

SGF/LMS

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Dear parent/carer

As we approach the end of term and the summer holidays, this means the start to the new term is one of the next things on our horizons. We really enjoyed meeting our new students on their transition days earlier this month as well as meeting yourselves at the information evening.

Looking ahead to the new school year, term starts on Tuesday 5 September. Our new students are to arrive in full school uniform at the student entrance on North Street. They will meet their form tutor in the Junior Yard and start the third transition day.

The Bewerley Park trip is one of the highlights of Year 7. Students will be split in to two groups with Bronte and Clarke forms attending 25-27 September and Houldsworth and Priestley forms 27-29 September. We are pleased to launch this visit and hope that all our students will take part. The opportunities afforded to the students are amazing and this visit really does help cement friendships, build teamwork and develop resilience. A link to Bewerley Park's website is here.

The activities at the centre include raft building, paddle boarding, canoeing, bushcraft, climbing, high level ropes and ghyll scrambling, and we will ensure your child has a balance of water based, on-site and off-site activities. All equipment will be provided and students will be under the specialist care of qualified instructors. The cost of the visit is £282 per student this year and it continues to receive a sizeable subsidy from the school. Please click <a href="here">here</a> to view the kit list.

A deposit of £50.00 is required which is payable only via your ParentPay account, which can be accessed using this link <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login">https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login</a>. If you have any problems logging into your account, please email <a href="maintengeneekgrammar.co.uk">finance@heckgrammar.co.uk</a> Please note, that if your child is in receipt of free school means or attracts Pupil Premium funding, a proportion of the cost of the visit will be met by the school. If you think this applies to you, please contact us at <a href="maintengeneekgrammar.co.uk">finance@heckgrammar.co.uk</a> for more details. You are able to pay in instalments and the final balance is due on Friday 15 September.

There will be a parents information evening in school on Thursday 14 September where you will be able to meet the Year 7 team which includes your child's form tutor. You will also have the opportunity to find out more about the school, how you can support child in Year 7, and about Bewerley Park.

Please note that this visit falls under the Governors' Policy for charges and remissions. For information about how we request payments for trips and visits and to ensure no students are excluded due to financial hardship, please see the policy by following this link,

## **Charges and Remissions Policy**

I look forward to meeting your child on Tuesday 5 September at 8.30am. In the meantime, whatever you have planned for the summer, I hope all goes well and that when we see your child joining us in September they are refreshed and ready to start their new challenges.

Yours faithfully

Sally Griffin

Head of Year 7