



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

25 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 activities week Monday 25 – Friday 29 April 2022

As part of our commitment to providing enrichment opportunities for students at HGS through trips and visits, we are pleased to be able to offer our current Year 8 students the opportunity to take part in an optional outdoor residential trip during the summer term 2022. This experience will be a chance to mark the end of Key Stage 3, to act as preparation for Key stage 4 and to live out one of our core values “Adventure”.

Where and when?

The activities week will take place in the first week back after Easter, from Monday 25 – Friday 29 April 2022. Half the week will be spent on a residential in the Lake District, the second half of the week will be spent participating in outdoor, teambuilding activities in the school grounds. The residential will be held at The Outward Bound Trust – an outdoor activity centre situated on the shore of Ullswater in the Lake District.

The trip will be led by Mr Kempton and Mrs Brown (Year 9 Manager)

The students will take part in the Outward Bound’s Adventure and Challenge programme. The core outcomes of the course are to:

- Increase awareness of personal skills and abilities
- Improve confidence and self-belief in personal abilities
- Improve ability to listen and communicate effectively with others
- Increase awareness and concern for the natural environment
- Increase resilience and determination

For more information about the Outward Bound Trust and the range of activities they provide please visit:

www.outwardbound.org.uk

What does it cost?

The cost per person is £300 which can be paid in instalments prior to the trip. Please see payment schedule below.

The cost includes:

- Return coach travel from school
- A full daily programme of adventure activities
- Fun evening entertainment
- All meals and accommodation apart from lunch on the day students arrive – we ask that students bring a packed lunch for day 1 of their residential.
- Full comprehensive travel insurance (details available on request)

What do I need to do next?

- Please pay the £30 deposit via Scopay.
- Complete the [parental consent form](#) by **9 July 2021**
- A detailed parental consent/ medical/ dietary form will follow from the Outward Bound Trust.

Payment Schedule

Due Date	Payment
9 July	£30 Deposit
30 September	£50
29 October	£50
30 November	£50
31 January	£50
28 February	£50
31 March	£20

Online payments will be open from **Friday 9 July 2021** and can be accessed by clicking on the following link.

[Online payments](#)

Please note that once deposits have been paid to the Outward Bound Trust they are not refundable and terms and conditions apply. Withdrawing your child from the trip incurs a tiered cancellation penalty charge. This could mean that in the event of any cancellations not caused by the school or Outward Bound, these costs will be passed onto the parent/guardian.

If you are facing financial hardship, please contact Mrs Brown and we will endeavour to subsidise the place.

We are very much looking forward to this new trip and the opportunity it gives to develop leadership skills.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Kempton
Trip Leader



Mrs Brown
Year 8 Manager