com

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City Centre - Between the canals

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Guest score: 7,32 see reviews





This is a comfortable and nicely located hotel. It enjoys central but peaceful location. Ríjksmuseum, the Heineken Brewery, the Albert Cuyp open-air market and the Rembrandtplein and Leidseplein squares are within insignificant distances from the hotel. In the cozy rooms you will find TV colour, telephone, radio, safe and private bathroom with shower or bathtub. The hotel has a 24-hour front...full hotel presentation

The following suppliers have rooms available for your dates 15 Mar 2007 to 17 Mar 2007:

200 EUR per stay -Booking.com

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Total cost of going to Amsterdam for 3days would be £65 +£200 (for two nights in a good hotel) = £365

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#### Itineraries for our two day events

#### Day one

Paintballing at Delta-Force, Cramlington, Newcastle

#### Please arrive on time

8:30am Event organisers meet

8:50 am: Customers arrive at school (our coach is arriving

between 8:50-9:00am)

9:00am: Departing from school

9:15am: arriving at Delta-Force

9:15am-9:30am: Change into protective clothing and receive a briefing on safety procedures, also the group will be splitting into two groups ready to blast the people we hate!

9:30am: Session will start

12:00pm: Lunch, barbecue food is provided

1:00pm: Second session

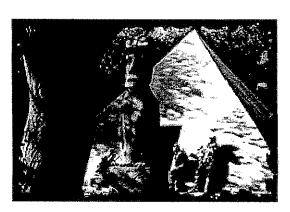
2:30pm: Finish session two

2:30pm-2:45pm: Get changed into our own clothes, return all borrowed equipment and talk about the day's activities and details of day two.

3:00pm: Distribute snacks and prizes

3:15pm: Board the bus back to school

3:30pm: Arrive back at school





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#### Day two

9:20am-9:30am: Arrive at school Travel Trooper member will transport customers to the metro centre

9:45am: Arrive at the Metro Centre at the yellow mall entrance

10am: Arrive and check in at Mega-Bowl

10:05am-10:15am: Collect bowling equipment and split once again into two teams

10:30am:Start our first game

11:00am: Have a sort break before second game starts

11:15am: Start second game

12:00pm: Finish for lunch

1:00pm: Meet at exit of Yellow mall and be ready to depart to Whickham thorns

1:15pm: Arrive at Whickham Thorns

1:15pm-1:30pm: Check in and spilt into two teams, start first activity

2:30pm: Start second activity

3:30pm: Finish activities

3:30pm-4:00pm: Talk about the days activities and how everybody feels about the two days. Distribute prizes. Depart taking customers back to school





## Travel Troopers fun days out! 100

Clothing for Activities:-

Comfortable Clothing will be required for the two-day event for example: Jeans and jumper

Day 1- full boiler suit will be provided to protect own clothes but suitable old foot wear must be worn.

Day 2 – Normal clothes for bowling in the Metro Centre and then a change of old clothes for whicham thorns along with suitable foot wear.

Food requirements over the two days:-

Day 1- A BBQ lunch will be provide at the paintballing centre but if you think you may eat more please bring a packed lunch.

Day 2 – please bring money to purchase your lunch in the Metro Centre.

On Day 2 of the event please bring student ID card.

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### Travel Troopers fun days out!



argest paintball theme parks outside the United States. The recognised leader in b, we also provide first class entertainment to the general public.

With Delta Force fantastic UK paintballing sites your search for top quality paintball games is over! Paintball is currently one of the fastest growing extreme sports in Europe; thousands of new UK paintballing enthusiasts try out the most exciting

games on fields every often paintball through a stag party,

group of friends looking for an active fun presumption that paintball action sports Rambo's of society or those with a quickly dispelled - Paintballing on Delta on our UK paintballing sites are well-

our paintball playing month. People are introduced to action sports corporate event, birthday party or a day. The common cater for the paramilitary bent, is Force paintball fields organised, exciting



and an expanding action sport.

We have hosted paintballing events at our paintball playing fields for virtually every major company in the UK - and for a great many celebrities. We have entertained well known people such as: Shane Richie, Mark Owen, Jamie Theakston, Harry Hill, Hugh Laurie, Don Joly, Damon Hill, Ainsley Harriet, and the entire Chelsea Premiership Football Club. BBC1 and Channel 4 both selected our UK paintballing sites for filming TV shows in 2002.

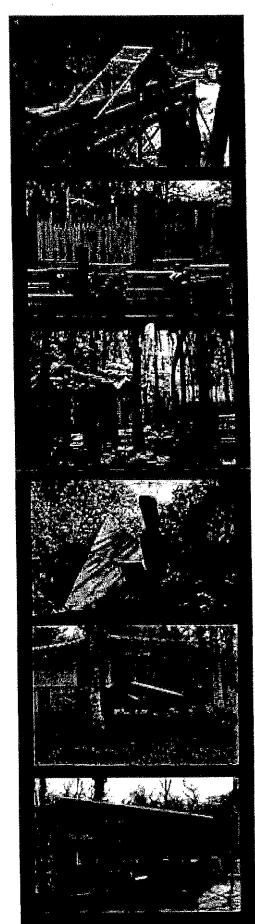
Our paintballing sites offer a huge variety of specially themed paintball action sports. The pyramid is part of the amazing "Mummy's Revenge" game (available at our paintballing sites in Surrey, Essex, West Midlands, and Yorkshire). The airplane lies on the jungle airstrip in the "Pablo Escobar" game zone (at the West Midlands paintballing site). Other

paintball action sports feature tanks, armoured cars, further aircraft, Afghan forts, missile convoys, Viet Cong villages, double-decker buses and much more.

Paintballing action sports is safe in comparison to the majority of other action/adrenalin sports and Delta Force takes every necessary measure to ensure each individual's personal safety. We follow government guidelines in relation to health and safety for all visitors to our paintballing sites.

All paintball players receive a full briefing before the day's action sports commence, with an emphasis on safety precautions, as well as proper use of the paintball equipment provided. The attire that paintballing players will be required to wear will also be issued at the beginning of the day and includes black clothing, full facemasks for extra protection.

### PAINTBALL GAMES



Delta Force game zones could easily be mistaken for Hollywood film sets, featuring larger than life pyramids, zombie statues, light aircraft and double decker buses to name just a few.

Our host of scenarios vary from centre to centre, and are constantly updated to offer you the utimate in combat simulation in a fun, safe and varied environment.

Some of our famous scenarios include:

### A Bridge Too Far:

Loads of dug-outs, foxholes and trenches lie between you and the bridge.

### Mad Murphy's Jungle:

Eliminate the enemy - Jungle ambush by unseen forces.

### Viet-Cong Village:

Hostile takeover - Take hold and control the village, building by building.

### Fort Bravo:

Attack and defend in a two storey Alamo stockade, featuring towers and staircases to upper walkways.

### Mummy's Revenge:

Pyramids with tunnels and massive zombie statues to negotiate.

### Afghan Forts:

Defend the fortress against the bunker-busting bomb.

### Year 3000:

Defend and capture - Wilderness combat and futuristic cover.

### Speedball:

Total annihilation - Fast paced action in a confined arena.

### Bus / Convov:

Attack and destroy - Preserve your own team.

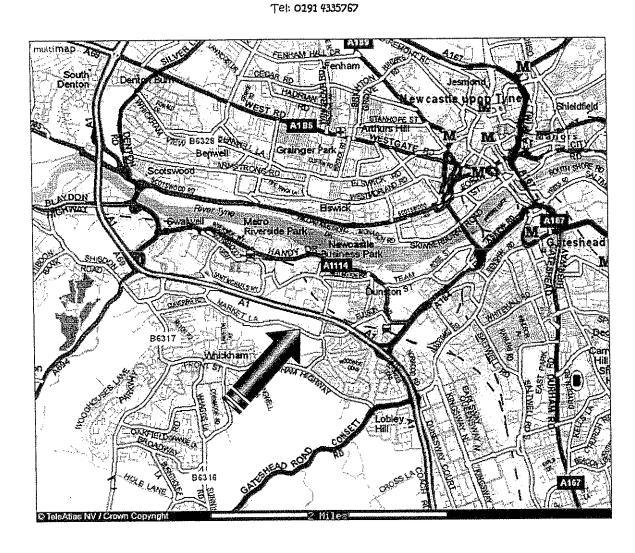
### And a lot more!!

We have different scenarios at each of our centres, the ones listed above are just a few examples.

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### ...how to get to Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre!

Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre Market Lane, Dunston, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9NX



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### ... how to get to the Cramington Delta Force paintballing centre!

### **NEWELWOOD**

Blagdon Lane, Cramlington, Northumberland NE23 8AU For directions call 0844 477 5050

**DIRECTIONS** - 3 minutes from A1

By car:

From the north: Exit the A1, signposted Ponteland & Dinnington. Pass over the A1.

Then turn immediately left signposted Ponteland & Dinnington.

Proceed on this road for 3/4 of a mile, then turn left signposted Cramlington (A1068).

Proceed on this road for 400 metres, then turn left into woodland.

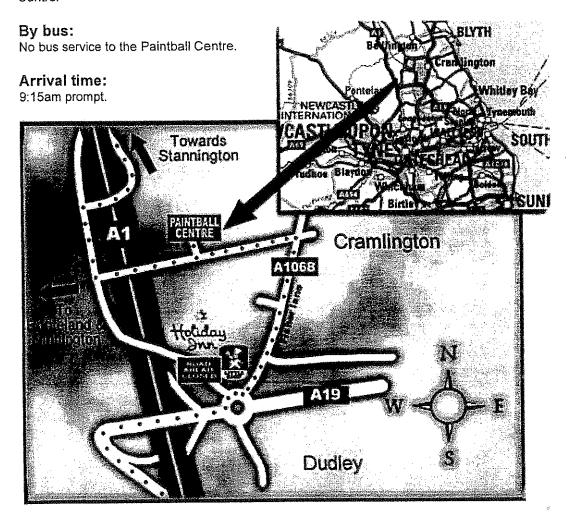
From the south: Exit the A1 at its junction with the A19.

Pass over the A1, after a short distance you will come to a roundabout.

Take the 2nd exit off the roundabout, following the sign for Cramlington A1068. Follow this road for approximately 1.5 miles and you will come to a sign pointing left for the Airport and Blagdon Take this road, and the site entrance is approx 0.6 miles on the right hand side.

By train:

The closest station is Cramlington Train station. You will need to take an inexpensive taxi to the Paintball Centre.





### Information for parents

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following fact sheet, then complete the Registration Form (on behalf of your child) and return it to the person organising the paintball trip.

- Suitable for most children from 11 years of age.
- Timid children may not enjoy the activity as much as sporty, tree climbing kids. Please use your discretion in deciding whether or not it would appeal to a particular individual.
- Children will receive full instruction and supervision.
- We have years of experience in the provision of paintball games, during which time tens
  of thousands of children have participated in the activity.
- Paintballs can bruise the skin. Your child is likely to come home with harmless bruises (though some can be impressive). However, the activity is far safer than football and rugby; for example, we have never had any child suffer a broken bone – an occurrence that is sadly all too common in mainstream sports.
- When playing paintball games, all people are equal; the game does not depend on physical prowess, strength or stature. However, it is our practice to separate children and adult groups. Nevertheless, the administration of events remains in the discretion of the Centre Manager, and he may for example, permit one or two fathers to participate in a children's game, or indeed allow children to participate in an adult game, if appropriate in the circumstances.
- Paintballs are gelatin skinned, and designed to burst harmlessly on impact. They contain
  a vegetable based "paint", which is water soluble, and will readily wash out of clothing.
- Children should wear old clothes. The most suitable footwear would be a light boot (with ankle support and grip – such as a Timberland boot), but old trainers are most commonly worn.
- The most important safety rule is that players must keep their goggles on, and tightly
  adjusted, at all times when in the game zones. If any child breaches this rule, for any
  reason whatsoever, they will be excluded from participating in the event this rule is
  strictly enforced, and exists to protect children from a potentially serious injury.
- Where the party comprises children under 14 years of age, we very much recommend
  that a responsible adult remain at the centre throughout the event. Their role is to ensure
  shoelaces are tied, goggles are cleaned/adjusted, and that the children in their charge
  behave sensibly and safely.

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### The Aims and Objectives of our chosen evens

We decided on these aims and objectives by discussing in our group, why we are running this event and what we want to achieve by running our event. The Aims and Objectives of our event are as follows:

- We want everyone to have a good time over the 3 days. We decided to
  measure this by giving out questionnaires and by having face to face
  conversations with people who take part in the planned activities. We will
  analyse any feedback gained from questionnaires and conversations to decide
  whether our event has been a success. Also, this feedback can be used in our
  evaluations.
- To learn how to work well as a team and to learn new skills, including communication and leadership skills. We will measure this by observing people, watching them visually and by taking photographs. This will be done before and after each event.
- To break even by the end of the unit. The group will be able to tell if we have broken even by looking at our break even analysis table and other financial reports.
- To promote local tourism attractions. We will be advertising our event to gain interest and raise awareness. In turn, this will be promoting the local attractions that we are visiting.
- To gather information on adventure tourism for our next assignment.

We decided, as a group, that the aims and objectives must be SMART. This acronym stands for:

- Specific they apply to the chosen event
- **M**easurable they can be measures and assessed for effectiveness and it will be apparent when they have been achieved.
- Achievable the event can be staged and objectives met within the deadline set
- Realistic organised within financial boundaries to meet the objectives
- Timed deadlines are set for completion of the event and all necessary steps leading up to it.

We are using the SMART criteria as it will help make our aims and objectives easier to meet. SMART objectives are necessary so that when you make aims and objectives and apply the SMART criteria it makes them possible to meet.



Risk Assessments

A Risk Assessment is a document that must be produces for all local authorities and institutions and it must be carried out thoroughly. It covers all aspects of the event and for each aspect, it identifies the level of risk, the people at risk, how that risk will be controlled and any further actions needed.

They are produced to highlight any risks that may occur during an adventurous school trip, and the LEA now demands these for every activity coming into this category. It covers all aspects of the trip including transport accommodation and all aspects of the activity itself.

They are produced by rating the activity on a scale of 1-5, where the chance of a particular risk or hazard happening is very likely to happen at 5 and almost never going to happen at 1.

Next, the outcome or consequence is considered on a scale of 1-5, where an accident at scale 5 could end up in a person being disabled and at scale 1 it would be where there had been a minor accident such as a bruise.

The risk level is obtained by multiplying both of these scales together.

It is important to have a risk assessment to make sure that people taking part in an activity are as safe as possible and so any unnecessary activities can be avoided by working out the risks of different things.

A risk assessment is relevant to our event, as we are taking part in adventurous activities and we need to make sure that there is a low risk level of any getting injured during the activities so that everyone will be safe.

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Delta Force Risk Assessment

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### **Educational Visit Application**

for Approval

### EV<sub>1</sub>

20 SIXH A2 Single Travel & Tourism (Travel Troopers Group Leader L. Brackley / N. COOPER The group leader should complete this form as soon as possible once the arrangements have been discussed with EVC. The group leader should have already received approval of the proposed visit in principle and should have regularly updated the EVC on the progress of the preparations. EV3 should not be given to parents and cover must not be requested until you have an EV2 confirmation form. This must be at least seven days before the visit. Proposed letters to parents and risk assessment form must be attached for approval. The EVC should be informed of any subsequent changes in planning, organisation and/or Purpose of the visit and specific educational objectives For Az T&T group to complete their unit 10 assignment. Places to be visited go biastic (Paintballing) Whicken torns outdoor activities Megabowi (metrocentre) centre. Dates and times 2 Septigibate of Departure 13/14 Feb Time 9 am for both days Date of Return Transport arrangements 13th feb - Green mountain bus booked 4th feb own Transport. Organising company/agency (if any) include licence reference number if the body is registered with the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority. Attach EV10 if external activity provider used N/a Telephone Name \_\_\_\_\_ Licence Number If registered Proposed cost and financial arrangements (two Payments of £20) Accommodation to be used N/A Address Telephone Number Name of Head of Centre \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

to: awarging for event.

TO:
Newcastle City Council
EDUCATION ACCOUNTANCY, Room 303
Civic Centre
Barras Bridge
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8PU

### SCHOOL JOURNEY INSURANCE REQUEST

1.	Name of School/Organisation	
2.	Date journey commences:	13th February 2007
3.	Date journey ends:	11 /1
4.	Mode of Travel	Coach
5.	Destination (Please specify exact location):	Belsay
6.	Activities (Please specify ):	
	Paintballing	
7.	Number of days:	x
8.	Number of persons in party:	22 x
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### Risk assessment for travel arrangements

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Traffic accident, Coach travel	Pupils and staff	Accident	<ul> <li>Coach must meet LEA recommendations</li> <li>Coach must have seatbelts</li> <li>Supervision ratio properly assessed</li> <li>Parked properly, so pupils and staff can enter and exit the coach safely</li> <li>Head counts getting on and odd coach</li> <li>breakdown arrangement and emergency number for the school</li> </ul>	Low
On Foot	Pupils and staff	Injury or separation	<ul> <li>plan to avoid fast/busy roads</li> <li>supervision assessed</li> <li>payments and crossings to be used when ever possible</li> <li>pupils to be briefed on possible hazards and that they are required to behave in a suitable manner</li> </ul>	Medium



### Confirmation for visit

to go ahead

### EV2



To be completed by the senior teacher responsible for school visits

To the group leader L Bradley / N Cope			
I have studied this application and am satisfied with all aspects including the planning, organisation and staffing of this visit to Metro Centre / School approval is given for this category A or B visit			
Please ensure that I have all relevant information including a final list of group members, defails on parental consent and a detailed itinerary at least seven days before your group is due to leave.			
Please ensure arrangements are made for all students to be briefed prior to the visit and de-briefed on return.			
Your report and evaluation of the visit including details of any incidents should be with me as soon as possible but no later than 14 days after your return.			
4 Insurance has now been raised for this activity (If applicable)			
Signed _=			
LEA must be informed of category B visits for recording and information purposes. Form EV1 should be copied to the LEA officer			
Advice and signature to support the schools' approval for category C and D visits must be obtained before plans are taken beyond a provisional stage. Form EV1 and school approval EV2 upper part should be completed and forwarded to the LEA officer for process and return.			
Advice to support school/governors approval of this category C or D visit :-  is granted / not granted			
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Invoice/Risk assesment

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As requested attached risk assesment and invoice. If you have any queries please contact us on 0191 4600 444.

Regards

Sales Co-Ordinator Suzanne Broughton

# MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH ANT SAFETY AT WORK REGULATION"

## RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

Service	Position
Leisure Activities	Duty Officer/Facility Competant Person
Establishment	Name of Assessor (Print name)
Whickham Thorns	Ken Watson

Date 26/06/2003 Review Date 11th May 05

Gateshead Council

ACTIVITY/PROCESS	WHAT HAZARDS TO HEALTH	WHAT RISKS DO THEY POSE	CONTROL MEASURES/	RISK LEVEL	ARE ADDITIONAL
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If yes, who are these and how many?

Assessment No

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Assault Course risk assessment

# WANAGEMENT OF HEALTH AND OAF IT AT WORN INCOLATIONS

### Gateshead M.Council

## RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

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Whickham Thorns		Leisure Activities		26/06/2003	
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Ken Watson		Duty Officer/Facility Competant Person	nt Person	01.03.2006	
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### The Business Plan

Definition: A Business Plan is a plan for the development of a business giving forecasts of items such as sales, costs and cash flow.

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Roles and Responsibilities

At the beginning of the unit, the size of the group was 7 students. However, two members decided to leave the course. Their job roles were then re-designated to other members of the group.

The job roles were allocated by picking names out of a hat. This made sure that it was fair as everyone had an equal chance of being picked for a particular role. We allocated a job role to each person, so that a group member was in charge of a particular section and carry out the necessary work. This made it easier for the group as it meant that we could focus on a job and complete it quicker.

Rebecca Farghaur

Job role: Chairperson

This Chairperson is in charge of the organisation or company. They lead the group and make the final decisions. If a person has a problem then they come to this person for help and support to deal with the problem.

Becky Boakes

Job role: Secretary

A Secretary is an administrative support position. This person performs all of the admin work e.g. writing agendas and minutes for meetings and typing up and sending out letters to customers.

Julie Cooperthwaite

Job role: Marketing Manager

The Marketing manager is responsible for marketing and promoting the products and services of an organization, i.e. in this case promoting the event using different methods e.g. posters, assemblies etc. Also, the marketing manager, at times needs to write letters to customers.

Rebecca Farghuar

Job role: Legal Aspects Manager

The Legal Aspects manager deals with laws, legislation and regulations such as the Data Protection Act and Health and Safety issues such as making sure people have insurance and that risk assessments have been carried out for necessary activities.

Rachael Stempczyk

Job role: Finance Manager

A Financial secretary deals with factors like the money in and out of an

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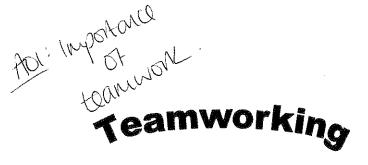
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organisation. The finance manager also deals with the purchase or sale of goods and services, collection of dues and employment wages.

### Sara Brennan

Job role: Physical Resources Manager
The Physical resources manager organises all of the equipment that is needed for an event, including equipment at the venue and any materials that will be needed.



Dr. Meredith Belbin, a UK academic and consultant, developed the Belbin Team Roles model in the late 1970's. She produced a key book titled 'Management Teams - Why they Succeed or Fail' was first published in 1981. From statistics that Belbin Associated produced, it showed that the Belbin Team Roles model is used by over 40% of the UK's top 100 companies and thousands of more international companies.

Belbin identified a set of eight roles; if they are all present in a team it provides a good balance and an increased likelihood of success. These roles increased to nine, where the 'Specialist' role was added. The names of some of the roles have been changed due to political correctness and changing attitudes in organisations.

All of the roles play an important part in every team. Some of the roles are more extraverted (outgoing) where some are more introverted (inward-looking).

Below is a list of Belbin's team roles and descriptions

Role Name	Strengths and Styles
Coordinator (CO)*	Able to get others working to a shared aim; confident, mature - (originally called 'Chairman' by Belbin).
Shaper (SH)*	Motivated, energetic, achievement-driven, assertive, competitive.
Plant (PL)*	Innovative, inventive, creative, original, imaginative, unorthodox, problem-solving.
Monitor-Evaluator (ME)	Serious, prudent, critical thinker, analytical.
Implementer (IMP)	Systematic, common sense, loyal, structured, reliable, dependable, practicable, efficient (originally called 'Company Workers').

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Resource Investigator (RI)*	Quick, good communicator, networker, outgoing, affable, seeks and finds options, negotiator.
Team Worker (TW)	Supportive, sociable, flexible, adaptable, perceptive, listener, calming, influence, mediator.
Completer-Finisher (CF)	Attention to detail, accurate, high standards, quality orientated, delivers to schedule and specification.
Specialist (SP)	Technical expert, highly focused capability and knowledge, driven by professional standards and dedication to personal subject area.

<sup>\*</sup> Belbin suggested that these roles are more extravert than introvert.

The proactivity, direction, attitude and motivation of any roles, in a Belbin context, depend on a wide variety of factors that include alignment of organisational and personal aims and values, personal circumstances, emotional maturity, life-stage, leadership, reward systems and more. Greater understanding of these issues can be achieved by considering many different behavioral perspectives, theories and models.

The simplest point relating to motivation is that people respond to different stimuli. The more we understand about people and our self, the more we can understand about what motivates us.

When people perform and work in a way that is natural to them, they are more motivated and happy. Expecting a person with a particular personality type to perform well and enthusiastically in a role that is foreign to their natural

'Belbin team roles' within teams
Below is a list of the roles and a description about what qualities a person should have for a particular job. We had a group discussion to see which team role would suit each group member the most.

The Coordinator clarifies group objectives, sets the agenda, establishes priorities, selects problems, sums up and is decisive, but does not dominate discussions. We

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decided that Rebecca is most suited to this role, as she is the Chairperson, and brings up deadlines that need to be met and she is good at making decisions.

The <u>Shaper</u> gives shape to the team effort, looking for pattern in discussions and practical consideration regarding the feasibility of the project. Can steamroller the team, but gets results.

The <u>Plant</u> is the source of original ideas, suggestions and proposals that are usually original and radical.

We decided that Becky was somewhere in between the Shaper and the Plant, because contributes some good ideas the group and she can be quite persistent in giving her opinion but this gets her heard, which benefits us from hearing her good ideas.

The Monitor-Evaluator contributes a measured and dispassionate analysis and, through objectivity, stops the team committing itself to a misguided task.

The <u>Implementer</u> turns decisions and strategies into defined and manageable tasks, sorting out objectives and pursuing them logically.

We decided that Sarah was somewhere in between a Monitor-Evaluator and an Implementer. This was because she thinks about tasks logically and is objective in her work. She thinks further ahead to make sure that we don't commit to the wrong things.

The <u>Resource Investigator</u> goes outside the team to bring ideas, information and developments to it. They are the team's sales person, diplomat, and liaison officer and explore. We decided that this role was most like me. This is because I think outside of our project to try and make it more successful. It shows that there are lots of jobs for it, which I feel I also do. Some people tend to take a back seat in their job, where I tend to try and pull the group together and sort of take a natural leader role on to make everything work.

The <u>Team Worker</u> operates against division and disruption in the team, like cement, particular in times of stress and pressure. We decided that Rachael is most suited to this role. This was because we felt like she avoided any disruption the team and wanted everything to run smoothly.

The <u>Finisher</u> maintains a permanent sense of urgency with relentless follow-through. We decided that we all contribute to this role, trying to complete the project and making it the best we possibly can.

All of these roles have value and are missed when not in a team; there are no stars or extras. This makes our team a success, as we have a role from Belbin's team roles for each group member.



An individual's team role can be determined by the completion of a Belbin questionnaire. It is not essential that teams comprise eight people each fulfilling one of the roles listed above, but that people who are aware and capable of carrying out these roles should bee present.

In small teams, people can assume more than one role, as we have done in our team.

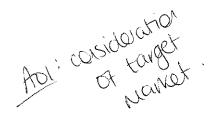
In addition, analysing existing teams and their performance or behavior, using these team role concepts can lead to improvements, for example:

- Under-achievement demands a good coordinator or finisher
- Conflict requires a team worker or strong coordinator
- Mediocre performance needs a resource investigator, innovator or shaper
- Error prone teams need an evaluator
- Different roles are important in different circumstances, for example:
- New teams need a strong shaper to get started
- Competitive situations demand an innovator with good ideas
- In areas of high risk, a good evaluator may be needed
- Teams should, therefore, be analyzed both in terms of what team roles members can play, and also in relation to what team skills are most needed.

Despite having well defined roles within a team, the interaction between the different personalities of individuals can be a frequent source of friction. However, this can largely be avoided by understanding and valuing people's differences.

We as a group know how important it is to work well as a team, so that 'Travel Troopers' succeeds in our project and running our event. We assigned roles so that we can concentrate on our particular jobs and make our event as successful as possible.

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### Customers, their needs and how we will meet the $m{m}$

The target market for our event is 16-19 year old 6<sup>th</sup> form students from Gosforth High School. We are opening up the event to both male and female students, even though our class is all girls, as we don't think it will be fair to just let girls come along. Their needs are to enjoy themselves and this will be met as we have chosen to do activities that are exciting for their age group, where they will be moving around and be involved with other members of the group.

This can be seen from the results of the questionnaire, as the activities that were chosen were all fun, energetic activities, and we will therefore meet the needs of our customers. The needs of our customers are more important than the wants. It is necessary for their needs to be met as it is essential for the customers as they need the things listed in the needs section identified below.

However, it is still important to try and meet what customers want other wise they will be unhappy as their wants haven't been met so they won't enjoy the event as much as they would have, if these had of been met.

### Needs

- For our event to be good value for money
- For our activities to be safe
- Transport to get to the venues
- Catering facilities
- Shelter, from bad weather
- For the transport to be safe

### Wants

- For the activities to be fun
- For people on the trip to make friends with each other
- To learn about regional tourist attractions

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We designed and carried out a research survey to see what sort of activities students of this age group would like to take part in. As the marketing manager, I designed and carried out the survey. We then, as a group, looked at the research to decide on activities to take part in and the prices we will charge for the event etc. The following information shows the findings from our research:

- From the energetic activities, we found that respondents were most interested in Paintballing, Snow Tubing and participating in an Assault course.
- Students also showed an interest in taking part in Bowling.
- From the transportation question, we found that students had an equal opinion between a booked coach and private transport.
- Finally, from the price question, we found that students were willing to pay, on average, between £36.00 to £45.00 for the event.

The questionnaire is included after this section.

The Marketing Mix

marketing strategy The marketing mix is a term used to describe the emphasis that an organisation puts on the four main factors that influence a customers' buying decision. Sometimes referred to as the 4 P's, the marketing mix looks at the Product, Price, Promotion and Place. It is important to get this mix right so that the product is successful. Sometimes in the travel and tourism industry, there are 6 P's, the four above along with People and Planning.

<u>Product</u>

The product that Travel Troopers is selling is a 2-day event including a variety of activities. The activities will consist of the following:

- Paintballing (including lunch and additional paintballs.)
- **Bowling**
- Participation in an Assault course
- Snow-tubing

product itself that we are selling, which is our 2-day event, cannot be touched as warden much information about the event of the selection of the event of the e and encourage them to take part.

Our product is also perishable. We have booked 20 places for our 2-day activities, but if we fail to attract 20 customers, we will loose out on the money that has been paid for their places. This makes our product that we are selling perishable as we could loose money and so it is important that we sell all 20 of the places for our event.

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For our event, we are visiting three well known tourist attractions where we will take part in fun energetic activities. Our event will take place on the 13th and 14th February. As these are in the winter months, we had to consider whether they would be open, as some attractions close at this time of year. This is known as seasonality, when an organisation may close due to the time of year as the attraction may have low visitor numbers. This was not, however, a problem for our group, as all three of the venues are open at the time of year we are planning to run our event.

There will be a coach hired for the first day, but private transport will be required on the second, as there were equal number of votes for that option in our questionnaire results. Lunch will be included in the price on the first day, but not on the second.

The research findings have had an impact on our chosen product as we selected activities based on our findings. Therefore, it should be popular, as the people who are going on the trip are the same age group as those who were the respondents of our research survey. ADI Pricingons

The event will cost £40.00. This includes:

Transport to and from Paintballing

- Full day Paintballing, lunch included plus additional paintballs
- Ten pin bowling (2 games)
- Assault course
- **Snow Tubing**

We based our choice of activities on the price range students selected as to what they thought was acceptable. We kept the cost down by only booking transport for day one, and not providing lunch or transport on day two. Therefore, the price of our activities is in line with the research findings.

The price of our activities is quite an important factor as we are choosing to take students who are studying and may not have a job. They may not have any spare money to be able to afford to take part in the activities and so we made the price affordable.

### Place

Tickets for our product will be sold at school as we will be able to keep in touch with the students on a regular basis and tell them any necessary information. The customers will receive a letter giving them details about the activities and they will then pay the first half of the money if they wish to take part. A second letter will give further details of the event. These letters are included after this section. The channel of distribution for the tickets will be through group members as customers will purchase the tickets from us. They will also be available in our teacher's office to purchase. It will be made clear to students as to where to buy

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tickets from, as all information will be on the poster.

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### Promotion

As I am the marketing manager, I am going to go into a 6th form assembly to market our event. I will tell students about what Travel Troopers are planning to do and will advise that if they are interested to contact a member of the group. I am also going to design a poster and put it up around the 6th from common room giving further details of the activity. These posters are included after this section. I am going to make this taking into consideration the AIDA principle. This acronym stands for Attention, Interest, Desire and Action.

<u>Attention</u> – To attract the attention of the customer, we plan to make a poster using bright colours and pictures to get students attention and make them want to read further.

<u>Interest</u> – We are going to raise customer's interest by demonstrating features, advantages, and benefits. This will include the day's activities, which students will have a great time taking part in the activities and the fact that it is not to be missed out on.

<u>Desire</u> – We are going to convince customers that they want, and desire, our product and that it will satisfy their needs. We plan to do this by saying that we can offer students 2-day activities that are going to be value for money and fun, exciting and energetic days that are not to be missed!

<u>Action</u> – We will lead customers towards taking an action and/or purchasing by letting them know where to go for further information.

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Travel Troopers have arranged a fun-packed 2-day event to be held during Yellow week 2006.

Day one will consist of a full day paintballing at Go Ballistic, in Belsay and includes coach travel to and from the location, as well as lunch.

Day two is split between Ten Pin Bowling at the Megabowl in the MetroCentre, then spending the afternoon at Whickham Thorns – Snow Tubing and an Assault Course.



For more information, see:



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### Assault Course

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Only £40.00 for all of the above activities!

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Questionnaire

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Strates, to meet the needs We are planning to organise and run two separate days for 6th form students to participate in during Yellow Week in February 2007. We are interested in finding out the types of activities young people aged 16-19 would like to participate in if they were to get involved in our event.

1. We are thinking about spending one of the days participating in an energetic, fun activity. Rank the following activities in order of your preference:

Paintballing	IH
Dry Slope Skiing	
Assault Course	
Snow Tubing	
Wall Climbing	

2. On one of the days, we are hoping to spend some time at the Metrocentre. Rank the following activities in order of you preference:

Cinema	
Metroland	
Bowling	
Laser Quest	
Shopping	
Arcades	

3. Thinking about transportation, if you were to come on the trip how would you prefer to travel?

Bus (Booked coach)	LHT \\\\	
Private Transport	HTI	
Public Transport		
OtherPlease state		

4. What price do you think would be acceptable for a two day event including a selection of the activities above?

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Our Ref: LIB/NJC - RF

5th October 2006

Dear Parent/Guardian

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We at Travel Troopers are a group of Single A2 Travel and Tourism students. For one of our assignments we have to organise and manage some form of event or trip. As a result of this we have started up the company Travel Troopers and we have organised 2 day trips for the 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> February. We would like to offer you the opportunity of taking part in the trips that we have organised. Both trips will take part in February Reading Week and so no lessons will be missed.

13th February

On the first day we are going Paintballing at Go Ballistic which is located near Belsay. Lunch and transport are included in the overall price for the day.

14th February

On the second day we are offering 2 games of ten pin bowling at the Megabowl complex, at the Metrocentre. Lunch will then be taken at the Metro Centre before making our way to the Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre where we will take part in an Assault Course and Snow Tubing. Transport for this day will not be provided and so you will be expected to find your own way there and back home.

The overall price for the activities outlined above is £40. This includes; a day of paintballing, 200 paint balls, lunch at the Go Ballistic Venue, transport for the first day, 2 games of ten pin bowling and participation in both the assault course and snow tubing activity. Lunch on the second day is an additional charge which you will be expected to pay for. Alternatively you could bring a packed lunch with you.

If you are interested and would like to come we require a deposit of £20.00 to be handed in by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This deposit will be non-refundable and as there are only 15 places available, booking will be on a first come first serve basis. A further letter will be sent out to remind you when to pay the balance which will be £20 and will be expected in at the end of November. All monies/cheques and tear off slips should be returned to Miss Cooper in room 159.

Attached to this letter is a medical consent form which must be filled in and returned with the deposit and tear off slip. This is essential information necessary for the trip to be given school and LEA approval to go ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Our Ref: NJC - RF

17th January 2007

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you as your son/daughter will be taking part in 2 day trips on the 13th and 14th February, during Reading Week.

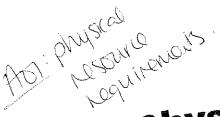
On Tuesday 13th February, your son/daughter will need to be at school for 9 a.m. The coach will depart at 9.30 for Go Ballistic Outdoor Paintballing, Belsay. We are going to take part in paintballing activities throughout the day, and will break around midday for a BBQ lunch. We will depart from Belsay at approximately 3.30 p.m. and expect to arrive back at school at around 4.30 p.m.

On Wednesday 14th February, your son/daughter will need to make their own way to the Metrocentre, where we will meet at 9.45 a.m. outside the Yellow Mall. Students will take part in 2 games of bowling with a short break in between. We will break for lunch around midday for about an hour. Students will then make their own way to Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre, where they will be split into 2 groups and participate in an Assault course and Snow Tubing. After the activities, students will make their own way home.

Students should wear clothes or bring a change of clothing that they don't mind ruining or getting dirty, as some activities such as Paintballing and the Assault course can be very messy. They are also reminded to bring the following items, a packed lunch on day 1, gloves for Snow Tubing and money for lunch on day.

The second payment of £20.00 needs to be handed in by Friday 19th January. All monies/cheques should be returned to in room 159.

Yours faithfully



Physical Resources

For our event to be successful, we need to have a range of physical resources. Our physical resources requirements are:

- Venue Where the event will be held
- Equipment What we need to carry out the event
- Materials What we need to help us with the event

### 1. Venue:

The venues will vary depending on what type of event it is. The venue for our group events will be at three different places for each day of the event, ours being Go Ballistic outdoor paintballing, Megabowl at the Metrocentre and Whickham Thorns activity centre. All of these places are in Newcastle upon Tyne. All of these venues can accommodate the 20 people plus two members of teaching staff. The venues are suitable for our events as our activities are fun and energetic and these places can offer the activities which will satisfy this requirement.

### 2. Parking:

On the first day of our event, we will be traveling by coach and there is space for the coach to drop and pick up the group at the paintballing venue. On the second day, when we are making our own way to the activities, there is free car parking at the Metrocentre and also at Whickham Thorns. All venues are highly accessible and suitable for the all people taking part in the event.

### 3. Catering

At all venues, there are catering services available. At the paintballing venue lunch will be included in the price and there are also picnic facilities for the group to eat their lunch at. On the second day, there are various places where the group will be able to have some lunch in and around the Metrocentre and at Whickham Thorns.

### 4. Equipment Resources

The stationery that we will need for our event is paper and pens. This will be to write any feedback that people have regarding the event so we can analyse how well our event went and if people enjoyed it. Also, to ensure that any negative feedback can be recorded which can also be used by the group members when evaluating our event.

All of the people in the group running the event will wear a t-shirt, which we are going to paint 'Travel Troopers' on with fabric paint. We decided to wear one so other people taking part in our event, our customers, will be able to recognise us easily if they need any help or have any problems.

### 5. Staffing Resources

As we have organised the event, we will be in charge informing people what will be happening and making sure everything runs smoothly. There will be one

female member of teaching staff accompanying us at the event which will be our teacher for the course. Another member of male non-teaching staff will also accompany us at the event. We have to take one member of female and male staff, because we are taking a mixed group of students. We also need a coach driver to drive us to the paintballing venue. There will be catering staff at the paintballing venue who will cook lunch for us, and on the second day, staff at the Metrocentre will cook lunch at whichever venue we choose to go to on the day.

### 6. Health and Safety Issues

When we are at all of the activities, there will be a First Aid box at all the venues in case there are minor accidents. We will also take our own First Aid box in case. There will also be toilet facilities at all venues.

### 7. Legal Issues

All students who participate in the event will have full insurance cover in case there are any accidents whilst at the venues. Any information that we receive about students going on the trip will be kept private, in compliance with the Data Protection Act. This means that we can't give away any personal details to anyone else. We also have to comply with fire regulations such as blocking fire exits at any of the venues and also on the coach to our event. We have to check that the equipment that we will be using to make sure it isn't broken or damaged so that it doesn't harm anyone else.

### 8. Customer Service Issues

As well as the group wearing t-shirts, we are also going to wear name badges in case people aren't sure of our names and need to speak to us. We didn't choose our job roles to fit our personal skills and abilities as more than one person wanted a particular job, and so some were left over. As we decided as a group to pick roles out of a hat, which was fair to everyone, we have all adapted to our job role and learned new skills from this.

We are going to use customer comment forms so we can receive our student's feedback to see what they thought of the event. This will benefit us when we write our evaluation as we will be able to analyse their feedback and decide whether the event was a success. They will also be useful as to suggestions regarding what we could do better if we were to run an event again in the future.

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### Human Resources Requirements

Human Resources are the staff that are required for our event. Effective human resourcing will ensure that we have the correct staffing for our event, who know how to do their job properly so the event can run successfully.

For our event, we require one member of teaching staff and another member of non-teaching staff. There needs to be one female and one male, as we are taking a mixed group of students for our event. There needs to be one member of staff for every ten students to meet the correct ratio that we require. These teachers are fully trained in their jobs and can look after students and help with any other situations if needed.

All of the group members have individual roles that contribute to making our

Journal out observation sheets to the group members, these will be considered back from the students who participated in organising and planning the event. I will also have to hand out client questionnaires and customer comment cards to all students on the trip and collect them in. This will give us feedback about the event, which will help us to write our evaluation and also help us judge how successful our event was.

- Finance Manager

will have to make sure that there are no outstanding costs with the companies with whom we will be doing the activities with. She will also have to nake sure that there is no outstanding money due in from students with the nave been unable to pay in the set deadline.

- Secretary

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will have to make sure that she has any necessary paper work that is needed for the day such as risk assessments. She will also have to make sure that everyone else in the group has all the necessary paperwork that they require for the day. She will have to make sure that everyone is organised so the day will run smoothly and be a success.

- Physical Resources

will need to make sure that all the equipment at all venues is safe for the students to use and that the group members have stationery that they require. She also has to log any observations about how group members have acted and if their job role has been done correctly.

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- Legal Aspects Manager & Chairperson

will be in charge of everyone on the day, making sure everything is going well and that there are no problems. She will also have to take people's personal information in case there are any accidents and students relatives need to be contacted. As Rebecca is in charge of the group, when we arrive at each event, she will book everyone in and arrange groups and also have the final say so that any arguments can be avoided.

On the days of our event, we have to maintain good communication with each other so that we understand what is happening and if anyone needs it, to help each other.

Rebecca needs to take charge on the day, and be the leader, as she is the Chairperson. She needs to give group members information and delegate tasks that need to be carried out. This will ensure that if someone requires something, they will go to her. This will also help with communication as a group member will be telling the right person the right information.

Each group member needs to work together as a group to ensure that information is passed on as soon as possible so any problems are dealt with straight away.

Other staff that will be involved with our event is the coach driver on the first day. The coach driver will drive us to the paintballing venue and pick us up to take us back to school. There will also be qualified staff at all three of the different activities who will help the group and students and show us what to do for the activities and also safety precautions.

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### Administration

- Administration is very complex and includes paper work and the use of databases plus lots of other aspects.

  Minute taking This is when the group meets to have meetings to discuss the event and any other problems or aspects that need to be dealt with. This job will be done by the secretary, the minutes have to be recorded along with other information from each individual meeting and then distributed to al who attended.

  Letter writing As I am the Marketing Manager, it will be my job to write letters that will then be typed by the secretary and sent out to students who are taking part in our event. Any other letters that need to be written will be done by the individual who needs to write it and then the secretary will type it and send it out.

  Correspondence This is all of the phone calls, letters and e-mails that the group have either sent or received from 3rd party organisations. Each person who has contacted an organisation, or has been in contact with any one, will make a record of this.

  Customer Service revisions As I am the Marketing Manager I This make sure that we have
- make sure that we have a letter head with Travel Troopers' name on it so that customers recognise the logo of our organisation. I will also have to make sure that letters are written using a good standard of English so customers can understand content of the letter.
- Designing and use of databases The Legal Aspects Manager has created a database in Microsoft Excel. In this, she will store all of the student's personal information, such as their address, phone number and an emergency contact name and number. Also, the Finance Manager has created a database in Microsoft Excel to record payments that have been made.
- The Data Protection Act This Act is to make sure that all the information that we receive from students taking part in the trip is kept private and not discussed with anyone. Otherwise, we would be breaking this Act by giving away any information, so we need to make sure it is kept private within the group. We all have to work together as a group to make sure that we protect people's information and this will ensure other people won't find out anything.
- Security of documents and information stored on a PC All of the documents that the group have and create will be stored on either their own student area at school, which is password protected so no one else will have access to it, or either at home if they do any work there. The money from students, permission slips and EV7 forms, with personal details on, are going to be looked after by our teacher until all of the money has been collected and then it will be put into the account.

We are using electronic administration systems. This will be to the groups benefit as all of the data will be stored electronically, which means that we can edit it

easier and this will save time as if we used paper we would have to write it all again.

All of the agendas and meetings are also being stored in a file in our teacher's office. This will make sure that if there are any agendas or minutes lost, that there is another copy to have. Each member of the group has access to this box, as well as our teacher for the course.

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Event Timescales

For our event to be successful, we have to set deadlines to make sure that work is completed by a certain date. To do this, we are going to use a Gantt chart to represent the timescales for the whole project.

Our project started in June 2006 and will be completed in February 2007. The main tasks are that we need to think of ideas for our activity, book the activities, market the activities, collect money from students taking part in the event run the event and then analyse the event and the group.

A Gantt chart is a graphical representation of the duration of tasks against the progression of time. A Gantt chart is a useful tool for planning and scheduling projects. A Gantt chart is helpful when monitoring a project's progress (definition taken from www.ganttchart.com)

We are going to make our Gantt chart together as a group. For each task that the group has carried out together, it will be marked on the chart in black. For each group member, we are going to have a different colour to show our individual contribution to the project. Some of the individual tasks that I have completed I will mark on the chart are creating the poster, creating different letters and when I have completed work for the business plan.

As our project will run over a few months, we have decided to produce a Gantt Chart which will be reviewed each month and each group member will add their own personal contributions to the chart. For each month, it will have the weeks on so we can see the tasks a bit clearer. We decided not to produce a chart that would show each day, as at times there wouldn't have been much progress made from one day to the next. The chart will show the actions that have been completed, which member carried out the action and when it was done.

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### Legal Aspects and Considerations

When planning and organising an event, it is important to consider all relevant legal aspects. The following measures have been put into place to ensure maximum safety, security and consideration.

<u>Legal Implications</u> - When we organised our event we had to get permission to take students out of school. We had to get permission off Mrs Edwardson who is in charge of school trips. We also had to create parental consent forms to allow parents to give permission for their children to go out of school on a trip. We also sent for a risk assessment for each of the venues that we are visiting.

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<u>Risk Assessments</u> - This is an assessment that must be carried out thoroughly for the local authority. It covers all aspects of our event. For each activity it covers the level of risk, the people who could be at risk, how the risk will be controlled and if there are any further actions needed. We have got a risk assessment for the coach trip on day one, the visit to the paintballing venue, the trip to Megabowl and Metrocentre and the trip to Whickham Thorns.

- We have to have at least one teacher for every ten students when our event will run. Therefore, the teacher to student ratio is 1:10, so this is how many students each teacher has to look after. As we are students who are running this event, we have to be responsible for other students; therefore the number of members in the group to students is 1:3 meaning the five members of the class will have three students to look after each.
- When we board and depart the coach, we will do a head count to check that we have all of the students together as a group. We will also complete a head count at each venue to make sure no students are left behind.
- There will be a first aid kit at each of the venues so that any accidents or injuries can be treated. There will also be a first aider at each of the venues in case any further assistance is required and also one of the group members is a trained first aider and will be able to assist anyone who needs help.
- The legal aspects manager has an EV7 form for each student who is taking part in the event. It contains medical details e.g. dietary requirements, if they are allergic to any medication, emergency contact name and number.
- If the coach breaks down then we will have to call the company and arrange for another coach to pick us up.

Legal Age Requirements - For certain activities, there is a set legal age limit such as drinking, gambling etc. When we go to the Metrocentre to go bowling at the Megabowl we will be in a public place. When we have lunch, there are pubs and bars, so some members of the group who are 18 could purchase alcohol. However, students are not allowed to drink alcohol on a school trip even if they are the legal age. We will manage this by telling students when we break for lunch that they mustn't drink alcohol as it is not permitted whilst on a school trip and also it could be dangerous when taking part in the afternoon's activities at

Whickham Thorns.

- The required staff to student ratio is 1:10, so we will require two teachers for the twenty students who are taking part in the event.

- We have to have one female and one male teacher to accompany us on our event. As our female teacher is a teacher, the male member of staff must be non-teaching as we can't have two teaching staff to come with us to our event. Our teacher who is teaching us the course is obviously a teaching member of staff. Our teacher doesn't have any experience in school trips so when we get our male member of non-teaching staff he will have to have experience in school trips.

<u>Disability Discrimination</u> - The Disability Discrimination Act protects people who have a disability from being discriminated against. It is legal to list a 'good record of health' as a job requirement. This law was introduced so that people who have a disability are able to do the day to day tasks in the job that they have.

- It is relevant to our event as we have to consider the Act, as people with a disability may have wanted to take part in the event.

- None of our customers have any special requirements. All of the venues have been looked into to see if they cater for people with a disability. None of activities could be carried out by a disabled person. However, when we advertised the event we made it clear what the activities were so that everybody who signed up would be able to do all of the activities. Our school does have disabled access, ramps and lifts, and it has disabled toilets and special learning facilities.

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<u>Fire Regulations</u> - There are fire exits at all of the venues that we will be visiting. There are also fire extinguishers on site for the safety of customers and staff in case there is a fire. If there was a fire at any one of the venues, than a fire alarm would signal and everyone would leave the building and go outside for their own safety.

There is a First Aid kit at each of the venues and we will also be taking our own First Aid kit with us. All of the venues are highly accessible so the emergency services could get in easily to help people.

All electrical equipment is checked regularly as well as the physical equipment that we will be using to make sure that it is safe for people to use.

There are toilet facilities at all of the venues and there are adequate numbers for participants. These are checked regularly to make sure they are clean and safe.

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-Food Hygiene - Each organisation that supplies and sells food to the public must have food hygiene certificates to show that they have passed tests to cook food and sell it by law. They must have food hygiene certificates to make sure that they know how to cook food and store food properly so that no one can catch any germs or illnesses from eating it. They must also have a clean and safe kitchen or work place. The food must be prepared properly and cooked correctly, as well as served properly.

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<u>Insurance</u> - Our school is arranging full insurance cover for all students taking part in the event in case there are any accidents. This will cover any accidents that happen whilst at the venues. It also covers third parties, the security of students' belongings e.g. mobile phone, jewellery, money etc.

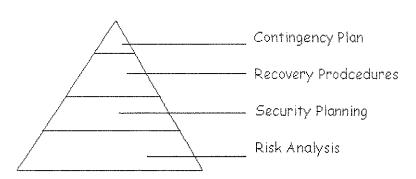
<u>Data Protection Act</u> - This Act provides a legal basis for the privacy and protection of data of individuals in the UK. The Act places restrictions on organisations which collect or hold data which can identify a living person. This Act applies to our event as we will have personal information from students taking part in the event such as their address, telephone number and any medical information. We must not give any of this information to any one and none of the information must be discussed with anyone.

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### Contingency Planning

A Contingency Plan is a plan that provides resources for problem solving in the event that something happens by chance.

(Taken from www.uwex.edu/design/glossary.htm)



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The above diagram shows the foundations of a Contingency Plan.

There are a range of problems that we could possibly encounter during the two day trips. This could include:

- The coach could break down
- The coach may not turn up
- Someone gets injured at one of the activities
- We loose a student at the Metrocentre
- Someone could loose their belongings

For all of the problems that we could encounter we have made a contingency plan so that if these problems happen we will know what to do.

- To try and avoid the coach not turning up, we are going to call the coach company a week before our event will run, to confirm the booking and the time that the bus should pick us up from school.
- If the bus breaks down, the driver will call the company to arrange for another coach to come and pick us up and take us to the paintballing venue.
- If any of the activities are double booked, we are going to get a refund off the company, and depending on what day it is, we will either get the coach to drive us or make our own way to town, where we will go ice-skating at the Centre for Life in the morning, have lunch and then go to The Gate to go to the cinema.
- If someone gets injured, and they have a minor injury, then they will be treated by a First Aider with a First Aid Kit. However, if someone gets really injured then 999 will be called for an ambulance will take them to the hospital.
- On the first day when we are going paintballing, there is a BBQ lunch provided. However, this may not be to everyone's taste or a problem could



- provided. However, this may not be to everyone's taste or a problem could arise and lunch may not be provided, therefore we are going to tell all students taking part in the trip to bring a packed lunch in case.
- If someone looses their bag or belongings, we will report it to a member of staff or at the reception where we are and then if it is not found on the day, we will leave a contact number for school so they can call us if they find the item.
- If we loose a student whilst at Metrocentre, we will report that we have lost someone at the customer service desk in the Red Mall. To try and avoid this happening, we are going to head count students before we enter and when we leave each venue.
- To try and avoid there not being enough lanes when we arrive at Megabowl, we are going to ring up a week before to confirm our booking and the time we will be arriving, so hopefully it can be avoided that there will be a double booking. Otherwise, we will ask the staff to clear the lanes ASAP, and the students will have priority over group members playing.
- To try and avoid the activities at Whickham Thorns being double booked, we are going to ring up a week before to confirm our booking and the time that we will be arriving at.

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### Reviewing the event

Our event will be reviewed in 7 different ways:

- 1. Log Book
- 2. Customer feedback questionnaires
- 3. Comment cards
- 4. Observation forms/Mystery Shopping
- 5. Group evaluation
- 6. Individual group evaluation
- 7. Self-evaluation

### Log Book

One way that we are going to review the event is by creating an individual log book. It will review my own actions and feelings, and my contributions towards achieving the aims and objectives set out by the group at the beginning of the project. By doing this, it will show my progress and the development of my own role and responsibilities. I am going to update it after each lesson to report on what we have done in the lesson and any progress that we have made. It will also have any feelings that I have about other group members and if they are contributing or letting other people do their jobs. It should also have details in about when we have contacted other organisations and any other outstanding items. It will be used in my evaluation to help me write my individual group evaluation.

### Customer Feedback Ouestionnaires

These questionnaires will be filled in by our customers after the event has run on the second day. The feedback that customers give us in the questionnaire will be one way that we can judge whether our event has been successful.

### Comment Cards

These cards will be distributed to the students taking part in the trip after each of the activities, so that there opinion on them will be noted straight away, which mean that can't forget what they thought of it. This will also be a way for us to judge how successful our event has been.

### Observation Forms/Mystery Shopping

These observation forms will judge how well group members have performed throughout our event. We did originally decide that each member would fill in a form about every member of the group to see how well they had performed throughout the event, but we decided that when we stopped during the activities, members may notice what we would be doing and so they could act differently giving them an advantage to working better. We then decided that our teacher would fill in the observation forms throughout the event, as we will not notice when this is happening as she is not participating in the activities and can fill them in any time, which will show how we really performed.

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### **Group Evaluation**

All of the group members are going to complete a group evaluation together, to see how well we have all worked together and if we have contributed enough for our individual job role. From doing this evaluation together, we will be able to tell which members have tried to make our event a success and who hasn't contributed as much as they should have.

### **Individual Group Evaluation**

This evaluation will be where each individual group member evaluates the group alone. By doing an evaluation like this, we will be able to see what everyone's view is, so they will be able to tell the truth about the event and the group members by writing it alone. This will be compared to the group evaluation.

### Self Evaluation

This type of evaluation is where I will evaluate my own role within the group. It will show how I think that I have contributed to the event and whether I think I worked hard enough or if I feel that I could have worked harder.

The main review point for our event will be by using observation sheets. We will collect any feedback from the students who will take part in the event, our teacher will complete one and each other group member will complete one for each other. We will have to design these observation sheets on which we will record any feedback. Also, a client questionnaire will be completed by the students who will take part in the trip.



### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

As a much-valued customer of Travel Troopers' first ever event, we would very much appreciate your feedback regarding the 2-day event you have just taken part in. We would be grateful if you could spend a couple of minutes answering this short questionnaire...

THE EVENT					
What did you p	particularly like o	or enjoy the most about th	e 2-day event?		
		2-day event did you disli	ke or not enjoy?	·····	
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THE COST					
Overall, how v	vould you rate y	our level of satisfaction wi	ith the cost of the 2-day event?		
Extremely	Very	Moderately	As expected	Not	Not-at-all
•	•	•	g the 2 days or activities?		
How much do	you believe is a	suitable cost for such an	event (please explain your an	swer)?	
ORGANISING					
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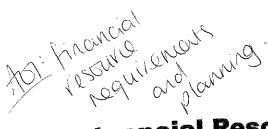
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### **Financial Resources and Requirements**

At the start of the event, we didn't have any main financial restraints because we had to research ideas to see what we could do for our event. However, we knew that we were going to open the event up to 6th form students and therefore knew that we couldn't have an event that would be too expensive as there wouldn't be any interest in it, and no one would want to take part.

A budget is the initial amount of money that an organisation has to start up their business. We didn't have an initial budget; this is the amount of money that we could have spent for the total event. The only source of income that we will receive is the £40.00 from each student who will be taking part in the event. The funds will be allocated to each of the organisations so that we don't have too much cash going to one company and too little to another. We do have contingency funds, because we rounded up the price of the event to £40.00. We plan to use the additional money to buy prizes for people taking part in the event for each of the activities and some snacks for the coach and the end of day 2.

Our organisation, Travel Troopers, don't have any start up costs as we don't need to purchase anything at the beginning of the event to help us run the organisation and planning of our event.

We are expecting to receive £800.00 total income for our event. This money will be shown in an income and expenditure account. This will record actual expenditure and income as it occurs and it will be maintained regularly. The account will show a balance at the end of each month with the balance carried over to the next month, to make sure that we have control over our financial records.

We will also have a cash flow forecast. Our event is being organised over a period of months so the cash flow forecast will monitor the inflows and outflows of money that is being paid in and out to our account. It will also monitor if the group has had all of the money paid in from students, so that we have enough money to pay to the organisations we are visiting.

We plan to collect payments on set deadline dates. The finance manager will be in charge of making sure that all financial records are up to date and that everything is in order. There will be money coming in from students who are taking part in the event and the money going out will be to the companies where we are taking part in the activities. There has been a receipt made for Travel Troopers by the finance manager and when payments are received, the customers name will be ticked off and given a receipt for their payment. When the deposits need to be made to the companies, they will send us an invoice as we have bought the product/service off that company. We don't need any order forms as we aren't buying any products off any other companies.

The financial charts show that we have only 19 customers taking part in our event. However, these were produced before we realised we had left a customer off the list and therefore only show 19 customers. There are 20 customers taking part so the total amount of money that we received was £800.00.

To monitor the finances throughout our event, it is important that we produce

A balance sheet shows the financial position of a business at a particular point in time. Businesses usually produce one balance sheet at the end of its financial year. It contains information about what the business owns and what the business owes. By law, limited companies must produce a business of the business owes. By law, limited companies must produce a business owes.

It contains information about assets, liabilities and capital. It is a way of providing the value of a business and a way of checking that all the money received to finance the business has been accounted for.

Assets are the resources that a business owns. They are used to produce goods and services. There are two different types of assets. Fixed assets have a life span of more than one year, e.g. machinery, cars, buildings etc. Current assets are things that will be changed into cash within a year e.g.

- Cash in the bank money that the business has in the bank
- Stocks these are raw materials, components, semi-finished goods and finished goods. Stocks will hopefully be sold in the near future
- Debtors these are customers that owe money to the business. The cash should be received in the near future.

Liabilities are the debts of the business or the money it owes. There are two types of liabilities. Current liabilities are debts the business has to pay within a year e.g. money owed to suppliers (trade creditors), tax owed to the Government and money owed to the bank for an overdraft. Long term liabilities are the debts the business pays after a year, e.g. mortgages and loans that are owed to the bank.

Capital is the money given to the business by the owners. The money is usually in the form of shares, therefore capital is also called shareholders funds. The value of shares is calculated using the price they were sold at, not using their present value. Retained profit is also included with the capital as it is money owed to the owners, but the business has kept it to help with the cash flow problems or to help pay for assets.

A balance sheet must balance. This means that the value of the assets must equal the value of the liabilities and capital. The following formula shows this: Capital + Liabilities = Assets

If the above formula must balance, an increase of assets must be funded by an increase in capital or liabilities, or other assets have to be sold. Any asset that a business purchases must have been funded by

The owners buy more shares which increases the capital of a business

- Using retained profit which leads to an increase in the capital of a business
- Borrowing money which leads to an increase in the liabilities
- Credit that the supplier offer, which is a liability for the business
- Selling assets of the same value as the new asset

If capital is alone in the formula, you have to change the side and the sign of the liabilities, which is written like this: Capital = Assets - Liabilities

The value if capital must balance with the value or net assets. It agrees with the above formula.

An important calculation on the balance sheet is working capital or net current assets. Working capital is the cash that the business can get quickly. If the business runs out of working capital it will not be able to pay its workers or suppliers.

Taken from Wiki Textbook http://wikitextbook.co.uk/index.php/Balanance\_sheets

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ADI THOON OF A THAN the MANNEY A business can only make a profit if the revenue from sales is greater than the cost of supplying the goods or service. Break-even is the point at which total revenue equals total costs. At levels of output below the break-even point the business will be making a loss. At levels of output above the break-even point the business will be making a profit. It is therefore very important that the business knows the amount of goods or services it has to produce in order to break-even.

The break-even point shows the business the minimum level of sales needed to make a profit. The break-even point is where the total revenue line crosses the total costs line. Total revenue and costs are calculated as follows:

Total Revenue = the total amount of money that a business receives from the sales of its goods or services. It is calculated using the following formula: number of goods sold x average selling price

Total Costs = Fixed Costs + Variable Costs

At levels of output up to the break-even point the business will be making a loss and at higher levels of output the business will receive a profit. At the break-even point the business will be not making or loosing any money. The difference



between the break-even and present output is known as the margin of safety or the quantity sold can fall by that amount before the business will start to lose money.

To calculate the break-even output, it equals

Fixed Costs = (Selling price per unit - Variable cost per unit).

Break-even is an excellent method of analysing a business. The advantages of using a break-even analysis is that it is cheap to carry out and it can show the profits/losses at varying levels of output. Also due to its simplicity a new business will often have to present a break-even analysis of its bank in order to get a loan. The disadvantages of a break-even analysis is that is assumes that everything produced is sold and often not all output will be sold. Also it assumes that all of the output is sold at the same price, often a business will have to lower its price in order to increase its sales.

There are a number of reasons that can lead to the break-even point shifting. We can split these reasons into internal and external factors. Internal factors are things the business can control and external factors are things that the business has no control over.

Internal factors are things that the business can control. If the business moves to new offices that charge higher rent, it will increase the fixed costs and therefore total costs. When the total costs line shift upwards the break-even point will increase. If the business increases its prices it will receive higher revenue for each unit of output. This will shift the total revenue upwards and lower the break-even point.

External factors are things the business cannot control. If a recession occurred the break-even point would be unaffected as the costs and revenue would stay the same, it is likely though that the level of demand would fall and this would reduce the margin of safety.

If a price war broke out the business would have to lower its prices. This would lead to the revenue being lower at each level of output. This would cause the break-even point to rise.

It is important that we have a break even analysis chart, to show that by the end of the project we have broken even and spent the amount of money that we have gained from customers.

Taken from Wiki Textbook http://wikitextbook.co.uk/index.php/Break-even

A budget is simply a financial plan for the forthcoming year that is drawn up to help a business achieve its objectives. Budgets are often used to exert a degree of control over the costs of the business, in an attempt to achieve gains in efficiency. When a business draws up its budget, it is essentially a series of smaller budgets covering all areas of operation. The main budgets that are drawn up are:

• A sales budget - this is where the number of units of each product that the

A sales budget - this is where the number of units of each product that the business aims to sell next year, the price level that will be charged, and the corresponding amount of sales revenue that is likely to be received.

A production budget - this forecasts the number of units of each product that the business aims to produce over the next year. It will include the materials budget, which will indicate the raw materials that need to be

A staffing budget - this will specify the direct and indirect staff that are required throughout the business for the forthcoming year, in terms of the

number if staff and their wages.

A production and overhead budget - this attempts to forecast the fixed overheads that the business will incur in the forthcoming year, which can be related to production.

An administrative expenses budget - this forecasts a wide range of expenses for the forthcoming year (e.g. managerial salaries, office expenses, utility bills, and rent or mortgage payments).

A selling expenses budget - This represents the various costs associated with selling the products of the business (e.g. advertising, sales promotions and distribution).

These budgets are then considered into the master budget. This also includes several other forecasted documents - specifically, a profit and loss account, a balance sheet, a cash flow, and a capital expenditure budget (showing the fixed assets which the business forecasts that it will purchase in the forthcoming year).

It is vital that each department involves al their staff in the planning and budgeting process, firstly in order to identify their needs for the forthcoming year and secondly to act a motivator, by making the employees feel valued by the

It follows on from this, therefore that each budget that a business sets must be realistic and achievable, since any which cannot be met may leave the workforce with the low levels of morale and motivation.

Common mistakes that many businesses make when preparing their budgets for the forthcoming year include:

1. Repeating last year's figures.

2. Each department ignoring the overall objectives of the business, and concentrating instead on their goals.

3. Setting unrealistic and unachievable budgets.

4. Sticking rigidly to the budget, (i.e. forgetting the fact that it is only a plan and a guide for the next year, and consequently it can be changed accordingly).

Zero Budgeting

This is where a budget is set to zero for a given time-period, and the manager of the particular division or department then has to justify any expenditure which they which they wish to make.

It is often used in an economic recession or a downturn in the industry, when money is not readily available and the business wishes to make cutbacks in its expenditure.

Zero budgeting helps the business to identify those departments which require large amounts of essential capital and day-to-day expenditure, as well as identifying those departments which require minimal expenditure.

However, zero budgeting can result in managers spending far more of their valuable time on the budgeting process than would be the case if budgets were set more traditionally.

For our project we have zero budgeting. We do not have an initial budget and we only spend what we receive from our customers, which will be the payments for 40: thousand the paint balling.

### Cash Flow

Cash flow refers to the difference between the cash flowing into the business (e.g through sales revenue) and the cash flowing out of the business (e.g. bills and wages).

Cash Flow Problems

Having a positive cash flow is vital for the survival of a business, since without the ability to pay workers and suppliers then the business will soon have to cease

This potential problem is compounded by the fact that businesses often have to pay many expenses several weeks or even months before any cash actually flows into the business.

E.g. wages and salaries will have to be paid to employees, suppliers will have to be paid for any raw materials and the rent or mortgage payments will have to be paid before the products can be manufactured and sold to customers.

If the products are sold on credit to customers, then the time delay between the cash outflows and the cash inflows will be even longer.

The major causes of cash flow crises for a business are:

1. Overtrading - where the business attempts to expand too rapidly, without a sufficient financial base.



- 2. Having too much money invested in stocks.
- 3. Allowing too much credit to their customers.
- 4. Unexpected changes in demand for their products.
- 5. Over borrowing therefore having large monthly loan repayments, which have to be met.

There are many actions that a business can take when it is experiencing a liquidity crisis:

- 1. Offering price discounts to boost sales and sales revenue.
- 2. Selling off fixed assets.
- 3. A 'sale and lease back' arrangement.
- 4. Chasing debtors for the monies owed to the business.
- 5. Selling off stocks.

Whatever action is decided upon, the business must ensure that it is implemented quickly and that a careful eye is kept on the liquidity (cash flow) in the future.

### Cash flow Statement

A cash flow statement is a financial accounting document, which show the cash inflows and the cash outflows for a business over the past 12 months. It indicates those months in which the business suffered a cash flow crisis (where cash outflows were greater than cash inflows) and it will also highlight those months in which the business was cash-rich (i.e. more cash inflows than cash outflows).

It allows a business to prepare a cash flow forecast for the forthcoming year, by basing the estimated cash inflows and outflows on the results from the previous year.

### Cash flow Forecast

A cash flow forecast is a management accounting document, which outlines the forecasted future cash inflows (from sales) and the outflows (raw materials, wages etc) per months for a business over an accounting period.

It is important for a business to produce a cash flow forecast so that it can prepare for those months in which it is forecast to experience a cash flow crisis (i.e. the business needs to arrange extra borrowing or overdraft facilities to provide extra cash).

Alternatively, in the months where the business is forecast to be cash-rich it can use this money profitably elsewhere within the business e.g. new product development).

It is important that we have a cash flow forecast so that we can monitor how much money is going in and out of the business. It would highlight if the company goes into the red, which is something that we do not want to happen.



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### profit and Loss Accoung

The profit and loss account is a financial statement which represents the revenue that the business has received over a given period of time, and the corresponding expenses which have been paid.

It also shows the profit that the business has been made over a period of time (usually 12 months) and the uses to which the profits have been put out.

### Revenue

Revenue is the inflow of money to the business in the course of the ordinary activities of the enterprise. There are a number of different sources of revenue:

- Credit sales (i.e. where the business has sold goods to customers, but has not yet received the cash)
- Interest
- Rovalties
- Dividends that the business receives on its investments or
- Fees for hiring-out the resources of the business to a third party. Revenue is recognised at either the receipt of the cash or at the point of sale (if the goods are sold on credit).

### **Expenses**

Expenses are expired costs (i.e. costs from which all benefits have been extracted during an accounting period). Examples include wages, raw materials and utility bills, often known as revenue expenditure.

It must be remembered that expenses are not necessarily the same as costs.

E.g. if a business purchases a new fixed asset e.g. a machine, then it will clearly incur the monetary cost of purchasing the machine e.g. £50,000.

However, this £50,000 will not be written off as an expense, since the benefits from the machine will last for more than a single accounting period e.g. for more than 12 months. Instead of writing off the total cost of the machine, a portion of the £50,000 will be written off as an expense each year over the useful life of the machine - this is known as a 'depreciation charge'.

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Format of the Profit and Loss Account									
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	purchases closing		X						
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gross profit				x					
Less: labour	costs		X						
Less: expens	ses:								
	rent	X							
	power	X							
•	misc	<u>X</u>	X	X					
net									

profit

The first line of the account shows the sales revenue for the business selling its goods and services. From this, the cost of goods sold is deducted (costs directly associated with the production of the goods and services such as the cost of raw materials, the labour charges associated with the production, and the production overheads. These are sometimes referred to as direct materials, direct labour and direct overheads).

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Sales revenue less cost of goods sold is known as gross profit.

However, we have not yet accounted for selling and administrative expenses (such as advertising costs, distribution costs, salaries, utility bills etc).

When these are deducted from the gross profit, the result is known as trading or operating profit. These refer to the profit made from normal trading activities.

The next adjustment it to add on any income from other activities, known as non-operating income e.g. renting out premises. The resulting figure is known as profit before interest and tax.

A figure is then deducted for interest charges. The resulting figure is known as profit before tax or net profit.



The final part of the account is known as the appropriation account. It provides information on the way in which the profit is dispersed.

Some is taken in corporation tax and goes to the Inland Revenue, some is drawn from the business as dividends to be distributed to the shareholders and the remainder is retained within the business for re-investment.

It is important that we have a profit and loss account to show whether our business has made a profit or a loss. Ideally, we aim to break even but we do not want to make a loss as we will go into the red, spending money that we do not have.

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all child places - & \$17.50 each (150 balls) + BBQ lunch. £19.95 each (200 balls) (John con be child as

well... Leanne said :)

\* will only pay for 19 (as 15th place is free!).

### PRICING

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£19.95 x 20 = 2399-19.95 = 2379.05

BUS \$110 BOWL &110 W.T \$105 £325

> MONEY COLLECTES 19 x 240 = £760

150 BALLS 200 BALLS £332.50 £379.05 435-379.05

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: 200 BALLS ?!.

so... 760 -\$435 (TO SPEND ON P. BALLING)

BOOKING: 20 PLACES @ £19.95 (YOUNG GUNZ). [Then get one free: ]

= £399.05 TO PAY NEUTA FORCE

# TRAVEL TROOPERS BUDGET

FORECASTED BUDGET		NOTES
Bus Transport (day one, 22 passengers) Paintballing (full day, BBQ lunch, 200 paintballs x20 players) Bowling (x2 games, 4 x lanes, 22 players) Whickham Thorns (x2 activities, 20 players)	£110 £400 £110 £105	
FORECASTED TOTAL FORECASTED AMOUNT PER PERSON	<b>£725</b> £36.25	*NB. Based on 20 paying customers - BREAK EVEN POINT
ACTUAL BUDGET		
Bus Transport (day one, 22 passengers) Paintballing (full day, BBQ lunch, 200 paintballs x20 players) Bowling (x2 games, 4 x lanes, 22 players) Whickham Thorns (x2 activities, 20 players)	£110 £380 £110 £105	
ACTUAL TOTAL ACTUAL AMOUNT PER PERSON	<b>£705</b> £35.25	*NB; Based on 20 paying customers
FINAL AMOUNT PAID PER PERSON	£40	*NB: only 19 paying customers attending the event (actual amont £37 pp - additional £3 to cover

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insurance and refreshment costs)

# TRAVEL TROOPERS CASH FLOW STATEMENT

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	Income Sales	TOTAL INCOME	Expenditure Deposits Payments	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	NET CASH FLOW	OPENING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE

# TRAVEL TROOPERS PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

NOTES 19 customers	Bus £110, Painballing £380, Bowl £110, Whickham Thoms £105		
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Agenda for Travel Troopers 1st meeting

### . Decide who will take over the role of Human Resources

- Anybody want to?
- Who has the least amount of work to do?

### .Decide who we are going to open the activities up to

- -Lower school?
- -Sixth Form?

### . Aims and Objectives

- - What do we aim to do in this event
- What do we want to achieve in this event

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### Agenda for Travel Troopers Second Meeting

### .How long will are event last for and who we will be opening the event up to?

- Between one-five days
- Lower school or sixth form

### . Are the events going to be local or not?

- Shropshire has been discussed
- . What activities will we do?
- . What are we going to call our group?
  - Cool names only

### . Aims and Objectives to be talked about

- Everyone to have a good time
- Learn team building skills
- Are we to break even or make a profit
- Are we to gather lots of other information about adventure tourism for our next assignment?



#### Agenda for Travel Troopers Third meeting

#### . Are we still going ahead with Go-Karting?

- There is dangers involved
- Expensive
- Parents may not allow their children to participate

#### . What will we do instead of Go-Karting?

- · -Bowling
- · -Cinema
- · -Wet n Wild
- · How much will this other activity cost?

#### . Are we still wanting to do a three day event?

• Should we combine Bowling and Whickham Thorns on the same day?

#### . Transportation how much is it going to cost?

- Get price quotation
- Is this affordable
- Do we need it?

#### . What activities will we be doing at Whickham Thorns?

- Call and talk about what activities there is available
- Will it be safe to do?
- How long does each activity last for?
- How much it will cost

#### Agenda for Travel Troopers Fourth meeting

#### .Who will take over Emma's role as Chairman?

- Someone with the east amount of work to do
- Anybody really want to?

#### . Decide what days and activities we will do

- The majority goes!

#### . What staff we will be taking

- Miss Cooper and one other none teaching member of staff must be male!
- Anybody know of anybody?

#### . Discuss what times to do all the activities

- How long will each activity last for?
- Remember travelling distance
- What time to be at each event?

#### .Discuss when we will book all activities

#### . Find out all transportation prices

- Will it be affordable?
- Do we need it for both days?

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#### Agenda for Travel Troopers fifth meeting

- . Call all companies involved with our two day activities and book the for are events
  - Whickham Thorns
  - Paintballing
  - Mega Bowl
- . Find out when money must be paid to the companies
  - Within how many days before and activity?
  - Months in advance?
- . Find out final prices and how much the whole activity is going to cost
  - How much per-person?
  - Are we rounding up?
  - Are we getting money for prizes?
- . Whickham Thorns and Paintballing need booking forms when will this be done?
- . What time will everything be booked for?

#### Agenda for Travel Troopers Sixth meeting

- . Organise a timescale and deadlines for tasks and events
- .How will we attract a male non-teaching member of staff?
  - Posters
  - Face to Face
- . When will EB7 form be sent home?
- . Risk-assessment forms still need to be sent out from all activity locations
  - Must chase them up in order for the event to happen!
  - Call up and ask where they are!
- .When are letters to be given out?
  - Date given?
  - Must have them back in ASAP!

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#### Agenda for Travel Troopers Seventh meeting

#### . Have the letters been sent out?

- Have any deposits been given in?
- Need them in before half term, we will have to chase up otherwise

#### . Has Paintballing risk assessment has it came yet?

- If not we will have to contact them once again to see why it hasn't
- How long will it be until they do actually decide to send it!

#### . Where is all student information to be held?

- Should we keep a dairy
- Should we start up a data base?

#### Agenda for Travel Troopers eighth meeting

- . Organise how to fill 20 places for our trip
  - Posters/ Talks
  - How are they going to contact use to give us their deposits
- . Discuss a day for when deposits must be handed in by
- . Change timescale for second payment
  - Letter written and when it has to be sent out by?
  - Second payment when does it have to be in by?
- . Start processing customer details into our data base
  - so that we are able to contact everyone in case of an emergency
- . Talk about how individuals on the trip will be able to identify who is in charge
  - T-skirts
  - Hats/Scarf's
  - Whistles
  - Feather bowers
- . Any issues anybody wants to talk about?

#### Agenda for Travel Troopers meeting nine



- . Sort out time scales
  - Changing dates around?
- . Need to sort out financial issues
  - break even charts
  - Cash forecasts
  - Income and expenditure accounts

#### . Itinerary

- How the day will run
- Approximate times of what/where we should be

#### . Fire regulations

- need to ring them all up

#### .How to fill the last 6 places

- Class room talks
- More talking to people

#### .Discuss log books

- Who needs help?
- When we did things as a group?

#### . Meetings and agendas

- Anybody in need of any?

## Agenda Meeting 10 of Travel Troopers

#### .Contingency plans

- All plans must be the same

## . Go through all the financial documents

- Must all be the same
- Must do them together

## . Last places on trip

- How to fill them
- Anyone no people who still want to go

#### . Gantt chart

- Make Gantt charts the same
- Give each other information in order to fill it in



## Agenda for Travel Troopers meeting eleven

#### To do list

EV1 forms completed

- Insurance forms (checked/finished)
- Itinerary
- EV7 forms
- Risk assessment (paintballing)

Financial accounts set up

Fill final place

-Do we need one more people going?

Issues -

Attendance

Fulfilling roles and responsibilities

## Agenda for Travel Troopers meeting twelve

#### To do list

Give all customers of details of our two day events

- Time of arrive necessary
  Correct clothing to were
  Were all location are

## Give out information packs

- -Itineraries
- -Forms to fill in
- -Directions

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Travel Troopers 1<sup>st</sup> meeting 6.09.06 Present:

#### What we discussed

.Sara, Becky, Julie, Emma not present no apologise given. Attendance to be noted and checked by myself (Mrs Bradley) at the earliest time possible

.Taz has left the course his HR duties were given to Sara as she has the lightest load of the group

. Aims and Objectives discussed but no decisions can be made until a decision has been made whether to take lower school or  $6^{th}$  form. This can not be done until at least a majority of the group are agreed.

Travel Troopers 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting 07.09.06

Present:

not present, no apology or reason for not being there.

#### What we discussed

.As Travel Troopers we will be holding an event that will last for 3days and that it will only be open for 6<sup>th</sup> formers not lower school (17-19yr olds).

- .The 3day events will be;
- -Paintballing
- -Wickham Thorns
- -Go Karting

.We decided to do these events local instead of adventure tourism activities in Shropshier.

.We made the decision to be called the Travel Troopers after a very long and hard discussion!

.We talked about and gave a list of the aims and objects of this event that we want to achieve.

- 1. Everyone to have a good time over the 3days (give out questionnaires and face to face conversations)
- 2. To learn how to work as a team and learn new skills, Communication, leadership skills (observation, visual evidence and photographs, doing all of this before and after each event)
- 3. To break even by the end at the project
- 4. Promote local tourism attractions
- 5. To gather information on adventure tourism for are next assignment

All objectives must be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timed



Travel Troopers 3rd meeting 07.09.06
Present:

t present, no apology or reason for not being there.

#### What we discussed

.We all discussed the dangers and problems of going Go-Karting so as a group we all decided not to go ahead with it. We then decided to go Bowling instead as it is safer and also cheaper to do.

.The price of a coach to are paint balling destination was quoted at £110

.We talked about what activities we will do at whickham thorns one activity that we will defiantly be taking part in is the assault course and we talked about snow tubing also.

. We decided to do a two day activity event and go bowling in the morning of the  $14^{\rm th}$  of February and go to Whickham Thorns in the afternoon of the  $14^{\rm th}$  of February

.Myself : atest secretary in the entire world!) and wed Whickham thorns and Mega Bowl to talk about prices.

- -Whickham Thorns 01914335767-13<sup>TH</sup> Feb 07
- -Mega Bowl 08715501010 -14th Feb 07
- -Whickham Thorns assault course=£13 for 12 people £26 for 20 people

Snow Tubing=£50 for 12 people £100 for 20 people

Mega Bowl=£2.50 per person (must have a student card!) £50 for 20 people (for one game, opens at 10am)

Travel Troopers meeting four	•
18/09/06 Present:	a is not present no reason or
apology tor why she isn't here	

#### What we discussed

We talked about the departure of our Chairperson and we decided to give the role she had the least amount of work to do.

The groups activities where decided; Paintballing 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Mega Bowl 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning Whickham Thorns 14<sup>th</sup> Feb in the afternoon

Times not yet decided

Staff members Mrs Cooper is to be our female member of staff and our non-teaching member of staff has not been selected yet

We decide to book are activities on the  $20^{\rm th}$  of September and also prices buses on this day also

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Travel Troopers fifth meeting 20/09/06 Present: F

#### What we discussed

. Prices: Bus to Paintballing £110
Paintballing activities for 20 people £399.76
Assault course (per group £10.50 \*2) £21
Snow tubing (per group £41.70\*2) £83.40
Mega Bowl (per game £2.50 \*2) £110
TOTAL= £724.16

Cost per person = £36.208 Charging per person =£40 Money for prizes= £75.84

. Risk assessments where asked for from all three events and Whickham Thorns and Paintballing need booking forms which we filled in and sent out today

#### Times of the events

- Mega Bowl has been booked for 10am
- Whickham Thorns has been booked for 1.30 pm
- Paintballing runs from 9am 4pm (but bus booked before the activity is due to end)

Travel Troopers meeting six 5/10/06 Present:

is unwell and is unable to attend

#### What we discussed

We decided to make a poster to attract a male member of non-teaching staff and place it in the staff room when finished.

EV1 forms where filled in.

Risk-assessment forms received from Whickham Thorns and Mega Bowl still waiting for Paintballing and snow tubing.

Talked about the letters that need to be given out and sent home for the events we did not decide on what date to send them out by as we do not yet have 20 people for our event.

A timescale was made for all deadlines and task times

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Travel Troopers 7th Meeting
20.10.06
Present:

### What we discussed

- The first letter has been handed out, finance manager Rachael is waiting for deposits to be handed in.
- After half term, the payments that are still owed by students taking part in the trip, need to be chased up so the money is handed in as soon as possible.
- The risk assessment for paintballing has still not been sent, so they
  need to be contacted again to see why we still haven't been received.
- · ed up a database to store students personal information who are going the trip.

Travel Troopers Eighth meeting 9/11/06
Present:

#### What we discussed

.We have decided to send out memos into all sixth form registration classes so that students if they have not seen our posters have the opportunity to here about our event. We all talked about approaching are friends and people in the common room to try to persuade more students to come also we talked about mentioning it in assembly.

.We decided that the cut of date for people being aloud to go on the trip is the 17<sup>th</sup> of November and the second payment is to be due on the 24 of November.

.The second letter home will be sent on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November

is still waiting for the risk assessment for Paintballing and Sara is still waiting for a male member of staff to come forward

.Julie pointed out that people had started to do everybody else's jobs so we decide that if we need help we should just ask for it.



Travel Troopers 9th meeting 6.09.06 Prese:

#### What we discussed

#### .Itinerary

- The bus is coming between 9:00-9:15 however we want the bus at 9:30 so Sara will be calling the Bus company to see if its possible
- On the second day we will be all meeting at the red Mall at 9:45
- Lunch on the second day will be between 12:00-1:00
- We will be leaving for Whickham Thorns at approximately 1:15

#### . Last places to fill in

- talked about talking again to class mates and common room talks

#### .Fire regulations

- Talked about calling them but unable to do it straight away

#### .Log book

- Everybody is ok
- If people need help we have all agreed to help each other

#### .Meetings and agendas

missing some, I will get them to her as soon as I am able to

#### Financial issues

- break even charts
- Cash forecasts
- Income and expenditure accounts

We decided we will have to do it as a group, as it would be two difficult doing it on are own.

#### Timescales

- everything is now in the correct order

7<sup>th</sup> of December Meeting 10 Travel Troopers Present:

#### What we discussed

Contingency plan, we decided that we would all bring in our own contingency plans to make one plan together. We also decided that we would combine our plans on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

Fi. said she has completed the finance and she will give it to all of our members in our next lesson.

Four places left on the trip, again we have decided to ask around again, and keep on doing it until we have the last places filled, we can afford two people not to go but four we would be unable to continue with our trip.

We discussed the Gantt chart we again have all decided that we must do it together, we decided to do the Gantt chart on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December again as this is when we are all free.

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26<sup>th</sup> January Travel Troopers Meeting eleven Presen

ology given

#### What we discussed

We talked about EV7 forms, Itinerary, EV7 forms and insurance forms were said to be completed, however the risk assessment forms for Paintballing has still not arrived so we are still unable to get the go ahead from school, therefore stopping the completion of our trip.

Financial accounts, we all discussed how we are still waiting to see the financial accounts how a mormed everyone that she has completed them, we are just waiting to see them.

Attendance was discussed as it is a major issues, everyone has agreed to be more punctual and attentive to our course

6<sup>th</sup> February Travel troopers Meeting twelve

#### What we discussed

We talked to all of our customers about our two day events, we answered questions and query's and gave out mobile numbers so that our customers are able to contact us if they need to inform us of any changes that may occur.

We gave out information packs to all of our customers so that they no where all destination are also to make sure the correct clothing is worn.

Log Book

Monday 19th June 2006

We had a group discussion about where we should go for our event, the destinations included London, a Murder Mystery weekend, Paris, Blackpool, PGL Activity Centre in Shropshire, Amsterdam, Bristol, Army/Navy based and a local 2 or 3 day local event.

We delegated who will research each event.

2 or 3 day local event

- PGL, Shropshire

istol

Amsterdam

was not in today, so she did not have to research anywhere. I researched (ASSSSMONT) London, which I was quite pleased about as I've been several times so this made it easier.

Thursday 22nd June 2006 (double lesson)

We carried out the research for the different events that we could do on the Internet. We then had a group discussion in the second lesson we reported back to the group what we had found out.

ca found out that we would have to go with a minimum group of 10 people plus the teacher goes free. It costs £129 plus VAT for a week and £73 plus VAT for 3 days. Activities included wall climbing and canoeing.

found that to travel to Amsterdam it would cost around £39 per person flying. For the accommodation it would cost £75 per person per night. Attractions that we could visit included Madame Tussauds, canal tour and a cruise.

found that an EasyJet flight from Newcastle airport to Paris Charles de Gaulle would cost around £45 per person for a return flight. For the accommodation staying in a 3\* apartment it would cost around £67 per person for 2 nights. For a Disney attraction pass it costs £47 per person and sightseeing pass costs between £6-£13.

found that it costs £9.99 per person for a full day of paintballing and £4.99 for half a day. The paintballs cost £6 for a hundred. To participate in Go-Karting it was around £20 per person for 20 minutes.

found that for a full-day of activities it would cost around £80. He didn't give any other prices such as transport.

I researched London and I found that to stay in a Travel Lodge for 2 nights based on 2 people sharing would cost £70.00. To fly to London Stansted from Newcastle Airport with EasyJet it was around £40. To visit Madame Tussauds it was between £13.50 and £21.60 per person. Also to go on the London Eve It costs £13 per person, with a 10% group discount if over 15 people book together.

I would prefer to go to either London or to stay at home and participate in local activities, because it is going to cost more money if we go abroad or if we have to hire a coach to go a long distance.

contributions to or going

AOZ: record contribution

Friday 23rd June 2006

We tried to choose the roles fairly today, but everyone argued and most people wanted to be the Chairperson, I think this was probably because they wanted to be in a higher position than everyone else and have a final say on everything. We picked the roles out of a hat, so was random and therefore fair. The following shows the group member and their role:

Julie - Marketing Manger
Becky - Secretary
Rebecca - Legal Aspects Manager
Rachael - Finance Manger
Taz - Human Resources
Sara - Physical Resources
Emma - Chairperson

#### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Thursday 7th September 2006 (double lesson)

In the lesson, we found out that the group has gone down to only having 5 people in, as have left. There job roles have been given to other people. We decided that the a's role as the Chairperson should be Rebecca as she had quite a small job just doing the Legal Aspects role as given the Human Resources job that Taz had, as she had a small role as the Physical Resources Manager. I think that they were both quite happy to take on these roles, I'm glad that I didn't get an extra job as my role as Marketing Manager is big enough and I wouldn't want another role delegated to me.

We decided to call our group 'Travel Troopers'. This will be used on posters and letters that we send out to people for our event and also if we send anything to companies.

We had a vote to decide what we are going to do for our event; we chose 2 day trips locally. This is going to include participating in Paintballing, Bowling Whickham Thorns activities and Go-Karting. We discussed Go-Karting and decided with our teacher that we wouldn't have much have chance getting a Risk Assessment for this activity and so decided to not do it any more.

Friday 8th September 2006

We did some more research about where we could do the activities at; we rang some individual companies to get some quotes for how much the activities are going to cost. We talked about if the event will be cost effective and whether or not to run it.

Friday 15th September 2006

As I am the marketing manager, it was my job to create a marketing questionnaire for the event. This will help us with what sort of transport to have and some definite activities if people agree with what we originally thought. However, when we were in the lesson Sara had made a questionnaire and I was confused about why she made one, as I thought this was my job. She said she

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thought I hadn't created one which was fair enough, but it made me feel like everyone thought I wasn't capable of doing my job properly. We also decided on our aims and objectives for the group. We decided on our target market for the event, which is going to be students at our school in 6th form, so they will be aged between 17-19. We are going to invite some friends each, but if we can't get enough people to take part we are going to open it up to all of the 6th form.

Monday 18th September 2006

We decided to take part in Paintballing at Go-Ballistic outdoor paintballing centre at Belsay, ten-pin bowling at Megabowl, Metrocentre and Whickham Thorns activities - assault course and snow tubing. We phoned up the companies and booked the above activities for the 13th and 14th February. On the first day we are going paintballing and the second the other 2 activities.

Friday 6th October 2006

We received the Whickham Thorns Risk Assessment for the event and we rang the paintballing company again as we still haven't received one from them. There has been an advert made for a member of non-teaching staff to accompany us at our event, and this going to be placed in the staff room.

Monday 9th October 2006

We met our new teacher today and we discussed everything what we planning to do for our event. We discussed what point we were each up to. The advert for the male non-teaching staff was handed in and the paintballing company was rang again to see why the risk assessment still hasn't been sent.

Friday 13th October

I have wrote a letter which explains about what we will be doing in the event this was handed out to each group member plus an extra 3 to give to their friends to come along to the trip. The letter also had a parental consent slip and an EV7 form that need to be returned ASAP along with the first half of the money which is £20.

Monday 16th October 2006

We got a sheet called 'The Business Plan', we discussed it to make sure we all understood what a business plan is, why they are used, what do they include and who benefits from one.

Wednesday 18th October 2006

We read over the sheet 'Aims and Objectives'. As we have already decided ours for the event, it was easy to understand so we were just reviewing what we had already done to make sure we had done ours right. I typed up the aims and objectives at home so they are ready to hand in for the deadline.

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#### Thursday 19th October 2006 (double lesson)

The first lesson was spent reviewing the sheet 'Customers, their needs and how they will be met.' This was straight forward as our customers had already been decided and we made sure we understood everything. In the second half of the lesson we had a meeting about people who haven't paid any money need to be chased up. Also Rebecca has started a data base to store student's information who are taking part in our event.

#### Friday 20th October 2006

We got a sheet 'Marketing the event.' I think that this part of the business plan is quite important to me as I am the marketing manager and need to make sure that the marketing of the event is done correctly.

#### HALF TERM - Wednesday 25th October 2006

I improved and typed up each group member's job role and their responsibilities, and who our customers are, their needs and how they will be met. I also completed the marketing of the event task. I also wrote an explanation of our chosen event and a feasibility study. These will be handed in next week.

#### Friday 31st October 2006

We had a catch up session to see how much work we have been doing; we looked at our log books to see how they are getting on and how much progress we have made. We also looked at the sheet 'Physical Resources' to help us write our business plan.

#### Friday 3rd November 2006

We had a meeting in this lesson, to see how we can fill up the last 20 places. Today was a deadline to hand in work that we have completed so i handed in tasks 1 to 4 of my business plan and the

#### Monday 6th November 2006

We had a meeting in today's lesson about how we can fill the rest of the places up for our event. We made some more posters to put up around the 6th form common room to try and attract the last few people. I think it's getting quite urgent that we fill these places up otherwise we aren't going to have enough people to run the event. We still haven't received a risk assessment from the paintballing company so someone is going to ring them from home. We also got a sheet for the 'Financial Resources' task to help us with this part in the business swap roles with \_a's dad is an accountant and would be able to give her some tips on how to do the financial charts, which idn't like the idea of this would have been a help to the group. However, and wanted to stick to her original job role even though she hasn't contributed to any of the financial work yet. She was quite upset and took it the wrong way that we thought she was stupid, but we agreed that it would have been beneficial to the whole group if they had swapped roles.

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Wednesday 8th November 2006

We got a sheet titled 'Human Resources' to help us complete it in the business plan. It seems straight forward to get on with it.

Thursday 9th November 2006 (double lesson)

We got a sheet for the 'Administration' part of the business plan. We discussed the different ways that we are going to store customer's information and where papers such as the meetings are going to be stored. We entered more data into the database for the customers that are taking part in the event. We finished the meeting from Monday 6th November. We decided to put information about our event in each of the 6th form registration folders so registration tutors read the information out to try and attract people to take part in our event.

Friday 10th November 2006

In the lesson today we looked at the sheet titled 'Timescales'. We discussed how to make Gantt Charts which will show the deadlines throughout our project and who has done different tasks that have contributed to the event. I also did some work for my business plan at home, I did Physical Resources and Financial Resources using the tasks sheets for guidance

Saturday 11th November 2006

Today, I did the Human Resources, Administration and Timescales tasks for my business plan. They were all quite easy and I feel that I understand the work.

Friday 17th November 2006

We got a sheet called 'Legal Aspects', which we discussed to make sure that it was clear about what to write for this task in the business plan. I handed in the corrections for tasks 1 to 4 and handed in 5 to 9.

Monday 20th November 2006

In the lesson today, we talked about 'Contingency Plans'. We talked about plans that could come into action if something does go wrong whilst planning our event or when our event actually runs. We decided to try and think of a plan B individually at home and then report back to-have a final plan B that will happen if something goes wrong.

Wednesday 22nd November 2006

Today, we looked at how we will 'Review the Event.' We decided to do this by using our log book which will show positive and negative comments about how successful or unsuccessful our event has been. Also as the marketing manager, I am going to create observation sheets and client questionnaires. This will help us to write our evaluation and to see how successful each person in the group has been doing their job role.

Thursday 23rd November 2006 (double lesson)

In the first lesson, we looked at a specific requirement for what is needed for our business plan. We talked about any issues that people have that need to be

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discussed in the next lesson. In the second lesson we had a meeting; an issue that came up is that there hasn't been any financial chart produced by the finance manager. I think that as the planning of our event has been running for a long time now, that these charts should have been produced or at least started as we have received payments from students who wish to come along.

Friday 24th November 2006

In today's lesson, we got a sheet titled 'research requirements'. Two people have paid to take part in the event, so there are 5 places left.

#### Monday 4th December 2006

I was not in today's lesson, as I was off school ill.

#### Wednesday 6th December 2006

I wasn't in today's lesson, as I was off school ill.

#### Thursday 7th December 2006 (double lesson)

In the first part off the double lesson, I discussed what I had missed in the previous 2 lessons of the week, with my teacher. I received some sheets to help write a section about the finance with information such as balance sheets and break even analysis charts. I also received my work back to correct. In the second half of the lesson we had a meeting, where we discussed the progress of our Gantt chart. We arranged to meet up on Monday period 2 so we could have a chat and discuss our contingency plan and the finance charts. We agreed this lesson as everyone was free to attend.

#### Friday 8th December 2006

In today's lesson, we worked on the computer to do coursework. Sara and I only turned up, which wasn't very good and shows that some members aren't taking it very seriously that it is important to turn up in case we need a meeting or to discuss something as a group.

#### Sunday 10th December 2006

I updated my work by correcting all of my corrections. I also did the teamwork section of my coursework.

#### Monday 11th December 2006

We met today, but only me, as excused cky turned u didn't turn up so we just had to because of personal reasons, bu continue with the plan because we didn't know when we would all have a free lesson next together. We couldn't discuss whether financial charts had been ' wasn't here. In my log book, I wrote about how produced because ce going to swap job roles but-didn't want to because and wanted to continue with her original job. I think that today the group members present realised that they should have swapped roles as these financial charts would have probably been produced by s she is a hard worker and meets most deadlines. We decided we are going to have to do the charts together

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without the finance manager contributing to her job, as we have a deadline for them on Friday 15th December and it is important to hand them in then.

#### Friday 15th December 2006

In the lesson, we handed in section 1-6 of the project for it to be corrected and to show how much progress we have made. We had a chat about how each group member was doing and whether we have any outstanding work that we require help for sn't in even though she said she would be and so none of the group members received any information about the financial section of the project.

#### Sunday 17th December 2006

I wrote all the theory to section 6 which is about the financial accounts. This work will be handed in tomorrow in the lesson.

#### Monday 18th December 2006

I was in school today, but went home ill before the lesson. I went to see Miss Cooper to get my work back which I will correct and I also handed in section 6. In the lesson we would have been using it for our individual work and so I can catch up with this through the week.

#### Wednesday 20th December 2006

In today's lesson, we used the time to correct our business plan.

#### Thursday 21st December 2006

Today's lesson was not on as we broke up from school for the Christmas holidays. At home, I did further corrections on my business plan.

#### Friday 22nd December 2006

As we were broke up from school and should have had a lesson today, I did some work on the business plan trying to improve it.

#### Christmas holidays

Throughout the holidays, I improved and corrected my business, so it would be ready to hand in when I returned to school.

#### Friday 12th January 2007

nd I were only present in today's lesson; we discussed how we are going to evaluate our event with Miss Cooper. We also talked about how much progress we had made and if we had any problems.

#### Monday 15th January 2007

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ky talked about designing a group evaluation template this

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Wednesday 17th January 2007

Miss 't in today, so I went home and thought about what to do for the template.

Thursday 18th January 2007

We had a double lesson today, in the first lesson we handed out the second letter to group members and letters were given to them to give to friends and other students who they would see. In the second lesson, we had a meeting. Some things that came up were that the paintballing risk assessment still hasn't arrived after we arranged for two copies to be set out to different addresses and neither arrived. We are also talked about the financial accounts and that the finance manager still hasn't shown any of them to show she has completed them. We talked about how certain people's attendance is really bad and this was aimed at cular.

Friday 19th January 2007

After our meeting yesterday, I expected that everyone would be present in the lesson, but e not present. We just talked about our progress and the evaluation template.

Friday 26th January 2007

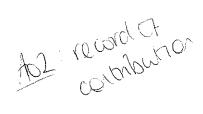
In today's lesson, we looked into a new paintballing company that we are going to go to instead of Go Ballistic as we still haven't received the risk assessment. This will not affect how much the trip has cost. were not in today, I went to talk to the site manager John Hall as he is a member of male nonteaching staff. We had a short meeting with the rest of the class and Miss and he agreed to come along with us during the running of the event. This was not meant to be my job, but a 't in, I took on the role to sort it out as it is less than a month until the event will happen.

Monday 29th January 2007

vere not in the lesson today. We talked about the final arrangements for the new paintballing venue; this will be booked this week. Miss Cooper took on the financial role and produced the financial accounts as Rachael still didn't show any charts to any group members. This week we are also going to ring the bus company as we need to arrive at the new paintballing venue in Cramlington earlier and therefore the bus will need to pick us up from school earlier.

Wednesday 31st January 2007

In today's lesson we talked about what we need to talk about in tomorrows meeting and made an agenda. We need to arrange the coach company to pick us up earlier as we need to arrive promptly at 9.15 at the new paintballing venue. We '-----n't in the lesson because she also need to complete the Gantt chart. had an exam.



#### Thursday 1st February 2007

I updated my business plan with the new paintballing company information. Miss booked the paintballing venue. We rang the bowling company to confirm that we can take a cheque when we go on the day. We talked about how many payments we are stil due, two left so e reminded these customers and they are going to bring their money in tomorrow. In the second half of the lesson, we finished the Gantt chart.

#### Friday 2nd February 2007

In the lesson nt to the school office to find out how we can pay the companies, we are going to take a cheque to Megabowl on the day. Delta Force and Whickham Thorns a week in advance, when the company will send an invoice to the school. The coach company doesn't have to be paid until after the event. We have to take our ID badges on the second day to Megabowl to prove that we are all students. We have organised a meeting for Tuesday at 1.10 p.m. to give any final details to all of the customers who are taking part in the event. We are also need them to fill out a registration form that Delta Force requires.

#### Tuesday 6th February 2007

Today we had a meeting for all of the customers who are taking part in the event. wasn't there as she went on holiday today. The customers filled in the registration form that Delta Force, the paintballing company, require from each player. We gave them the information packs that we had prepared earlier in the day. A copy of this pack is included after in the feasability study after my research. We talked to them about what time to arrive at school, about travel details and any other relevant information was given. We asked if anyone had any questions and answered these. The meeting went very well.

#### Friday 9th February 2007

In todays lesson we talked about the final arrangements and made sure that everything was sorted out for the event next week. The cheque has been written out to take to Megabowl on Wednesday next week and everything has been organised so we are ready to go next w I I split the customers and the event organisers, including us, into two groups of 10. For a team building activity, we are going to ask the groups to sit together on the coach and come up with a name for their group.

Yellow Week: Off but the event runs on Tuesday and Wednesday and we will complete the evalutation for the event on Thursday and Friday.

Monday 12th February 2007

I updated log book and business plan.

#### Tuesday 13th February 2007

This was the first day of our event. We went paintballing at Delta Force, Cramlington. We got picked up at school and arrived at 9.15 a.m. I hadn't been paintballing before but I really enjoyed the day, apart from getting hit because it really hurt. I tried to sort of be in control of the customers and commincate well

with other group members, this was hard at some parts of the day and I sometimes forgot this and looked more after my friendship group. We didn't think about what would happen if people ran out of paintballs, but the people who had extra money just got some more and carried on, and others were just as happy to sit out for the last one or two games.

who had extra money just got some more and carried on, and others were just as happy to sit out for the last one or two games. lidn't take part in this activity which I thought was a bit wrong of her, considering we had organised the event, but it was her choice. I think overall, nd were the best group members on the day. dn't hep out or deal with any customers accept her group of friends.

#### Wednesday 14th February 2007

The day got off to a bad start for the second day of our event, three boys who had originaly said yesterday they were making there own way there, turned up at school so everyone we had to change the transport arrangements. I was more bothered about pleasing myself so I could go with my friends to realise how bad it must have looked to the customers. I should have tried to organise the situation with the other group members.

... also quite happy just to leave everyone, which was wrong of her.

Bowling went quite well, although the group of friends who were in my team were quite happy to use the reason that they were at the Metrocentre to go off shopping. They didn't do that but that was the plan which I thought was wrong of them. Also other individuals were so immature and just behaved as if they were children, throwing balls into other lanes and messing up other customers games. At lunch, all my friends just decided to leave me when I went to look for a cash machine which was nice of them. I was worked up by this time and just wish the day was over. In the afternoon, Whickham Thorns was ok, apart from someone made a complaint about an instructor who was rude, but I thought the situation was blown out of proportion. The activities were good, but they were too long and so everyone got bored. I thought it was a good idea that we bought crisps, drinks and chocolate out of the left over money, everyone tucked in and enjoyed this. Yesterday was so much better than yesterday, I didn't really help anyone and didn't keep in my role which when I think of how I did act was really bad.

#### Thursday 15th Febraury 2007

ent to Paris today, so she didn't wasn't there to help with the evaluation, so we just did it without her. The day went well, I had made some points to talk about for the group group evaluation so we added a few more and completed half of the answers. We wrote the template for the self evaluation for us to complete in our own time. The day went well, as everyone received criticism from our teacher but everything she said was very honest and just made us see what we had really acted like. I offered to type up the evaluation so we could just add to it tomorrow.

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record contractor

#### Friday 16th February 2007

We finished the group group evaluation and I typed it up, we printed these off and then were allowed to go home.

HALF TERM - I read through all of my business plan and all the other work that I have done, to make sure it made sense and incase there were any spelling mistakes. I did the individual group evaluation and self evaluation so everything is completed. Printed all work off

#### Wednesday 28th February 2007

I added in all of my marketing work e.g. poster, letters and questionnaire plus my research. I produced a contents page and front page. l she would email the financial charts she produced last week, but I still haven't received them so I am going to add Miss in ancial charts in to my work.

#### Friday 2nd March 2007

All my work has been completed and handed in, so the unit is finished!

# Travel Troopers 2-03/aCtivity event 2007.

## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT OBSERVATION

Observation to cover all aspects of the 2 days of activities including:

#### DAY TWO

- Morning: meeting point and group arrangements
- Bowling checking-in, shoe hire, lane arrangements
- Lunch break organisation and arrangements
- Whickham Thorns checking-in, groupings
- Afternoon: CSQ and comment cards Involvement and participation

DAY ONE

- Morning: organisation and bus trip
- Paintballing (AM)
- Lunch break
- Paintballing (PM)
- Afternoon: organisation, CSQ and comment cards and bus trip
- Involvement and participation

STUDENT NAME: ( )

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Areas of observation to specifically focus

- Management and Leadership
- Customer Service
- Group dynamics and Team Working
- Problem Solving
- Involvement and enjoyment

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP:

interaction with paint ball officials/marshalls.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE:** 

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-writing to ignore transport problems and would have left early to avoid!

#### INVOLVEMENT AND ENJOYMENT:

- got involved and enjoyed the experiences.

## Overall comments, suggestions and

ways forward for future events...

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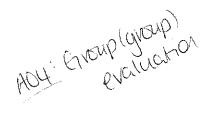
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## Group Evaluation

On day 1 of our event the coach picked us up at 9 a.m. to take us to Delta Force paintballing venue. We arrived 15 minutes later; we were all given boiler suits and helmets to protect us, as well as a waist band to carry any extra paintballs that we had. There was a lot of waiting around and no one really knew what to do. We were given our paintballs, split into two teams and then listened to a health and safety demonstration. Afterwards we were given our paintball guns and headed out to begin the game. We played four different games throughout the day with lunch and snacks in between games. There was a lot of waiting around and time wasted in between the games travelling into the forest and back out after each game. The teacher had to call the bus company to arrange the coach to pick us up earlier, when this should have been Human Resource job. We left early as people didn't have enough paintballs left and we didn't think about what would happen if people didn't have money to buy more. After the games, we were taken back to school. We sort of lost control over our customers a bit, as there was another group that we mixed in with and it was hard to get everyone together. Everyone enjoyed the day, as no one had been before and didn't no what to expect.

On day 2 we met at school at 9.30 a.m. There was a mix up with the transport because three boys turned up at school when they said the day before that they were making there own way there. There was enough room but everyone got confused and a bit worked up about what was going on, so it was a bad start to the day. We made our way to Megabowl, Metrocentre to start bowling at 10 a.m. We had four lanes, where we each played two games. The group members weren't organised, as we went into the bowling alley without the customers and left them behind. Afterwards, we broke up for lunch and then met at 1 p.m. to travel to Whickham Thorns. The group split into two groups and half took part in snowtubing whilst the other participated in an assault course. The groups were based on friendship groups which meant that the group members weren't doing their job correctly. One of the instructors was rude to one of the groups and was quite unprofessional the way he acted with them. The activities finished at around 4 p.m. We handed the customer service questionnaire and customer comment cards were distributed and customers give us their opinions. We collected these in and people made their way home. The day was successful, although the activities were too long in the afternoon and slightly less exciting than we had anticipated. We should have done a trial run to experience the activities ourselves before booking them without knowing what they are. It would have been better to have a coach for this day to avoid the transport problems and also to have all of the activities located at one venue.

This evaluation has been completed together as a group. It shows how good or bad we have worked together as a team, as well as out individual contributions. From this evaluation it will be clear whether our event has been a success or not.



-How well did the group select the event? Did everyone contribute?

We each thought of a different place that we would like to visit. Each group member than researched what activities there was to do at this destination. Everyone in the group participated, except Rachael who wasn't in the lesson. We researched different places without deciding who our target market was and the appeal of the event, so what we really did was think of something that we would like to participate in. This was wrong, because we put our needs first before even deciding who our customers would be and considering what they would like to do.

The majority of the group found sufficient information to feed back their researched idea. We had a vote and the local event got the majority vote, mostly because the activities looked exciting from what had been found and it was an easy and cheap option. No one had been to any of these venues and took part in these activities, therefore no one knew what to expect. This could have improved the activities that we decided to take part in for our event, as we could have done a trial run and experienced the activities to see if they were suitable.

### - How well did the group select their roles and responsibilities? Did each person agree to their role?

This was done when Mr vas teaching at school. We were told the different roles that there were, the group couldn't come to a decision so that each member had an individual role each. As we hadn't worked together in a team like this before where we had to rely on each other, it meant that we didn't know what skills and qualities each person had and which job would suit an individual. Therefore we picked the roles randomly which was fair, although it meant that a person may get a job that was not suitable for them. We think that we should have integrated the roles, so no one had a specific job but did different aspects. The following shows each members job title and their opinion on it and what role they would have preferred:

I wasn't giving any help to the group. When a group member left, I was given the Chair role, which I was happy with and felt a lot more involved.'

Rachael was given the Finance role. 'I felt this role was ok, there wasn't a lot to do

and I didn't get very involved with the group as a whole. I would have preferred the marketing role.'

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vas given the Marketing role. 'I was happy with this role, I felt like I completed all the required work, but there wasn't a great deal for me to do through the lead up at the end of the event.'

as given the Human Resources role. 'I was quite happy with this although I felt I didn't have a great deal of involvement with the lead up to the event.'

s given the Secretary role. 'I felt ok about having this role but didn't like all the paper work side of it. I would have liked to have been the Chairperson.'

## -Did each person complete their part of the business plan, that contributed to the group as a whole?

In the end, everyone did complete the work that was required off them. It was delayed and could have been done a lot sooner to get jobs completed. A lot of



people were negative when other people took over their roles, as they felt like they couldn't do their own job themselves. Instead, this should have been looked at as a positive thing that people were trying to help each other. Everyone could have improved their attendance, although some people have been worse than others.

- How well did the team work together leading up to Christmas?

We think that there was a general lack of communication between group members. No one really realised how much work was actually involved with this unit of the course, so everyone was shocked at how much we actually had to put into it. There was no clear leadership from the Chairperson and we felt that Becky would have suited this role, as she has been a good leader throughout the lead up to the event.

### - How well did the team work together after Christmas in the build-up to the event?

After the Christmas holidays the event started to fall apart, as the event started to get closer, we relaxed a lot more thinking knowing that everything was sorted out.

nded their coursework in on time, but other people had

excuses for not handing in their coursework such as exams and other coursework deadlines. These can be excused but the attendance wasn't at a good standard for people not to turn up at all without an excuse. When the event grew closer with just two weeks left until the event ran, everyone began to worry as it wasn't far away and we needed to organise last minute details and make sure the event would run smoothly.

#### -How well did the team work together during the event?

During the event there was a lack of communication during group members. On day 1, ed hard to meet the needs and give good customer service to the customers. idn't get involved with the customers. On day 2, } rganised and took charge leading that days activities.

### <u>-Were the group prepared and organised enough, in their individual role, for the event?</u>

The group were prepared and organised before the event, but a lot of people forgot what they were required to do on the day. This meant that customers didn't receive the customer service they should have and meant we didn't do our job properly. Below is the group member's individual comment on how they think they acted in the event.

- 'My role as the marketing manager meant that I had to complete all my work before the event ran and therefore just had to give good customer service to everyone. I feel I was more helpful on day 1 and should have acted better on day 2
- 'My role was mostly completed before the event ran, but I feel I gave good customer service to everyone and was organised well throughout the event.'

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- 'My role was completed before the event happened and therefore I didn't have a lot to do. I did try to give good customer service, but put my friendship group first before other customers.'

- 'I feel that I did do well throughout the event, but because of external factors such as lack of communication between group members and that another

group was there on day 1, the group fell apart.'

'I knew what was required from me, but I didn't take part in any activities except bowling. I took a back seat when I should have been more involved helping customers and communicating with group members.'

-How successful were we as a group for the following: (1-5 = worst to best)

	Day 1	Day 2
Management &	3	1
Leadership		
Customer Service	4	2
Group Dynamics	2	1
Team working	2	1
Problem Solving	2	1
Involvement &	4	3
Enjoyment		
Total	16/30	10/30

Factors that influenced day 1 are that no one had been paintballing before and therefore didn't have any expectations. Everyone enjoyed the paintballing and everyone was eager to get involved. The group members were more organised on this day, as no one was tired and had lots of energy. Also because we travelled together on a coach it meant that we arrived together and could give any one instruction together.

Factors that influenced day 2 are that we didn't have a coach so everyone went separately. This wasn't straight forward as three boys turned up at school who had told us that they were making there own way there, there was enough room in cars but everyone wasn't organised and it wasn't a good start to the day. The activities were located at different venues which meant having to get everyone together as a group and it took more time. It would have been easier to have had the activities at one venue where everyone could stay together. We could have organised lunch together to keep the group together. Everyone relaxed more as a group and people were tired and just wanted the day to be over so they could go home. There was a lack of interest and enthusiasm from group members and customers and the day was very disappointing after paintballing. This wasn't our fault but it would have been hard to find a better activity to follow paintballing.

### -What has been learnt from customer service questionnaires and customer comment cards?

Everyone enjoyed paintballing and it went really well. The only thing that could have been improved on that day was that we didn't have a contingency plan to cover what would happen if customers ran out of paintballs and didn't bring any



money, so the day had to be cut shorter because of this. If we did it again, we would get more paintballs for everyone. Everyone was satisfied with the cost of the event and paid what they expected. To avoid the transport problem on day 2, we would have a coach for the second day, to keep everyone together. The transport problem on day 2 was mainly caused by the three boys who turned up who said that they were making there own way there. It was probably them who made negative comments about the transport on the customer service questionnaires. Also a few people commented about the mud and how dirty it was, but because of when we did this unit we couldn't avoid this. It would have been warmer and cleaner if we ran our event in the summer. Some people said that the activities were too long and this meant people were standing around getting bored. This could be avoided by having the activities for 30 minutes instead of an hour.

- -If the event was run again in the future, what factors would we change for the following?
- -<u>Planning and Organisation</u> We should have been generally more organised throughout the event and started to plan the event earlier, instead of leaving it.
- <u>-Roles and Responsibilities</u> We wouldn't have the boundaries for each role so strict and share jobs so that more gets done. The role was only a label for a person and people took their title a bit serious. We would also share the responsibility of the work instead of giving it to one person.
- <u>-Events</u> Everyone enjoyed paintballing so we would definitely do that activity again. We would have managed if the group members stuck together and supported each other and organised customers. We would probably think more about who our target market would be and aim pick something specific that they would enjoy. We would also have lunch together to keep everyone together. If we went bowling we would make it more competitive with each lane competing against each other. We could also team up with people who we don't know so everyone mixes in with people who they don't know.
- <u>-Business plan</u> We would set more deadlines and try and make sure that people stuck to these. Also we would make sure that people know what they have to contribute for the job or allocate work for each member.

## Individual group evaluation

-How well did the group select the event? Did everyone contribute?

n't in when we gave everyone a destination to research, but everyone else took part and did their research. The information for the research can be seen in my log book entry on Monday 19th June 2006.

I think that the group selected the event quite well, although we did argue a bit, as we couldn't get a destination that everyone agreed on. I think people took their research seriously and found the correct amount of information to give details about their destination to the rest of the group.

## -How well did the group select their roles and responsibilities? Did each person agree to their role?

At the beginning when we tried to each choose a role that we would like, the majority of the group said that they wanted to be the Chairperson. I don't know why this was, but I presume that it was because that role had the most authority over the group. I wasn't particular bothered about what role I was given. I have been happy with my role throughout the unit. We randomly selected the roles, which was fair to everyone. I was given the marketing manager which was fine. Some people didn't really agree to their role, but know one could agree together, so it was fair selecting them randomly. Everyone's roles can be seen in my log book entry on Friday 23rd June 2006.

### -Did each person complete their part of the business plan, that contributed to the group as a whole?

At the end of the event, everyone had done the work that was required for their job role. I think should have done her work a lot earlier, as in the end our teacher had to produce these. This can be seen on Monday 29th January 2007. However, when was told that our teacher had produced the financial accounts she wasn't very happy and did them then, which was very late considering how long she had to do it and how many times we asked her to bring them in. This can be seen in many log book entries about the lack of progress for the financial accounts. I feel that everyone did really well in completing their work, although sometimes deadlines weren't made.

#### -How well did the team work together leading up to Christmas?

I think that in the lead up to Christmas, people didn't realise how much work they actually had to do and everyone started to panic when they saw how much we had left to do. I think that because no-one came to every single lesson, there was a lack of communication and people carried out tasks without letting everyone else what had been done. I agree with what we wrote in the group/group evaluation tha days been the Chairperson as she was a clear leader and good at getting the message to people making sure that her view is heard.



### -How well did the team work together after Christmas in the build-up to the event?

I think that after Christmas, as the event got closer everyone thought that we had basically finished and just gave up. People didn't work together as a team. No-one communicated with each other properly again. I feel that I made progress with my attendance throughout the unit, but some people were consistent in not coming to the lessons.

#### -How well did the team work together during the event?

I think that there was a lack of communication throughout the event. On the first day I think that d I worked really well togethe 'dn't take part in the event, and sat out all day not really communicating with group members or any customers. I didn't do anything and just stayed with her friendship group, as I did also but I also looked after other customers try but did her own thing and didn't communicate with any one.

One the second day I took care more of my friendship group instead of other customers, lid the same again. I have were good today and handled customers well. A part in bowling our not in Whickham Thorns activities so she didn't really help any customers.

### -Were the group prepared and organised enough, in their individual role, for the event?

I believe that the group was prepared and everyone knew what their responsibilities when the actual event ran. I think that the majority of us forgot that we were putting the event on for the customers and we just basically acted like them having a good time. I don't think that we were very organised throughout the event, as we never got together if there was a problem to try and sort it out. Instead, people just made their own decision and carried it out.

- How successful were we as a group for the following: (1-5 = worst to best)

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	Day 1	Day 2
Management & Leadership	3	1
Customer Service	4	2
Group Dynamics	2	1
Team working	2	1
Problem Solving	2	1
Involvement & Enjoyment	4	3
Total	16/30	9/30

I have used the same table as the group/group evaluation, because I agree with what we decided as a group together.



Factors that influenced day 1 are that none of the group members had taken part in paintballing before, so we just as excited as the customers. I don't think it was In't take part. It was ok that she didn't want to but it very professional tha didn't look good to the customers and they questioned why she wasn't taking part. We had a coach for day 1 which I think kept us more organised and together as a group which helped the communication between group members. Also I feel and I took control whereas I didn't look after any customers and did get involved with customers but other than her friendship group didn't communicate with other group members and idn't get involved at all. I think that the marshals were quite unorganised and just left everyone hanging around. This wasn't our fault though anc \_spoke to them to sort it out.

Factors that influenced day 2 are that everyone wasn't very interested in the activities, some took it more serious than others and my friendship group didn't even want to take part. I got stressed at this point and just wished that the day was over. No one was organised throughout the day. This was partly due to the transport situation, when everyone was making the own way there. Also the three boys that turned up when they said they were making there own way there. I didn't act professionally as I left other customers instead of organising the situation. This was wrong of me and I can see now how bad it must loo to all of the customers. The activities at Whickham Thorns were quite boring and too long so everyone lacked enthusiasm and people just couldn't be bothered and wanted to go home.

(Comments are reflected in my log book.)

-What has been learnt from customer service questionnaires and customer comment cards?

The best activity that I think everyone enjoyed was paintballing by far. The only negative points that people said about paintballing was the weather and how muddy it was. We also didn't think about what would happen if people ran out of paintballs. Everyone was satisfied with the cost of the event. To avoid the group being unorganised, we should have booked a coach for day two as well. I think the transport situation could have been handed better, we had a few negative comments about the transport but we think as a group it would have been from the three boys that turned up, but they had said they were making there own way there.

- If the event was run again in the future, what factors would we change for the following?
- <u>-Planning and organisation</u> I think that overall we need to be more organised throughout the lead up to the event and when the actual event ran. We need to have planned things earlier so this helps us more organised over a longer period of time.
- -Roles and Responsibilities I think that we should have shared the work load out more, so that the role boundaries aren't so distinct and so people can help each other. I believe that throughout the event when deadlines haven't been met,

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other people have offered to do jobs and this has been taken negatively and the wrong way, as people thought this meant that they couldn't do their job properly. 

<u>Events - I</u> know that everyone enjoyed the paintballing activity do I think that we would do this again. On the other hand, I think that I would choose to do something completely different that I am interested in such as a trip to London that would include shopping and seeing a show. Therefore I would feel more passionate about organising something that I really would look forward.

<u>Business plan - I</u> think it would be better if people had better attendance so that we could get on with tasks more often. Also have strict deadlines so that progress is made and tasks are completed earlier. I think it would also be better if we share the work from different job roles so the work we do varies and people don't get bored and give up on their job and the work.

self-Evaluation

#### -My opinion on...the event chosen?

I think that the event was a suitable event and I thought that it would be fun and energetic for everyone, which it was. However, none of the group members had experienced the majority of the activities, except everyone had taken part in bowling before. I think that we should have visited the venues we chose, so we experienced them first and knew what to expect, we could then decide from our opinions whether to have these activities for our event.

#### My opinion on...roles and responsibilities?

I think that my job role as marketing manager was really good; I haven't had any problems with my job throughout the unit or with the responsibilities that were required of me. I think that other members of the group were given a role what didn't really suit them, I think ould have been the Chairperson as she is a good leader and gets her view across to people. el should have had a small role even though her finance one wasn't that big, because she wasn't really was good at her role and took it seriously committed to her role. I think? doing what was required of her and more by going out of her way to ring wasn't very good at her role, she had two roles that didn't companies etc. really require anything for the business plan but she didn't put her role into action throughout the event either.

#### My opinion on...completion of business plan - joint sections?

I have completed all that was required of me and given these resources to necessary people whether these are the customers or group members, I don't feel a really good job when making like I have let any one down. I think agendas and producing the outcome of the meeting to give to everyone. didn't produce her financial charts and Miss id to several times take as quite good but I feel she hasn't done a over her role when she wasn't it great deal in producing work. This is because she doesn't actually have anything to give us but she has done a lot of work behind the scenes such as contacting is done well, she has been organised and produced companies. I thin what was required of her.

#### -How happy were you with your own role? What would have been you ideal role, and why?

I was very happy with my role as marketing manger, when this role was randomly chosen for me, I knew what marketing was but wasn't sure what I would actually have to do for the unit. The majority of the work that I produced for everyone, was done at the beginning, so I got a lot of my work out of the way early on. I think this left me with a lot of time to finish the entire unit off. I think that this was my ideal role, as I have experience of marketing from a business course and from another unit in travel and tourism and so knew quite a bit about it. I think I could have also been suited to being the Secretary as I am an organised person. However, I wouldn't like writing all the time and this is an administrative role so I think I was better off with my marketing role.



-How much of an influence did you have in the event that was chosen? What would you have changed about the event decision making process if you had a chance?

I think that I did have an influence in choosing the event. A few people had originally said that they wanted to go to PGL in Shropshire. I didn't want to, I was happy staying in Newcastle and taking part in the activities that we eventually did. However, I didn't want to spend all that money and do sporting/adventure activities for a week as it wouldn't suit me. Therefore I made my view heard saying I didn't want to participate in this activity along with two other group members, so we stayed in Newcastle to do local activities.

For the event decision making process I think we should have changed the types of activities, for example a lot of them were sporting in the UK and I think we should have done different activities such as shopping as an option. Also we could have linked some activities into the event so that we try and have at least one activity that would suit each group member.

-What specific aspects of the planning and organising phase were you...happy or unhappy about? Which aspects would you change?

I think that at the beginning when we had chosen what we were going to do for the event, everyone was excited and just wanted to go. I don't think that the group knew how much work we actually had to do. It was easy just to organise the event, but the amount of work that we have had to do with the business plan and all the theory behind the event has taken a lot of time and hard work to complete. I think that the event itself was planned well but we weren't very organised. This is reflected in the paintballing, we left it late to change companies but this wasn't our fault, Go Ballistic said they were sending the risk assessment but we never received it so that' why we changed to Delta Force at the last minute. I think this made the group a bit worried as it was really close to when the event was going to run and we had to change plans and bus times.

I think that we should have organised the event and received everything such as directions and risk assessments so we knew it was definite that we were going to these venues and we could then relax and get on with all of our work.

-<u>How effective were you as an individual contributing to the business plan?</u>
-Group meetings

I was present in all the meetings, apart from two. I think this shows that although I wasn't there all of the time, that I did try hard. From being in most of the meetings, I feel like I have had a say and made my opinions heard and helped the group with progress throughout the unit.

-Lesson attendance

I have had good attendance, but haven't been to every lesson. I have given reasons in my log book why I wasn't in lessons. When I have returned and met with the group in my group, I have made sure I know what happened and found out what I have missed. I have also spoken to my teacher to receive feedback and to get work so that I can catch up. I think I could have tried harder to make sure I was there more, but my attendance has been good compared to other people in



the group.

-Physical resource output

I think that everything that I needed to produce for the business plan for myself and other group members has been done. I feel like I have done really well in my role and tried my best.

- For the event, rate the following: (1-5 = worst to best)

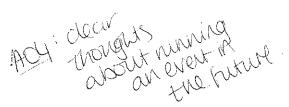
Task	Rating
Overall contribution	4
My role in the group	4
My customer service role	3
My involvement with decision making	3
My involvement for problem solving	2
Overall management/leadership skills	4
Total	20/30

#### - SWOT Analysis

'SWOT Analysis is a strategic planning tool used to evaluate the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats involved in a project or in a business venture or in any other situation of an organization or individual requiring a decision in pursuit of an objective'.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swot\_analysis#Strengths\_and\_Weaknesses
The strengths and weaknesses are internal, whereas the opportunities and threats are external.

Strengths -Organised -Helpful -Can get my view heard -Can work alone or part of a team	Weakness -Poor customer service at times -Staying with friendship group -Have missed lessons
Opportunities -Be able to organise an event for next unit – Adventure Tourism - Be able to help out with another event using experience gained.	Threats -Grōup members were distracting



# Recommendations

I think that if I were to be part of running an event like this again, there would be lots things I would do different.

At the beginning when we were deciding where we would go for our event, we took a long time to do this and couldn't make a joint decision about where to go. Everyone was concerned more about there needs than other group members. We didn't choose an event that we would be really passionate about, so next time I would want to go to London to see a show and go shopping. I think it would be really good.

A lot of people had poor attendance throughout this unit, so I think that everyone could have tried a lot harder to be more committed.

At the beginning of the unit, we set one lesson out of our fortnight timetable where we would have a meeting. This was regularly missed by group members and people missed out on the progress that we had made and any tasks that they had to do.

Throughout the actual event, know one really excelled that much although some people clearly tried harder than others. No one really stayed in role on the two days. Next time, I wouldn't have clear boundaries for the job roles so we can help each other. Some people didn't have a lot to do for their role and should have helped out others who had a bigger work load. The way that the roles were chosen was fair and unfair. It was fair because everyone had an equal chance to get one of the roles, but it was unfair because if someone felt that they really didn't want a role and they got it they were stuck with it.

Some people didn't really do what they were required for the business plan. I didn't like the fact that we had to rely on other people to do bits of the business plan as it took a long time and I would have preferred to do the work myself. Overall, I think that everyone needed to be a lot more organised and communicate better with each other. I would have chosen a different place for the event, as mentioned before. I think that were successful and did a good job considering none of the group members have ever done anything like this before.