



July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE PE RESIDENTIAL PRACTICAL COURSE, 7-9 NOVEMBER 2024

With the reduction of GCSE PE Practical options, we have investigated a number of possibilities for the students to enhance their practical grade to complement the good work that is being achieved in the theory lessons. We believe that offering an opportunity to complete an outward-bound course would not only allow the students to access another GCSE PE grade, but also enhance the offer in PE to Waddesdon students.

Following previous successful visits and high practical scores, we are offering students from Years 9, 10 and 11 the opportunity to take part in a PE practical from Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 November 2024 at High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre in Skipton, North Yorkshire (see web page for further information for GCSE PE and access to grades <http://highadventureoec.co.uk/school-youth-courses/gcse-pe>). We have used the centre before and found their tuition to be of the highest standard, focusing on getting the students to access the higher bands at GCSE PE.

We will leave school at 10.00am on Thursday 7 November and return at approximately 9.00pm on Saturday 9 November. We will travel by coach, accompanied by members of the PE Department staff. Parents are invited to make a payment of **between £250 and £275** for this 3-day residential visit, depending on the number of students taking part. The cost includes:

- Room and full board at the centre
- Coach transport
- Hire of equipment (waterproofs, etc)
- Expert tuition
- Insurance

Participants will need to bring a packed lunch for the outward journey, and money to buy something to eat at services on the return journey.

There is a maximum of 48 places available. **To request a place for your son/daughter, please [complete this form by Friday 19 July at the latest](#).** If the visit is oversubscribed, names will be drawn at random. We will then write to you to confirm whether a place has been allocated and if so, we will require a deposit of £50 by 2 August and the balance will be payable in monthly instalments by 2 September, 7 October and 4 November.

The trip will not be viable unless the minimum number of students participate (36). Please could you discuss this with your son/daughter and assess their level of interest.

It is important to emphasise that only those students who have proved themselves to be responsible and well behaved will be considered for a place on this visit. We will consult with our colleagues when considering the students who wish to take part and review behaviour in school and on previous educational visits. If the visit is oversubscribed, names will be drawn randomly from those deemed by staff to be responsible and well behaved.

Should you have any queries regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Kennedy
Subject Leader for PE

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