

7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Derbyshire Residential Visit 2019

I am pleased to inform you that we have now made a booking for our residential visit to Derbyshire for **Eagle and Kestrel Classes**.

We are very excited to offer this experience which takes into account the needs of our students at Year 9, providing them with challenging, fun and worthwhile experiences which will impact notably on their independence, personal and social development.

The Peak District National Park lies in the heart of England and offers a wide range of activities within the local area. The provider we have chosen is **TREKCO**. TrekCo is a licenced provider of outdoor activities and holds the **Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge**. Their staff's knowledge of the Peak District and expertise enables them to organise challenging, safe and rewarding outdoor courses for schools. For more information, please visit their website at: www.trekco.com/schools/residentials/peak-district

Our visit will include all travel by coach, indoor accommodation, food and outdoor activities with qualified instructors and will take place in the Spring Term, as follows:

25th March – 29th March 2019

Leaving School on Monday and returning on Friday

Students will be accompanied by familiar Thriftwood staff throughout

The total cost of the visit is £420 per pupil

Obviously, we realise that this kind of visit incurs a substantial cost and, therefore, parents and carers have the opportunity to begin payments in small amounts, scheduled over a period of time, in order to reduce the impact on family budgets.

We would encourage you to make payments online by **SIMS Agora**, where there will be an option to pay by instalments. By using **SIMS Agora** you will be able to track all of the credits you make to school so that you can keep an exact account of where you are with payments. Alternatively, for those parents and carers who do not choose to use the on-line facility, a barcode can be issued, which can be used at any Paypoint facility.

Cheque and cash are also acceptable, but you must request a payment card, which should always be sent in with your payments so that we can update it for you.

We will be holding a **Parents' Meeting at School on Tuesday 16th October from 6pm to 6.45pm** when further information will be available and which we hope you will be able to attend.

We are delighted to offer such an opportunity, which will prove to be the highlight of this final year for the students in School before their transition to College.

I shall be grateful if you will complete and return the attached reply slip indicating your intentions by **21st September 2018** in order to assist our organisation of the trip. A deposit of £105 will need to be paid by **Friday 19th October 2018**. Full payment by the first week in July 2019.

In the meantime, if you have any major concerns about your child attending this residential trip, please contact me here at School and I will be happy to answer questions. If you are concerned about meeting the cost of this trip, please indicate on the slip below. You will be contacted by the School Finance team and the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Thank you for your support and commitment to Thriftwood School.

Yours faithfully

Carolyn Mitchell
Head of Learning



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DERBYSHIRE RESIDENTIAL VISIT 2019
Year 9 Students in Eagle & Kestrel Classes

Pupil Name: Class:

Please Tick the appropriate boxes:

- I **would like** my child to take part in this activity
- I **would not like** my child to take part in this activity
- I **am able** to attend the Parents' Meeting on Tuesday 16th October 2018
- I **agree to pay** the contribution of £420
- I require a barcode/payment card (**please delete as necessary**)
- I would like to apply for financial assistance

Signed(Parent/Carer)