

1 February 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers

Re: Summer Camp at Downe Activity Centre 13-14 July 2017

The next year of your child's academic life is going to be one of hard work, determination and self-belief, with this in mind, to celebrate the successes of Year 12 and to equip students with the best possible start to Year 13, I have booked for the whole year group an action packed, transition focused, team building night away at **Downe Activity Centre, Birdhouse Lane, Downe, Orpington, BR6 7LJ.**

Students will together embark on this transitional and motivational night away by first pitching their tent for their overnight accommodation, followed by an afternoon of orienteering through woodland and onsite activities including a traditional campfire and sing along! On Saturday, students will participate in team building exercises with a fully qualified instructor and test out their nerves on the 'Jacobs Ladder' high ropes. We will also be running focused teaching sessions exploring strategies for success and top tips for Year 13 academic studies.

Students should make their own arrangements to arrive at Jail Lane in Downe by 12pm on Thursday 13 July 2017. They will be collected in the school mini-bus and shuttled to the main site. Students must be collected from Downe Activity Centre at 4pm on Friday 14 July.

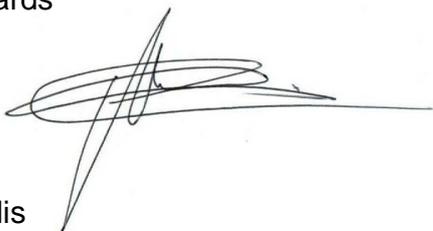
The total cost of the trip is £60.00 which will include camping fees, food, activities and instructor costs. This can be paid in instalments using parent pay.

As mentioned this trip is for the whole year group and one that I would personally like to see everybody attending to ensure they hit the ground running with Year 13 in September, having had a thoroughly enjoyable, focused and motivational evening away as a whole cohort.

In addition to this letter and following payment for the trip, I will be holding a parent information evening on Tuesday 4 July 2017, in conjunction with our planned UCAS information evening, starting at 6pm. I will outline a kit list, detailed itinerary, answer any questions and will ask students to complete a detailed behaviour contract, more details to follow.

Please return the slip stating your permission for your child to attend this exciting opportunity along with the £10 deposit by Friday 24 February 2017.

Best regards



Mr C Willis
Head of Year 12

REPLY SLIP

Name: _____

Form: _____

Date: _____

I give/ do not give permission for my son/ daughter to attend the above trip

(Delete as applicable)

Any medical issues _____