



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SLK/TCC

15 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Kingswood Trip – Monday 23 September to Wednesday 25 September 2024

We are very excited to announce that we are organising a two night residential trip at the Kingswood Centre, Dearne Valley. We are very fortunate to have secured a booking as it is an extremely popular venue with school groups.

For parents who are new to Kingswood, they are a leading residential activity centre provider, responsible for delivering safe and rewarding educational programmes to over 170,000 children every year. By combining many National Curriculum-linked modules with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities, this trip is sure to provide your child with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom while developing key learning outcomes.

Residential courses organised by the school are, of course, an optional but invaluable part of our transition programme to Heckmondwike Grammar School. Students benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and I feel certain that the adventure programme which we have chosen this year will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile. The trip features a variety of exhilarating activities such as archery, aerial walking, and Jacob's ladder. This programme is specifically crafted to foster friendships and enhance skills that support resilience and personal growth among our students. We highly encourage all Year 7 students to participate in this enriching experience with us.

We would like to offer this opportunity to all students joining us in Year 7 in September. The trip will take place from Monday 23 September 2024 to Wednesday 25 September 2024. The cost of the visit will be £145 and includes return travel by coach, full board, accommodation and a full programme of activities. To confirm our booking, an initial non-refundable deposit of £50 will be required by Wednesday 31 July 2024, with the balance of £95.00 due by Friday 30 August 2024.

Preliminary information has been attached at the end of this letter to assist with your planning. However, additional details will be provided during the Year 7 Information Evening in September. In the meantime if you wish to find out more about the ethos of Kingswood, their programmes and safety information, please visit www.kingswood.co.uk

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When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and will also be asked to input your contact / medical detail directly into a confidential section of ParentPay. If you have any further questions regarding this visit, please contact me on skeddy@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs. S. Keddy

Assistant Headteacher

Kingswood offers educational **ADVENTURE** to remember!

Founded over 30 years ago, Kingswood welcome over 165,000 young people and run over 1.2 million activity sessions every year giving you peace of mind that the safety, education and wellbeing of your children is our priority.



LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We work closely with the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and we believe that a residential should be seen as a fundamental part of a well-rounded education.

CURRICULUM LINKS

We support schools in creating life changing experiences that have a measurable impact back in school.

HIGH QUALITY ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES

We offer a wide range of activities including challenging, high adrenaline and skill-based indoor and outdoor activities like zipwire, bushcraft, climbing and archery

HOME FROM HOME

We provide three tasty hot nutritious meals a day and students sleep in comfortable dormitory style accommodation with bathrooms and a daily housekeeping check.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Our centres are regularly inspected and we work closely with outside experts to ensure we remain at the forefront of best practice.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

We believe learning works best when it is fun and all our activities are based around three learning outcomes which are embedded in all areas of our activity delivery.

For more information, please download our parents welcome guide at kingswood.co.uk/organisers/parents



What to pack

Here's a list of things you'll need to pack, along with a few that aren't essential but could be useful.

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- Toiletries etc (please note deodorants must be roll-on, no aerosols).
- Clothes, shoes and underwear. For many activity sessions closed-toed shoes, long-sleeved t-shirts and trousers are required (these are required for nearly all sessions, so bring plenty.) We recommend wearing old clothes for activity sessions.
- Waterproof clothing (jacket, trousers and wellingtons).
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes.
- A bath towel.
- Sunglasses, sun cream and hat in summer.
- Gloves, hat and scarf in winter.
- Pyjamas and slippers.
- A named water bottle (essential in summer).
- If you have swimming or pool party on your programme please ensure your students bring a swimming kit (only applicable for Kingswood's Green Park, West Runton, Grosvenor Hall centres.)
- If you have watersports on your programme please ensure that you bring light-weight trousers or shorts, t-shirt and old trainers with closed laces.

Useful items

- Wet weather gear for field studies.
- Books, playing cards and other quiet activities.
- Money for snacks and souvenirs in our shop.

If you're staying in our Adventure Lodges please note that no outdoor footwear is allowed inside the accommodation so indoor footwear will be required. Also please bring appropriate sleepwear to ensure you are comfortable sleeping under canvas.

Kingswood can't accept liability for the loss of any personal property brought to our centres – so please don't bring any valuable items, expensive clothing and footwear, mobile phones, handheld games consoles etc. We're unable to store them and they won't be insured while on centre.

