

Our ref: MLE/DSO/NHA

Date: Thursday 23 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer of **xxxxx**

'Ambassadors Residential Trip'

We are delighted to offer an exciting opportunity to our best performers as part of our Drama and Music Ambassadors programme. This residential trip to Lake Windermere will not only give our Ambassadors opportunities to perform in public in front of audiences, but also will be a fun-filled reward with teambuilding and adrenaline-packed activities such as gorge scrambling and raft-building. It really should be a weekend to remember!

Accommodation	YHA Windermere, Lake Windermere (https://groups.yha.org.uk/hostels/yha-windermere/)		
Date of Residential	Friday 7 th July – Monday 10 th July		
Register and Pre-Trip Briefing	Students to be in Amphitheatre no later than 8:15am		
Departure	Fri 7 th July: 8:30am	Return	Mon 10 th July: 2:30pm
Cost	£300.00 Deposit £50 To be paid before Friday 10th March.		
Staff	Mr Southern, Mr Lee, Mr Burton, Miss Bentley		
School Mobile Number (for use in an emergency)	07547211510		

Other Information

The full cost of the trip includes travel, accommodation, access to performance venues, watersports activities, and breakfast (Sat, Sun, Mon), lunch (Sat, Sun) and dinner (Fri, Sat, Sun). Students may wish to bring a packed lunch for Friday or may wish to buy food once we have arrived. Students may also wish to bring money for souvenirs on Sunday and lunch on Monday.

As this trip takes place mostly outside of school time, students will not be expected to wear school uniform. However, they will need to bring adequate clothing for activities and potentially cold weather. We recommend that students bring a suitable coat, a pair of walking boots/waterproof shoes, clothes that they would not mind getting wet in activities, as well as a towel and any toiletries they need. Students will need at least two pairs of shoes during this trip which all need to be appropriate for activities (i.e. no high heels, sandals etc.). If any medication is needed, please inform a member of staff and arrangements will be made.

Students will, however, miss learning time on Friday 7th and Monday 10th July. As such, it is expected that students will contact their teachers and catch up on any work that they have missed out on. Students may bring a drink/snack for the coach, but we politely ask that students keep the waste and mess to a minimum. **It would also be useful for students to have a phone (and charger) to inform parents of an accurate pick-up time, however school cannot accept liability in the case of loss. We sadly cannot reimburse for last minute no shows but will try to if there is time/staff capacity to arrange substitution in the event of an emergency.**

Accommodation

The YHA Windermere has been booked exclusively for our students. No external visitors will be allowed access to the building, however there may be guests camping in an adjacent field. Sleeping arrangements will be made by staff, with students staying in a room of either two, three, four, six or eight beds. Rooms will

be same sex only, and students should only stay in their own rooms. If we have leisure time, students can meet in the common room, but should not be going into other students' rooms.

Health and Safety

As this residential involves water-based activities and venturing around Lake Windermere, Mr Burton, our trained First Aid Officer will be at hand throughout the entire trip. Further to this, the external agency that we are using for the water activities (Carnegie Great Outdoors) is also providing further support with their staff who are specially trained in gorge scrambling and raft building.

Itinerary of the Trip

Friday 7th July

Leaving Penistone Grammar School on Friday morning, we aim to arrive at our Drama performance venue, where Music students will support as an audience. We will then travel to our accommodation (YHA Windermere) and have our evening meal, followed by a film night at the accommodation itself.

Saturday 8th July

This day will be our activity day! After eating breakfast, students will take part in raft-building, where they will be put into groups and given poles, planks, ropes and barrels to use to work together to construct a raft to launch on a lake or reservoir. Once the rafts are built, Ambassadors will set sail and see who stays afloat! We will then eat lunch and then take part in our second activity – gorge scrambling! Gorge scrambling involves climbing up or down a mountain water course, with waterfalls gushing down next to participants and water splashing up at them. It is an energising activity where students will move over boulders, rocks and plunge into pools and can even slide with the rapids on the way down. There are different types of gorges, water speeds and heights and the instructors will tailor the route to ability and age. It is a fantastic activity for all levels of fitness. We will then return to the accommodation to eat dinner and take part in a fun karaoke evening.

Sunday 9th July

Following breakfast, we will be exploring Windermere town centre, with students then having some free time to explore and buy any souvenirs. We will then travel to our Music performance venue, where Drama students will support as an audience. After performing, we will return to the accommodation to take part in a 'Family Fun Night' packed with quizzes, games, and awards!

Monday 10th July

Students will pack their belongings and head down to breakfast. Staff will sweep through the rooms and double check that everything has been packed before we explore local area and then leave to head back to Penistone Grammar School.

Behaviour

Students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner as ambassadors of the school and our subjects. Should the conduct of a student in the lead up to, or during the visit, be deemed either unacceptable or likely to put the health, wellbeing, safety and/or enjoyment of other students on the trip at risk, the Principal reserves the right to withdraw that student's place from the visit, or they may be returned home prior to the end of the visit.

Consent

Consent (including medical consent) is given via Microsoft Forms (please follow this link: [here](#)). By giving consent, you are agreeing to your child taking part in the above residential trip and have read the information provided agreeing to their participation in the activities described. You are also agreeing to your child receiving any emergency medical treatment that may be deemed necessary. If there are any exceptions to this, please provide us with the necessary information in writing. **Students will not be able to participate in the visit if consent is not provided in advance.**



Payment Plan

The deposit to secure your child's place on the trip is £50. Following this, the remaining balance (£250) can be made in full or can be broken down into four monthly instalments of £62.50, one each in April, May,

June, and July. All payments will be processed via ParentPay. Payment must be made in full prior to the trip taking place.

Consent forms and deposit to be completed and submitted by: Friday 24th March 2023

We hope your child will be able to take advantage of this exciting residential trip! If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Lee by email (please see below for contact details).

Yours sincerely,



Danny Southern

Second in Department
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Trip Party Leader

Aim High | Be Determined | Be Brave | Be Supportive | Be Proud

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