

March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Trip to High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre - Skipton

We are looking forward to our annual trip to High Adventure in October with our new Year 7 cohort. This will include 2 nights away across Monday 7th to Friday 11th October and be organised so students will attend in tutor and House groups to help re-enforce our important House identities, embed positive relationships, and team spirit. The trip will develop key personal skills and qualities, leadership skills plus increase knowledge and awareness around safeguarding, personal safety, and wellbeing.

The trip will be organised as follows ...

- Group 1 ... will depart Monday to arrive at 12:00, leave Wednesday at 1pm
- Group 2 ... will depart Wednesday to arrive at 12:00, leave Friday at 1pm

The activities students can access at High Adventure will be a combination from team building challenges, climbing, canoeing, raft building, stream scrambling, caving, high ropes, low ropes, zip-line, abseiling and more.

The cost of the trip will be £250 and includes:

- Coach travel to and from the Centre
- Food ... students will need a packed lunch on the first day then will receive warm evening meals, breakfast, and lunch. There is also juice, hot chocolate and milk freely available for the students.
- Activities as above ... we will start activities after lunch on day 1 and run through until about 5pm; there follows an evening activity that will finish approx. 8:30-9pm. Day 2 will have activities scheduled morning, afternoon, and evening and on day 3 we will enjoy another activity session before leaving for school after lunch. All activities are run by fully qualified instructors with an accompanying member of our staff.
- Equipment ... all safety equipment and waterproofs (if needed) are provided, the students just need comfortable clothes suitable for physical activity, a towel, pyjamas, lunch box, rucksack etc.
- Accommodation ... there are 2 accommodation blocks at the site, and we will have exclusive use of the main building.

Under current legislation, the school is able to ask if you would make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the visit. However, if the total of voluntary contributions does not cover the cost of the visit, then we will not be able to proceed. To make this visit possible, the school will need a contribution of £250. If you think that you meet the eligibility criteria to receive financial support, please contact the Finance Office on extension 665 or email Mrs Whinfrey at

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If your child would like to join the residential, a non-refundable £60 deposit will be required by the end of the summer term, to secure a place and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will be able to make regular payments towards the trip from after the Easter break. The deposit can be paid via ipayimpact. An email will be sent to the primary contact detailed on the application form next week, with instructions on how to set up an account and make contributions towards the cost of the trip over an extended period of time.

The balance for the trip is due by the end of September. If you have any queries about this process, email the finance office at the above address.

Please print and sign the reply slip below and hand it in at the New Intake Evening on Thursday 4 July 2024 to accompany the deposit. Otherwise there will be hard copies of the letter available at this event for you to complete.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Clark Vice Principal Miss H McGill
Director of Learning

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FAO – Finance Office/Miss Clark/Miss McGill High Adventure, Skipton Trip 7th – 11th October 2024	
Parent/Carer Signature:	Date: