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30 June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 8 - Geography Residential to Argoed Lwyd Outdoor Education Centre  
Friday 24 May - Monday 27 May 2024 (Current Year 7)**

Following a very successful trip earlier this term, 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 24 May 2023 - Monday 27 May 2024. This will be when your child is in Year 8. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to experience a range of outdoor geographical activities such as caving, waterfall and gorge walking. They will spend two full days engaging in these activities. Along with this, students will participate in centre led evening activities to further develop their team building skills alongside geographical and problem solving skills.

The cost of this trip will be £380.00, which includes a non-refundable deposit. 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. The trip will have to be cancelled if this does not happen.

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](mailto:finance@wildern.org).

**If you would like your child to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent section accompanied by a non-refundable deposit payment of £80.00 by Friday 14 July 2023**

Further instalments of £60.00 will be due by the end of August, September, October, November & December 2023.

**There are only 40 places available for this trip.** 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.

All Year 7 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 March 2024.

**Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. 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