

16 December 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

Year 9 Outward Bound Residential to the Lake District in September 2023

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 current Year 8 students the opportunity to take part in an outdoor residential trip in September of Year 9. This experience will be a fantastic way to start the academic year and to mark the end of Key Stage 3, as they begin to prepare for Key Stage 4. An outdoor residential will give us the opportunity to live out one of our core values "Adventure". We hope the whole year group will be able to attend, but provision will be made at school for those who do not wish to go.

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

Monday 25 September to Wednesday 27 September - 8JSA, 8KZG, 8JXC, 8SMV, 8JRT
Wednesday 27 September to Friday 29 September - 8RLD, 8JAO, 8SXL, 8CMM, 8KRG

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:
[About us \(outwardbound.org.uk\)](https://www.outwardbound.org.uk)

Cost of the trip

The total cost for the trip will be £330 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.

Payment Schedule

Please pay via our online payments system, [Scopay](#), in line with the payment schedule below:

- Initial non-refundable deposit of £80 due by 31 January 2023
- Second instalment of £50 due by 28 February 2023
- Four further monthly instalments of £50 from March until June 2023

If you would prefer to pay in weekly instalments, or as one lump sum, that is possible through Scopay, but please ensure that these are received in line with the set payment deadlines.

If you would like to make an additional voluntary contribution to support children from families on low income to participate in this trip and other trips like this, there is a payment option available on [Scopay](#) under 'Additional Trip Voluntary Contribution.' Any donation you are able to make is greatly appreciated.

Next Steps:

- Please provide the deposit payment via [Scopay](#) by 31 January 2023
- If your child does not wish to attend, please email hgsfinance@hgs.rklt.co.uk by 31 January 2023
- Ensure your contact details and your child's medical details are up to date, emailing any changes to HGSgateway@hgs.rklt.co.uk
- Further communications, including an information evening, will be arranged in due course

We are very much looking forward to this trip and the opportunity it gives for our students to have fun whilst developing new skills and building self-confidence.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Kempton
Trip Leader



Miss D Moore
Year Manager