

19 March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Year 8 Graduation Residential Visit to Walesby Forest**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the graduation reward residential visit has been booked for year 8. We will be going to Walesby Forest Camp overnight from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. We will all take part in a wide range of activities and team building exercises. The activities booked include zip wire, tomahawk throwing, assault course and laser quest to name just a few.

The visit will include all food for the duration of the stay and an overnight camping experience. Students will be required to bring just a packed lunch, sleeping bag and a ground mat. Everything else is provided for the camping experience by the venue. We have a limited supply of sleeping bags that we could lend out if purchasing items provides a barrier to taking part.

We will be leaving school at 09:00 and going to Sherwood Pines Forest Park to embark upon a nature trail walk and to have a packed lunch picnic in the forest. Following this we will go to Walesby Forest to check in for 12:00 noon, with activities starting at 14:00 after we have settled in and arranged groups.

The majority of the cost will be covered by the Academy as a reward for all students graduating into year 9. We ask for a contribution of £25.00 per student towards the cost of this trip. We will aim to remove any financial barriers to taking part, so please contact me to discuss any concerns.

At this stage we are gauging interest in the trip to allow us to book accommodation and transport accurately and would appreciate you returning the reply slip promptly. **Please do not send any money at this point as we will inform you when the deposit is required later.**

All relevant Health & Safety checks and risk assessments will be carried out both by The Academy and the venue. A large team of supporting staff will accompany the visit and we will all be delighted to join in the activities and team building with our great students in year 8.

We will be organizing a parent and child meeting to look at additional information, e.g. medical in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Annette Bates**  
**Learning Manager Year 8**

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