

September 2018



Dear Parent/Carer,

ACTIVITIES WEEK – YEAR 7 SUMMER CAMP

As part of our on-going commitment to 'Wide Horizons, High Aspirations', I am pleased to announce we will again be running the Year 7 Summer Camp. The aim of the trip is to provide new and challenging experiences, whilst enjoying one of the most spectacular parts of the country. The dates of the trip will be from Monday the 8th July until Friday 12th July 2019.

The camp will be based in the beautiful Langdale Valley, Cumbria. The site itself is owned and run by the National Trust, providing us with a truly 'outdoors experience'. The activities are run by Keswick Adventure and may vary depending on numbers and conditions, however to get an idea of the type of activity we will be experiencing, I recommend that you visit their website. Activities that we are particularly keen to include are the Ghyll Scrambling, abseiling, a water-based activity such as canoeing and a 'Mountain Walk'.

The trip is however about much more than just the activities; the desired outcome is that all pupils fully involve themselves in 'camp life', in that they will share in responsibilities, helping with the putting up and down of tents, and in the preparation of food etc.

The cost of the trip is £330, which covers insurance, 3 meals a day, supervised activities provided by a qualified instructor and transport to and from the Lake District. Places are limited to 140 students. Should you wish your son/daughter to go on the trip we ask that you pay a deposit of £55, which can be done via the Schools Wisepay system. Details of further payments will appear on this same system. Wisepay will open for payments on 4th October 2018.

Please be aware that once your child has taken a place on the trip we will not be able to refund deposits, as this money will have been committed to organising the trip. Should your child need to pull out of the trip at a later date we would look to replace them from the reserve list, if this is not possible further costs would be incurred.

I know that many parents/carers will have questions, and there will be a full presentation about the trip for those that have 'signed up' shortly before we go. However at this point I will say there is no need to rush and buy equipment, details of such items will follow and we will look to source them at competitive prices. That said, two items that will be necessary are a good quality sleeping bag and a waterproof jacket.

Yours sincerely,

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