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14th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Norfolk Lakes - Y8 Residential 2021

In October 2021, the school will run a Residential Education Course for all boys currently in Year 7. The school has organised entitlement residential trips for over 20 years and they have always proved to be both valuable and enjoyable. Students who have taken part in previous years have returned to school having benefited greatly from this opportunity. We shall be going to Norfolk Lakes, a centre which has been used by Northampton School *for Boys* for the last three years. It has had some fantastic reviews from staff and students. The students and staff alike could not praise the centre staff and the facilities enough, if you visit <https://www.manoradventure.com/norfolk-lakes.php> you can find out more information about the accommodation and the type of activities the boys will be participating in.

The planning for this Residential has been extremely delayed due to the impact of Covid-19 and the restrictions that have been in place. As the Government has indicated that from 17th May 2021 schools have authorisation to take students away on residential within the UK, we are now moving ahead with the scheduling of this residential. If this should change the residential would be cancelled and all monies refunded.

The trip will run from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd October, Departure at approximately 10:30 on Monday 18th, returning mid-afternoon on Friday 22nd. These times are provisional and will be confirmed nearer the departure date. The cost per pupil covers coach, accommodation, food, and activities. The boys will work with qualified instructors as well as two members of staff per form from the school. It is anticipated that a face-to-face Parents' evening will take place in September, once Covid restrictions have been lifted. Alternatively, an on-line briefing will take place instead.

Students who remain in School during this period will **not** be involved in lessons as the whole school is off timetable due to Enterprise Week. They will, however, be expected to attend school and activities for the week will be arranged for them.

Total cost per student is £315 and includes: -

Transport to and from the Centre

Full Board/Catering

All activities

Beds in chalets (*Students will need to bring their own sleeping bag and pillowcase*)

Students will go out as a whole year group accompanied by their form tutors and other members of staff. The School Insurance Policy covers all members of the group and at present covers all situations arising from cancellation of trips due to Covid.

All activities will be led and supervised by trained staff. School staff will be in attendance throughout the stay and will be taking part alongside the students whenever practical.

School staff will supervise the students during the evening and be on call throughout the night. The centre has secure automated entrance gates, CCTV, and a night-time security patrol.

Each day will consist of many activities chosen from the extensive list provided by the centre. The programme will be organised to ensure all students have a similar experience. A full list of activities and a kit list will be available closer to the date of travel.

Deposit and payments are to be made via Parent-pay, accessible via the school website. Here you will also find the medical/consent form. If you do not use Parent Pay, please contact the finance department.

A Deposit of £45 is required by Friday 28th May 2021 to secure your son's place on the trip.

Further payments are due by the following dates: -

- Second payment of £60 by end of June 2021
- Third payment of £60 end of July 2021
- Fourth Payment of £60 end of August 2021
- **Final payment of £90 by Friday 24th September 2021**

I trust that parents/ carers will appreciate the marvellous opportunity that is being offered to the pupils of this school and will give their fullest support. I understand that due to the short notice, payments maybe a cause of concern. Please contact me via e-mail in the first instance should you require assistance toneill@nsb.northants.sch.uk and I will try my best to help.

Mrs T O'Neill
Team Leader Geography & Residential Education

REPLY SLIP TO FORM TUTOR 28th May 2021
After this date we will not accept any more applications

I we* confirm that (Name): _____ Form: _____ will/will not* be attending the Year 8 trip to Norfolk Lakes from 18th to 22nd October 2021.

I/We* believe we may be eligible for financial assistance due to low income. Yes / No

I /We* acknowledge that the deposit of £45 is required by the **28th May 2021** and that the final payment is due by **Friday 24th September 2021.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Carer

*(*Please delete as appropriate)*