



Ripon Grammar School

17 October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Outdoor Education Course to Beverley Park, July 2024

As part of the Year 9 programme at RGS, there is a residential outdoor and adventurous experience at Beverley Park Education Centre, Pateley Bridge every year. 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. The 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, and forms part of the Year 9 PE curriculum. 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 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 Beverley Park leaving school on Monday, 1st July 2024 and returning on Friday, 5th July 2024. 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 £500. This covers accommodation, food, instruction and also a voluntary contribution of £25 towards the cost of travel and other expenses. Students will not be prevented attending if parents choose not to make the voluntary contribution. If there are any problems regarding the financing of this enrichment programme, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mr Cocks, as lead organiser of the trip; cocksd@ripongrammar.com. Parents in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to financial assistance. 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.

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We should be grateful to receive a £100 non-returnable deposit + £25 voluntary contribution by 06/11/22. 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).

Please note that if a pupil 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 04/05/23, thank you. If you wish to pay by instalments, the payment schedule is: -

- £100.00 non-refundable deposit + £25 voluntary contribution due 06/11/22
- 1st instalment - £125.00 due 01/01/23
- 2nd instalment - £150.00 due 02/03/23
- Final instalment - £100.00 due 04/05/23

Yours sincerely

Mr D Cocks
Trip leader

Mr J Harding
Head of Year 9

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