

## LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Year 7 Outdoor Residential, Halton**

LRGS has a strong tradition of outdoor education and with our enviable location between two national parks we provide activities for a wide range of age groups within the school. A number of pupils gain their first true outdoor experience during our Year 7 residential and it helps to put into practice some of the work on resilience, self-reliance and team work that we cover in our Values course.

Trips of this nature can't be funded from the school budget and so we ask for a contribution from parents to cover costs. Unfortunately recent events have caused a significant increase in outdoor activity providers' and transport costs and we felt that our usual two night trip to the Lake district came at too great a cost for a trip that we expect all boys to attend.

As we believe it is such an important experience we have adapted and hopefully come up with a solution that will still be valuable to the boys but at a significantly reduced cost. Putting this together has taken a bit of time so my apologies that this letter is going out much later than usual and that not every i has currently been dotted. I aim to be able to send out the final confirmed details at the beginning of next term.

The general plan will be:

4pm on the form's first day: Leave school for Halton on the outskirts of Lancaster.

Evening: Camp craft skills and games.

The following day will then be spent canoeing on the Lune, camp craft in camp and climbing on a local crag before being returned to school for 3:30 pm.

#### **Accommodation:**

Boys will be camping in 2 or 3 person tents at a campsite that is part of the Halton army camp. This gives us excellent access to the River Lune for the canoeing activity.

#### **Catering:**

With the exception of a packed lunch that the boys will need to bring with them, the evening meal, breakfast and snacks will be provided. If your son has any particular dietary requirements please indicate this on the medical form (sent out nearer the time) so they can be catered for.

**Activities:**

Boys will be split into teams and will undertake climbing, canoeing and camp craft activities.

**Staffing:**

The activities will be run by school staff and external instructors holding the appropriate governing body awards. **All activities will be subject to constant review and ongoing risk assessment depending on prevailing weather, forecasts and group ability.** There will also be school staff accompanying the boys in a pastoral role for the duration of the trip.

**Equipment:**

A kit list will be sent out closer to the time but no specialist equipment is required as this will be provided.

**Transport:**

Transport will be by school minibus.

**Cost:**

The course is not optional and is consequently subsidised by the school. However, activities of this nature could not be organised without a contribution from parents. I just have a couple of costs to confirm but I am hoping that the final cost will be below £60. If any family feels that they cannot contribute this amount due to financial constraints, then a lower contribution can be arranged. **LRGS is committed to ensuring that this course is accessible to ALL pupils regardless of financial background and funding is available to provide full financial assistance, if required.** My contact details are at the bottom of the letter if you need to get in touch regarding this.

**Dates:**

The forms will be going on the following dates:

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June - 7R  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 7L  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 7S  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 7T  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 7B  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 7G

**Information Evening:**

There will be a parents' information meeting at the beginning of the summer term (date and format e.g. live or Teams, to follow) at which I hope to deal with most questions you may have. After this meeting I will mail out with the answers to questions asked, so if you're unable to attend you'll have these, as well as emergency contact information, kit list and medical/consent form.

If there is anything which you need to ask in the meantime, please get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully,

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