



March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Visit to the Peak District

I am writing to you regarding an exciting trip which we have planned for our new Year 7 students in the autumn term. We will be taking the students to the Peak District where they will experience a variety of activities and challenges which will enable them to establish new friendships and get to know the rest of the students in their form, as well as their form tutor.

This trip offers the ideal opportunity for our newest students to build self-confidence and fully prepare for secondary school life; last year the trip was a huge success with nearly every student taking part. Please have a look at the enclosed information booklet with your child for more details of the planned activities.

The students will be taken in two groups:

The four forms in X band will go from Monday 23 September to Wednesday 25 September.

The four forms in Y band will go from Wednesday 25 September to Friday 27 September.

You will be notified of the dates of your child's trip at our Transition Evening for parents, carers and students, which will take place on Tuesday 9 July.

The cost of the trip will be £147 per student, which includes accommodation on a full board basis, transport to and from Ashlyns and insurance cover (claims subject to any policy excess).

Please return the reply slip overleaf by Monday 18 March. We would prefer payment via WisePay (our online payment system) for which login details will be sent out to you in due course. If you pay via WisePay you have the option to either pay the full amount by Friday 7 June, or pay by instalments as follows:

Deposit payment of £65 due by Friday 7 June at the latest

Final payment of £82 due by Friday 9 August at the latest

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make it payable to Ashlyns School for the full amount of £147 and return, along with your reply slip, by Monday 18 March. Cheques will be presented for payment by Monday 15 April. We are unable to accept instalment payments by this method, due to the school being closed during August.

We cannot guarantee places if reply slips are received after the deadline of 18 March.

Once places have been confirmed, the deposit becomes non-refundable. If you withdraw from the trip at any stage for any reason not covered by an insurance claim, or if your child is withdrawn by the school due to serious behaviour issues, then cancellation charges will apply and you may be subject to an additional cancellation charge over the cost shown above. These cancellation terms are available to view on request.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Costs over and above the bed and board are contributions, however if these are insufficient the trip may be cancelled. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please tick the appropriate box below and return the form as soon as possible and we will be in contact.

To confirm your child's place on this trip, please complete and return the consent form to the School Office by Monday 18 March.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Chris McDonald
Head of Year 7



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Assistant Headteacher

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Please complete and return this slip, with your completed Admission booklet, to the School Office by Monday 18 March.

Student Name: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 7 Visit to the Peak District.

(Please tick as appropriate)

- I will pay the deposit of £65 by Wisepay by Friday 7 June and the balance (by Wisepay) by Friday 9 August at the latest.
- I will pay the full amount of £147 by Wisepay by Friday 7 June.
- I enclose a cheque for the full cost of £147 payable to Ashlyns School.
- I would like to apply for financial assistance for this trip.
Please contact me on the following telephone number: _____

I understand that payments will be non-refundable and accept the cancellation terms explained above.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____