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31 January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Outdoor Education Course to Bewerley Park, 11-15 July 2022

As part of the Year 9 programme at RGS, there is a residential outdoor and adventurous experience at Bewerley Park Education Centre, Pateley Bridge every year. Prior to the pandemic, Year 9 students have taken part in a week's residential course for many years and it is expected that all Year 9 students will take part in this rich and varied learning experience. I am very pleased that this year we can return to a residential experience at the centre. The courses have been very successful and provide a great educational experience. The programme at Bewerley Park also supports the PSHCEe and Citizenship curriculum within the School, and forms part of the Year 9 PE curriculum. 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 provided by fully qualified staff with qualifications appropriate to the activities concerned and each group will also be accompanied by a member of staff from RGS. This year we have booked our course at Bewerley Park leaving school on **Monday, 11**th **July 2022** and returning on Friday, 15th July 2022. 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 £385. 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 me, Mr Harding, as Head of Year 9; hov9@ripongrammar.com. Any enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The week's programme will include activities such 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.

We should be grateful to receive a £100 non-returnable deposit by Friday, 11th February, 2022. The remaining balance may be paid as a lump sum or paid in instalments during the Spring and Summer terms (see below for payment details).

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Please note that if a student chooses to withdraw from the trip, then deposits and subsequent payments will not be refundable. Please make all payments via your ParentPay account, and note that the final balance needs to be paid by **Friday, 27**th **May 2022,** thank you. If you wish to pay by instalments, the payment schedule is:-

- Deposit, Friday 11th February £100
- First instalment, Friday 4th March £100
- Second instalment, Friday 29th April £100
- Third instalment, Friday 27th May £85

Yours sincerely

Mr J Harding
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