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10 November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

Third Year Outdoor Education Course – 2017

As part of the third year PE curriculum at RGS, the department organises a residential outdoor and adventurous experience at Bewerley Park Education Centre, Pateley Bridge and third year students have taken part in a week's residential course for many years. It is expected that all third year students will take part in this rich and varied learning experience. All of these courses have been very successful and the staff involved are convinced of the additional educational benefits of linking the outdoor activities with a controlled residential experience. The programme at Bewerley Park also supports the PSHCEe and Citizenship curriculum within the school; teamwork, cooperative learning and group responsibility are all integral elements of the experience.

The centre is administered by North Yorkshire County Council and all tuition is taken by fully qualified staff with qualifications appropriate to the activities concerned. Each group will also be accompanied by a member of staff from R.G.S. Next year we have booked our course at Bewerley Park leaving school on **Monday, 8 May 2017 and returning on Friday, 12 May 2017**. The coaches will leave school at 9am on the Monday and return to school by 2.30pm on the Friday. The cost of the course will be **£280.00**. This covers accommodation, food and instruction. Transport will be provided by the school. If there are any problems regarding the financing of this enrichment programme, please do not hesitate to contact the Lower School Office; lowerschool@ripongrammar.co.uk. Any enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The week's programme will include such activities as rock scrambling/climbing, abseiling, hill walking, orienteering, sailing, canoeing and gorge-walking. All specialist clothing e.g. waterproofs, walking boots, helmets, torches, buoyancy aids etc will be provided by the centre; however if students possess their own equipment, this may be used.

A parents' information evening will be organised later in the spring term where our course organiser will give a presentation on the centre and its activities. There will also be an opportunity at the end of the presentation to ask any questions that you may have. I will contact you in the spring term confirming the date of this presentation.

Please complete the accompanying consent form and return it to the school before **Friday, 18 November**. A £30 non-returnable deposit is also required by this date.

The remaining balance may be paid as a lump sum or brought in instalments during the autumn and spring terms (see below for payment details). We would encourage you to use the ParentPay account. However, if you are unable to access this system please make cheques payable to 'Ripon Grammar School' and send them in an envelope with your child's name on the outside. Students are asked to hand

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the envelope in to Mrs Grime in Room 16 at break time. The final balance should be in school by **Thursday, 20 April 2017.**

- First instalment, Thursday, 8 December – £70
- Second instalment, Thursday, 9 February – £90
- Final instalment, Thursday 20 April – £90

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

M L Pearman
Headmaster

Ripon Grammar School: Third Year Outdoor Education Course – Beverley Park

Monday, 8 May – Friday, 12 May 2017

I have read the information sheet and agree to my son/daughter taking part in the activities described.

I wish my child (name of child) _____

to take part in this residential course.

Form _____

Address _____

Contact Tel. No. _____

I have paid a £30 non-refundable deposit, via ParentPay, for my son/daughter to take part in the outdoor education course. The total cost is **£280.00** payable by **Thursday, 20 April 2017.**

Signed _____

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