



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 10 Big Picture Day: Risky World Challenge and Outdoor Adventure
Thursday 14 October**

The Geography Department and PE Faculty are organising a day of activities for all Year 10 students. The day will involve a Risky World Challenge in one half of the day and a PE Outdoor Adventure Activity for the other half of the day. Students will be informed of the groups they will be in for the morning and afternoon sessions. On the day, it is important that all students **arrive at school promptly at 8.40am** and go straight to the sports hall for registration.

Please note that school uniform does NOT need to be worn on the day. Students should come to school in their HGS PE kit and bring extra, appropriate, clothing for the outdoor activities. It would be advisable to also bring a drink and possibly a snack in a rucksack to take to the activity areas.

Risky World Challenge – half day

The Risky World challenge complements the work students have covered throughout their Geography studies at HGS. It also aims to show students how studying Geography helps them to understand important world events and how, as global citizens, we can help others. Students will have the opportunity to hear about the work of the charity ShelterBox.

During part of the challenge, students will be working outside on the school field, whatever the weather. In any case, the task will involve the use of water so they may get wet. Students must be properly equipped for the event with:

- Clothing that will be warm enough for working outside and which will not be ruined if they get wet.
- Footwear in which they can work on the field (this is often very muddy).
- A waterproof jacket (and trousers if they have them). **This is essential** as we will be working outside regardless of weather conditions.
- Spare clothes they can change into in case they get wet.

This year the Geography Department will be donating to ShelterBox on behalf of our students. Further details about the charity can be found at: <http://www.shelterbox.org/>.

PE – Climbing & Outdoor Adventure Activities – half day

Students will be attending a climbing centre (this will be at Harrogate Parthian Climbing or Big Depot Climbing in either Leeds or Pudsey) and take part in climbing activities. We will be travelling via coach to the centres as a school group. The morning session will depart school at 8.50am and return at approximately midday, the afternoon session will depart school at 12.05pm and return to school for 3.30pm.

Due to the nature of such activities, we expect a high standard of behaviour from students at all times. Any student who does not adhere to these standards will be withdrawn from activities immediately. School PE kit must be worn when climbing. Climbing footwear will be provided.

I am sure you will understand that we do not have funds available to us from which to pay for the entire trip, so we have to ask if you will be willing to make a voluntary of £13 towards the cost of the climbing activities. No pupil will be excluded if his or her parents do not make this contribution, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received, then, regrettably, the trip will not go ahead.

Payments can be made online via Scopay (please [click here](#)). Please note, the payment deadline is **Monday 11 October**. If you are unable to make the voluntary contribution but still wish your child to take part, please email hgsfinance@hgs.rklt.co.uk by **Monday 11 October**.

For this particular trip, there will be no need for parents to provide a separate consent form. The fact that a logon is required to make an online payment and that payment has been made is sufficient evidence that parental consent is granted for participation in this visit.

Please note that the emergency contact and medical details on the school database will be used for this trip. If you believe that any of these details may not be up-to-date please contact the data office by emailing HGSgateway@hgs.rklt.co.uk. The insurance cover will be provided by the school insurance policy and details are available upon request. Please note that by paying online you are confirming that you agree to your son/daughter's participation in climbing and bouldering activities

If you **do not** wish your son/daughter to attend the Climbing Centre and remain in school please email hgsfinance@hgs.rklt.co.uk. **Unfortunately, missing the deadline of Monday 11 October will automatically result in them staying at school.**

We are very much looking forward to this exciting Big Picture Day.

Yours sincerely



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