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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Year 7 transition process, we have organised a residential visit to the Ravengill Campsite in Commondale. We are expecting the whole of Year 7 to attend this visit. We wish to develop our students' learning capabilities during their time with us. The focus of the trip will be to develop a determined, adaptable, responsible, caring and self-reliant learner.

We will depart from College after our morning break in order to catch the train to Commondale and then camp at the Ravengill Campsite. Most students will stay in the 'bunk barns' with some staying in tents if they prefer to do so. We have a small number of new tents however if students wish to bring their own tents, that is also fine, and students should see Mr Mitchell in September to discuss this. The 'bunk barns' consist of heated dormitories of varying sizes fitted with bunk beds and mattresses with protective covers. We strongly recommend bringing a pillow and single bed sheet to make your night comfortable but this is not essential. There are heated showers in the 'Bunk barns' and ample washing and toilet facilities, which will be available to all.

Whilst on the trip, the students will undertake some structured team building activities to help them get to know peers in their own forms and their wider year group, they will also have some free time to explore their surroundings. The campsite at Commondale is a rugged natural environment, it is situated in a valley with a stream running through and many trees, bushes and hills and hollows. The boundaries of the site are very well fenced making it a perfect place for the pupils to explore independently, and this is an important part of the trip. There may be occasions when your son/daughter will be out of the direct sight of a member of staff. However, they will have access to staff at designated meeting points and be equipped with staff mobile phone numbers in case of emergencies. This is classed as "remote supervision".

Upon our return, we will depart the campsite at around 2.00pm and return to the Caedmon College site and aim to arrive back at the College for 4.00pm. If your son/daughter uses the school bus, please arrange for them to be picked up by a parent/carer from the College. Please note, we will not allow your child to walk home from school without being collected on this occasion, even if they live close to school. This is to ensure all students make it safely home after a tiring trip. If you prefer to collect your son/daughter at a rail station between Commondale and Whitby, this can be arranged by calling or emailing the College in advance of the trip taking place.

This trip will run over three occasions all during second and third week of term in September. A parents' information evening will be held on **Wednesday 6 September** at the Caedmon College Site in the main hall at 6.00pm. Any information shared on this night will be emailed out the following morning for those who cannot attend the meeting.

- 7T1, 7T2, 7T3's trip will take place on Tuesday 12 September overnight to Wednesday 13 September
- 7T4, 7T5, 7T6's trip will take place on Thursday 14 September overnight to Friday 15 September
- 7T7 and 7T8's trip will take place on Tuesday 19 September overnight to Wednesday 20 September

The weather can be unpredictable, so a range of clothing would be advisable, including a waterproof jacket and spare socks. Your son/daughter will need a sleeping bag, we do have a small number we can lend out if needed, and there is space to request this on the permission slip. The students will be required to carry their bags from the college to the station by themselves so a rucksack or holdall would be ideal, but any bag which they can manage themselves will be fine. Please could you provide a packed lunch for the first day; all other meals will be cooked by the staff and the ingredients will be provided by the College.

To cover costs associated with the trip, there is a contribution of £30.00 to enable the trip to go ahead. Whilst this contribution is not compulsory, if insufficient contributions are received, it will not be possible for the College to run this trip. The cost of the trip is based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of students participating.

Please complete the reply slip below and return it with the £30.00 contribution to the Main Office by Wednesday 6 September. Your son/daughter can do this during transition week.

Yours sincerely



Mr Andrew Mitchell
Associate Assistant Principal

REPLY SLIP – To be returned to the Main Office by Wednesday 6 September 2023

Year 7 Residential, Ravensgill Campsite, Comondale - September 2023

Student's name: _____ Tutor group: _____

I hereby confirm that I have read and fully understand the arrangements for the educational visit outlined in the enclosed letter and give my informed consent to my son/daughter taking part in this visit. I also agree to my son/daughter having "remote supervision" as outlined above, when out of the sight of school staff. I also confirm that I will be responsible for collecting my son/daughter from the visit, in exceptional cases, such as if illness or unacceptable behaviour occurs.

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I enclose a contribution of £30.00

My son/daughter would like to borrow a sleeping bag

My son/daughter is eligible for free school meals and will need a packed lunch

I give my consent/I do not give consent (delete as appropriate) for any photographs to be taken for use on our College website and social media platforms.

In case of any emergency, the telephone number that staff should use to contact home is:

Tel: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)