

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Planned trip to: Liddington Adventure Centre, Swindon, Wiltshire

Date of Trip: Monday 16th July 2018 – Wednesday 18th July 2018

As part of our commitment to enrich the lives of our students, the Year 9 Team are planning to run a visit to one of the well renowned PGL Adventure Centres, in Swindon, Wiltshire. This trip coincides with our end of year enrichment activities and we felt that it would be a wonderful way to celebrate the Key Stage 3 journey.

The aims of the visit are to develop the following:

- Team building
- Confidence building
- Leadership development
- Social/ emotional enhancement
- Independence
- Learning to be a young adult
- Reinforcing community values
- Motivation to reinforce positive behaviour

Students will travel to Wiltshire, via coach, from the Academy on the Monday morning of the above dates and return to the Academy at approximately 4pm on the Wednesday. Meals will be provided by the venue, apart from the first day when students will be required to bring a packed lunch to eat when we arrive. Various sessions will then be led by the PGL team, including activities such as orienteering, fencing, abseiling and more. On the day we return, there will be a morning of activities followed by lunch then we will leave the centre and return to Harlow.

Students will need to bring bedding – sleeping bag/ quilt and pillow - and if they chose not to do this, then there will be an additional cost of £12 + VAT

The price of the trip will be £249 and the initial deposit of £25 will be required by **Thursday 5th October**. If the deposit is not paid by then, your child will not have a place on the trip. A second interim payment of £35 will be required by **Friday 1st December**.

If your child is registered with the Academy for Free School Meals, we may be able to offer assistance with the cost of the trip. (Please tick the FSM box on the attached consent form).

The dress code for the trip will be non-school uniform. However, pupils will be expected to dress appropriately for the trip and ensure that they have practical clothing/ footwear suitable for the activities planned. I will send out a more specific list of the required clothing/ necessary equipment at a later date once we have definitive numbers.

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Payment can be made in the following way:

- 1) An **online payment** via **Scopay**. Access can be made at www.scopay.co.uk
(If you have forgotten your username and password please contact the finance department who can support you with this)

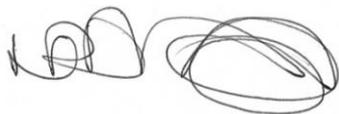
- 2) **Cash or Cheque** (made payable to Academy Transformation Trust) in an **envelope clearly marked with your child's name and home group**; this can be placed into the **secure grey box in the main Science corridor**.

Attached to this letter is a **consent form that all students must return** to confirm whether or not they will be joining us for this fabulous activity.

A student's participation in this trip will be dependent upon a consistent record of good behaviour and an evident commitment to their learning in the classroom. The Academy reserves the right to refuse entry to /withdraw a student from a trip if they do not meet this requirement.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Brown', with a large, loopy flourish at the end.

Lisa Brown
Year 9 Progress Leader