



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip to Malham

As part of the Year 9 Geography curriculum, students will go to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales to undertake fieldwork. The date of the trip for the **right** side of the year group is:

Thursday 5 October Forms P, S, W and Y

Travel will be by coach/school minibus, pupils should register promptly at 8.45 in their form rooms, then come directly to the front of school. We will be returning for the end of the school day, in time for pupils to catch their school buses.

We will be outside for the whole day undertaking fieldwork activities. As we will undertake a 3 mile walk with a steep flight of steps up to the limestone pavement, students will need to come suitably dressed with warm clothes, waterproofs and sensible sturdy footwear (with laces done up!). Denim jeans must not be worn as they get very cold when wet. Students also need to bring a packed lunch, together with a clipboard, pen and pencil if they have one. If possible, these need to be carried in a small rucksack or bag with shoulder strap rather than a plastic bag, which needs to be constantly held.

The fieldtrip is dependent upon voluntary contributions to meet the costs, which will be £7.00 per pupil. **Our preferred method of payment for this trip is via ParentPay** and you will be able to view the payment as well as giving online consent for the trip. Please note payments by cheque will still be accepted and if this is your preferred method of payment please complete the consent slip below and return it to the Finance Department at St Aidan's with your payment. **All payments must be returned by Friday 29 September.**

Information relating to health and emergency contacts will be taken from the medical form previously provided by yourself. If there are any amendments to this information, please contact the school directly. If your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers please ensure that they bring them on the trip, otherwise we will be unable to take them.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip staff are acting in loco parentis just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

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The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the well-being of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands *before* accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the trip leader, the head of year and senior staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Regards

Mrs A Lennox
Geography Department



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I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the above visit and I wish to pay by cheque for £7.00.

Signed Parent/Guardian Date

Student's name Form

Please return the consent form and cheque to the Finance Office by Friday 29 September. Thank you

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