



27 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 (current Year 8) Outward Bound Residential to the Lake District – December 2026

As part of our commitment to providing enrichment opportunities for students through trips and visits, we are pleased to offer our current Year 8 students the opportunity to take part in an outdoor residential trip in December of Year 9. An outdoor residential provides the opportunity to live out one of our core values “Adventure” and we hope the whole year group will be able to attend.

The three-day, two-night residential will be held across two Outward Bound Centres (Ullswater and Howtown). Details of which centre your child will be attending will be confirmed in due course, but the dates are as given below:

Monday 30 November to Wednesday 2 December 2026 – 8GZP, 8JZW, 8AQI, 8RRP & 8LFH

Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 December 2026 – 8EXR, 8LMB, 8FLM, 8MGS & 8LZN

Our 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 [click here](#). The Outward Bound Trust is the leading provider of outdoor education and the feedback we receive each year is exceptional.

An information evening providing further details about the trip will be held in the **Main Hall on Thursday 12 March from 6pm to 7pm.**

Cost of the trip

The total cost for the trip will be £390 which includes return coach travel, a full programme of adventure activities, evening entertainment, meals and accommodation (apart from lunch on day 1, we ask that students please bring a packed lunch).

We do understand that the cost may be prohibitive for some families and we would not wish to preclude any students from taking part on this basis. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact hgsfinance@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

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Payment Schedule

Please pay via the Trips section of the [Arbor Parent Portal](#) or App

- Initial non-refundable deposit of £80 due by 30 March 2026
- Three monthly instalments of £80 starting from 30 April 2026
- Final instalment of £70 due by 31 July 2026

You may pay in smaller instalments or one lump sum through our online payment system. However, please ensure that instalments are received in line with the payment deadlines above.

Next Steps

- Please [click here](#) to access the general trip information sheet, which includes details of our cancellation policy, administering of medication and behaviour expectations.
- Please [click here](#) to access the Code of Conduct for residential trips.
- By giving your consent for your child to attend this trip, you are confirming that you have read and accepted the general trip information, and you and your child have read and accepted the Code of Conduct.
- Please provide the £80 deposit payment via [Arbor](#) by **30 March 2026**.
- Ensure your contact details and your child's medical details are up to date, emailing any changes to HGSgateway@hgs.rklt.co.uk
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The feedback we receive about this trip each year is exceptional. The trip includes many opportunities for students to develop new skills and build self-confidence. We very much look forward to sharing this experience with our students.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Kempton
Trip Leader



Mrs M Oliver
Year Manager