

PRI/JWN

11th March 2020

Re: Y7 & Y8 Outdoor group

I am writing to as your son's teachers have suggested he may enjoy the challenge of taking part in some indoor climbing sessions at the Pinnacle in Northampton.

The sessions are aimed at pupils in Years 7 & 8 to give them exposure to the type of activities and group work they could experience on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award in Year 9.

This year, the group will be doing indoor climbing with the option of working towards their NICAS Level 1 Climbing Award at the Pinnacle Climbing Centre in Northampton. The National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme will introduce your son to climbing and aims to develop a number of skills that will also benefit him beyond climbing. However, the most important thing is that it will be enjoyable. To find out more visit their website at www.nicas.co.uk for more information on the scheme and its aims.

The course will run for 6 weeks. The dates for the sessions are Thursday 14th May, 21st May, 4th June, 18th June, 25th June and finally the 2nd July. Your son would leave directly from school with the sessions starting at 16:00 until 18:00. They will then return to school to be collected by you around 18:20.

If you would like your son to take part please return the enclosed consent form along with a cheque for the total amount made payable to Northampton School *for Boys*. The total cost for the 6 weeks is £77; this covers their tuition, transport to and from the centre and all equipment. If they wish to complete their NICAS Level 1 they will need to pay a further £7.50 for the log book when they start in May. There are 14 spaces on the course and I will allocate places based on a first come basis.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the school or directly by e-mail at priches@nsb.northans.sch.uk.

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