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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your child has enjoyed their first few weeks with us and is looking forward to the term ahead.

As part of our Y7 curriculum development, we have chosen to incorporate a 2-day off-site residential programme at Willersley Castle School Activity Centre, Cromford. The programme will provide all Y7 students with the opportunity to participate in a wide range of practical activities, focussing particularly on team building, personal challenge and character development.

All Y7 students will be involved, supported with staff from both Tupton Hall and the activity centre. The programme will run throughout December, with specific dates for each Y7 group released in November.

As this forms part of the Y7 programme, the school will be covering the cost of activities and staffing, however we are asking parents to help with the cost of transport, catering and residential fees. The cost for each student will therefore be £100.

Payment for the trip will be via ParentPay. To help spread the cost of the trip, we have set up a payment programme which distributes the full cost over 3 payments. We appreciate that the current financial climate may impact on some parents/carers ability to cover the cost in full. In such cases, we ask that contact is made with school, so that we can look at ways to support families with some of the cost of the trip. We are committed to making this trip accessible to all. With this in mind we want to work with parents/carers to ensure that all children are able to fully experience this exciting programme.

As we near the programme start date we will hold a parents/carers information evening to provide a more detailed overview of the programme and answer any specific questions. However, it might be worth noting at this early stage that although all bedrooms have bunkbeds and ensuite bathrooms, students will need to provide their own sleeping bag and pillow. A detailed kit list will be issued at a later stage, however bearing in mind we are going in December, the kit list will generally comprise of plenty of warm clothes and footwear. We will however keep the kit list sensibly short to reduce the need to purchase any additional items.

As previously noted, we have not embarked on such a Y7 residential experience for a number of years. As a school, we are really excited about the opportunities and possibilities the programme will offer all students. In order to start the planning process can you please complete and return the consent form. This will enable us to develop student groupings, identify staff needed to support the programme and inform the centre of any specific dietary needs that may need catering for.

Should you have any questions about his trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, a.neville@tuptonhall.org.uk.

Further details relating to Willersley Castle may be accessed by using this QR code:



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Yours sincerely

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