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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 - Argoed Lwyd Outdoor Education Centre - Friday 23 May - Monday 26 May 2025

The Geography Department is thrilled to announce that we will be running a 3 night residential trip to Argoed Lwyd Outdoor Education Centre located in the Brecon Beacons National Park, Wales, on Friday 23 May - Monday 26 May 2025. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to experience a range of outdoor geographical activities such as climbing, waterfall and gorge walking. They will spend two full days engaging in these activities. Along with this, students will participate in evening activities to further develop their team building skills alongside geographical and problem solving skills.

The cost of this trip will be £375. This includes all meals, transport to the centre as well as transportation during the stay, all of the outdoor activities (run by specialist centre staff) and the accommodation. Unfortunately, the school budget is unable to fund trips and they are only possible if all parents are willing to pay. Trips will have to be cancelled if this does not happen.

All Year 8 students will receive a detailed breakdown of the trip and its itinerary during their Geography lessons over the next week, and if you have any further questions please contact your child's geography teacher. An information evening to parents will take place in the lead up to the trip, the date for this will be sometime in April 2025.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your ParentPay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online ParentPay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £100.00 by Friday 8 November 2024.

Further instalments as follows:

£100 due by 30 November 2024, £100 due by 31 December 2024 and £75.00 due by 31 January 2024.

Photographs and updates from this trip will be put on the Schools 'Wildern Trip' accounts: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)



There are 40 places available. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Ware

Teacher of Geography