



Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Outdoor Education Programme

I am writing to inform you that your son's teachers have selected him as a worthy candidate for the NSB Outdoor Education Programme.

This programme is aimed at pupils throughout Years 7/8/9 in order to prepare suitable candidates for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award in Year 10.

Our vision is to establish a core group of boys in these early years, with the hope that through various outdoor activities and expeditions, they work together and gain the suitable skills needed to take on the 'Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme'.

This year, the year 7 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 over 7 weeks, starting on the 3rd May and will run every Thursday up to and including the 24th May, it will then recommence on Thursday the 7th June and run to the 14th June. Your son will leave directly from school with the sessions starting at 1600 until 1800. They will then return to school to be collected by you around 1820.

If you would like your son to take part then 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 £80; this covers their tuition, transport to and from the centre and all equipment. If they wish to complete their NICAS level 1 then they will need to pay a further £5.50 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 then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school or directly by e-mail at priches@nsb.northants.sch.uk.

Peter Riches
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