



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

27 May 2022

Year 8 – Visit to Go Ape Leeds – Friday 17 June 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

We are delighted to be able to invite all of Year 8 to take part in a team building visit to Go Ape Leeds on Friday 17 June 2022.

Due to the Covid pandemic Year 8 were unable to participate in some of our usual transition activities, most notably the annual residential visit to Bewerley Park. We would like to put that right.

Thanks to funding received from the Covid-19 Catch-up premium, we are able to subsidise a 1-day trip to Go Ape in Leeds. Although the main focus of the visit will be team building, we hope students will also be able to develop problem solving skills, resilience, and work with people they may not yet have worked with.

Students will be able to experience some of the activities offered by Go Ape, including the ropes courses which Go Ape are known for. However, this is only a small part of the day. Other activities include problem solving skills-based thinking and team building as well as sessions led by our own PE staff.

We understand that some students may be reluctant to participate in high-level rope activities. Nobody will be obliged to do any activity that they are uncomfortable undertaking. However, in our experience, the satisfaction and sense of achievement gained following completion of such activities is priceless.

The trip will take the entire day and we expect to have a staggered return to school from 5.30pm.

Students will need:

- Appropriate clothing that they do not mind getting dirty
- Weather appropriate clothing, e.g., waterproof jacket, sun hat, sunscreen
- Packed lunch and water bottle
- Any medication that they usually carry

Students are reminded that behaviour must be of the highest standard at all times to ensure their own safety and the safety of those around them. By coming on the trip, the students are ambassadors for the school and as such their behaviour must be exemplary at all times. They must agree to follow instructions from any member of staff, including Go Ape staff.

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The total cost of this visit is covered by Covid-19 catch-up premium funding therefore we are able to take students free of charge.

We hope that you agree to your child participating in the trip. Please complete the Microsoft form by clicking this [link](#) by Monday 6 June. The form requests your permission for your child to attend and collates any medical details.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Barnett', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C Power.

Mr J Barnett and Mrs C Power
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Year 8