

28 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### LLANRUG OUTDOOR EDUCATION COURSE 2023

Each year, Covid -19 allowing, we have the opportunity to take Year 7 students to the Arete Outdoor Activity Centre near Caernarfon. The centre is renowned for the quality of its courses, being one of the best-equipped centres in the country.

It is located on the northern fringe of Snowdonia and all the activities take place in that wonderful environment, using its natural features to the full. Any student attending the course will enjoy activities selected from those listed below, dependent on the weather conditions at the time.

- Canoeing and kayaking
- Rock climbing/abseiling
- Hill/mountain walking
- Gorge scrambling (climbing through a series of waterfalls)
- Orienteering
- Coasteering/sea level traversing
- And in exceptional conditions, white-water rafting.

Details are available on the centre's very informative website – <http://www.aretecentre.co.uk>.

The course is for five days and four nights from Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July until Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Assuming we fill these places, the cost will be £352 per student, including all transport, specialist equipment and clothing, tuition, food and accommodation. This can be paid in 4 x easy monthly (January-April 2023) instalments of £75 via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), plus a deposit of £52. This for a trip that is both a true adventure and an unforgettable experience! Parents/carers whose children are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding will have some subsidy from the school – please contact me for details.

We are very much aware that many Y7 students may have missed out on valuable primary school trips and visits and hope that as many as possible will therefore want to join in with this fantastic teambuilding adventure course. However, places are limited to 80 and should the trip be oversubscribed, then SLT will make the final decision by drawing names at random. We have been assured by the Arête Centre that should the trip need to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions being in place, full refunds will be given.

If you would like to reserve a place for your child, please return the slip to the school office by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, with an initial deposit of £52 paid on ParentPay. Should there be a difficulty in sending in this first deposit and you would still like your child to be considered for this trip, please contact me at school as soon as possible.

As with all school trips, **students' behaviour and attendance** will be expected to remain at a good standard in order to take part. The Senior Leadership team will have final approval of those students who have applied for a place and reserve the right to withdraw a student from the trip at any time if their behaviour or attendance drops below an acceptable standard. In that instance, no money paid will be returned. Similarly, if you decide to withdraw your child from the trip for any reason, you will not be refunded unless we can fill the place.

During the week that the students are at the Outdoor Centre, there will be an Activities Week based in school for those not going to North Wales. Details of this will follow after Christmas 2022 but there will be no residential element.

Yours sincerely



Ms S Bebbington  
Trip Leader

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**LLANRUG OUTDOOR EDUCATION COURSE – 2023 (deadline 12.12.22)**

I would like my child to have a place on the above trip and have paid £52.00 on ParentPay.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form (please circle): 7D 7E 7M 7O

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_