

17 May 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

Year 8-9 Adventure Activity Week
5th – 9th July 2021

We are delighted to announce that we will be offering up to 150 spaces on our new multi-activity residential trip which this year will take place on the Dorset coast.

The aim of the five 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 programme will include kayaking, paddle boarding, raft building, shelter building, fire lighting, campfire cooking, archery, coasteering, climbing, pioneering and numerous team building challenges.

Cost: The cost of this trip is **£439 (based on 150 students attending)** and includes:

- Coach transport from RGSHW to Swanage and return
- All food & meals (hot breakfast and hot dinner is served onsite in the dining marquee. Packed lunch provided daily)
- Private campsite (Students sleep in 5-metre spacious bell tents)
- All safety equipment, life jackets etc
- Insurance

We would not wish boys to be excluded from the trip for purely financial reasons. 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.

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please **log onto ParentPay from 0900 on Wednesday 19th May**, look up the “**Year 8-9 Adventure Activity Week**” and pay the **first instalment of £75 by Monday 24th May** to register. As there are only 150 spaces available on the trip, the **final allocation will be on a first come first served basis. While I do understand this may mean some students could miss out, this is a new programme that we are still developing and if needed we will be looking to launch additional opportunities in the future. So, if you do not get a place please email me to register your interest as we will ensure you are given a priority place at the next opportunity.**

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THAT THESE PLANS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SHORT NOTICE CHANGES OR CANCELLATION DUE TO UPDATES IN COVID GUIDANCE OR ISOLATION PROCEDURES. In the event of any changes or cancellation the School, to the best of our ability, will look to reschedule or recover any costs committed. Many companies now have COVID guarantees in place (as is the case with this trip) and the School has undertaken due diligence checks. However, there always remains the possibility that some of the funding is unrecoverable and parents/guardians understand this when signing students up.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this exciting and inspiring opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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