

October 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

Activities Week – Year 9 PGL Trip

As part of our on-going commitment to 'Wide Horizons, High Aspirations', I am pleased to announce we again will be running a residential activities week for Year 9 students. Next year we are proposing to take 116 students to Boreatton Park PGL Shropshire from Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July 2019. The centre offers a daily programme of activities of which include;

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| - Abseiling | - Archery | - Challenge Course |
| - Canoeing | - Climbing | - Giant swing |
| - High level ropes | - Jacob's ladder | - Kayaking |
| - Motor Sports | - Raft Building | - Swimming |
| - Trapeze | - Zip wire | - Fencing |

This is a full programme which will be exhausting but great fun which we are sure you will appreciate is a fantastic opportunity for students to face challenges and learn new skills, as well as develop their social and personal skills, such as working as part of a team, communication skills and developing positive relationships with staff and peers. The week has been very popular with both students and staff, with all parties gaining positive experiences and skills.

The cost of the trip is £450, which covers insurance, three meals a day, supervised activities provided by qualified instructors and transport to and from Shropshire. Should you wish your son/daughter to go on the trip we ask that you pay a deposit of £75, which can be done via the School's Wisepay system. Details of further payments will appear on this same system. Wisepay will open for payments on 11th October, places are limited to 116 students.

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. One point worth mentioning, PGL now operate a no mobile phones policy, it is their belief and one that we support, that the break in contact adds to the experience.

Yours sincerely,



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