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Dear Parent / Guardian

Year 7 Buxton Expedition Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd June 2019

We are delighted to be launching our annual 3-day Multi Activity Residential Expedition to Buxton, Derbyshire. This has now been running for over 19 years and is a brilliant introduction to the fantastic expedition opportunities at RGS.

The aim of the 3 days is to give our pupils the chance to work with each other in an informal environment, further develop communication and leadership skills, increase self-esteem and motivation and improve their self-determination. It will also provide a fantastic experience for pupils to stretch themselves, develop and have fun while making friends outside their immediate peer group. **The activities will include raft building and rafting, bush craft, trekking, weaseling (climbing, scrambling, rock hopping, bouldering etc.) as well as other team building activities.**

The provider Outdoor Genius is Adventure Activities Licensing Authority licensed which means they are able to provide all of the above activities. They use highly qualified experienced and approved Leaders, who will be responsible for safety as well as skills development. These Leaders have each been chosen for their leadership, coaching, personal skills, experience, training, qualifications and have all been screened by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Cost: The cost of this trip is **£210** and includes food, fully qualified instructors, all group equipment, tents, Trangia cookers, medical kit, 24hr safety backup and transport. The personal kit list is attached and your son can borrow a sleeping bag and sleeping mat free of charge from Outdoor Genius, as well as various other bits of kit from RGS. Details about how to borrow kit will be provided at the Parents' Information Evening. NB. *We would not wish for boys to be excluded from the trip on the basis of cost. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence as there may be funding available to assist you.*

Timings: **Depart:** 0730 on Friday 21st June 2018 **Return:** 1700 on Sunday 23rd June 2019

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please log onto ParentPay, look up the "Buxton Year 7 Trip" and pay the first instalment of **£110** by **1st February** and the second instalment of **£100** by **1st April**. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office promptly to pay by an alternative method. Please note, there are unlimited places for this trip as it is such a popular option for Year 7. However, if your son does not wish to take part, we will endeavour to organise an alternative local trip or activities on Friday 21st June.

Finally, I would like to invite you to a **Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 6pm in the Upper Library** to run through all the pre-expedition administration and answer any questions you may have. As usual, please inform the School of any changes to the medical condition of your son and any changes to emergency contact numbers before the trip departs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the visit.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Greenhough
Director of Co-curricular Activities