



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE PE Rock Climbing Residential

Following the success of previous years' Outdoor Adventure residential, I would like to offer a further rock climbing opportunity for each of our GCSE students. The aim of the trip is to provide your child with the opportunity of gaining 1 of the 3 practical grades that they are required to achieve as part of their GCSE course. With full application, it is possible for students to achieve up to 10% of their final GCSE grade by using rock climbing as one of their chosen practical activities. .

Since the launch of the new GCSE specification in 2016, there have been several adjustments and bulletins from the exam board. The latest of these has highlighted that infrequent participation, in sports such as rock climbing, could potentially be a barrier for achieving the very top grades. In light of this, it is important that students maximise the number of climbs they do.

The destination for this year's residential is The High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre, Cowling, North Yorkshire and will take place from **Friday 1 December to Sunday 3 December 2023**. We will leave school at 2.00pm on the Friday and return at approximately 3.30pm on the Sunday.

The total cost of the trip, including full board, 2 nights' accommodation, transport, equipment and instruction will be £175 per student.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, a deposit of £50 is required by Friday 22 September. Please login to your child's ParentPay account to make a payment.

Whilst we endeavour to accurately forecast the cost of trips, in the unlikely event that costs fluctuate and result in a surplus remaining at the end of any trip, details of this and any right to refund will be communicated with you at the end of the trip.

Yours sincerely

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