

23 April 2019

YEAR 8 GRADUATION INTO YEAR 9 - OUTWARD BOUND RESIDENTIAL

Dear Parent/Carer

We are planning an exciting Outward Bound visit to take place in summer 2019 for students who have graduated from Year 8 into Year 9.

Students will spend two nights at the Outward Bound Centre at Kingswood Dukeshouse in Hexham. Kingswood is a leading residential activity provider; responsible for delivering safe and rewarding educational programmes to well over 130,000 children and young people each year. By combining National Curriculum linked modules in their indoor and outdoor facilities this reward trip is sure to provide your child with a wealth of new experiences outside of a classroom setting.

This will be an excellent opportunity for your child to mix with a variety of students in the year group and bond with friends, old and new. Students will be attending the trip on the following dates: Friday 14th June – Sunday 16th June 2019. Residential courses are obviously optional for your child however, these can be invaluable to them. The students benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and we feel that the programme chosen for this year will be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

The school will pay the majority of the total cost for each child but we do request a parental contribution of £40 per child to cover the cost of coaching and evening activities. The advantage of this centre is that students will not require any special clothing or equipment as this will be provided. Students will not need any further spending money. We like to encourage as many students as possible, who have graduated, to go on this visit and we have booked the whole centre for the Academy.

Any parent/carer who would like their child to participate but have concerns about their ability to finance the trip should contact Mr Skidmore. To secure a place on the trip, you need to return the reply slip with a non-refundable deposit of £20 no later than **Friday 17 May 2019**. Each student will be issued with a receipt for all payments in order to keep track of the outstanding balance owed and final details including information on suitable clothing, activities and timing shall be provided nearer the time.

We do hope that your child will graduate from Year 8 and be eligible for this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Miss Helen Alderson
Outward Bound Co-ordinator

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(Reply Slip – Please return to student reception no later than Friday 17th May 2019)

I give permission for my son/daughter:
to attend the Outward Bound trip, 14-16th June 2019. I enclose a non-refundable cheque/cash deposit of £20.00. Cheques should be made payable to Outwood Academy Redcar. Please write your child's name and VMG Group on the reverse side of the cheque and hand it into student reception at break time or at the end of the school day. Thank you.

Signed Parent/Carer: Date: