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17 October 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Third Year Outdoor Education Course to Beverley Park, May 2018

As part of the Third form PE curriculum at RGS, the department organises a residential outdoor and adventurous experience at Beverley Park Education Centre, Pateley Bridge. Third Year students have taken part in a week's residential course for many years and it is expected that all Third Form students will take part in this rich and varied learning experience. All of these courses have been very successful and provide a great educational experience. The programme at Beverley Park also supports the PSHCEe and Citizenship curriculum within the School. Team work, 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 Beverley Park leaving school on **Monday, 14 May 2018 and returning on Friday, 18 May 2018**. 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 **£320.00**. 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.

We should be grateful to receive a £30 non-returnable deposit by **Friday, 9 November**. This should be paid via ParentPay. The remaining balance may be paid as a lump sum or

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brought in instalments during the Autumn and Spring terms (see below for payment details). Please use the ParentPay account. The final balance needs to be paid by **Thursday, 12 April 2018.**

- First instalment, Thursday, 30 November – £90
- Second instalment, Thursday, 8 February – £100
- Third instalment, Thursday, 12 April - £100

Yours sincerely

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