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6th February 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Key Stage 3 Graduation Reward Residential

Every year we reward all students who have successfully graduated from Year 8 into Year 9 with a residential visit. This year we have booked one night and one day at Dearne Valley in Doncaster on the afternoon of Friday 12th July 2019, returning on the evening of Saturday 13th July 2019. Dearne Valley offers young people a marvellous, safe environment to enjoy a variety of activities.

Students will take part in a programme of fun and challenging activities designed to promote teamwork and develop each student as an individual. Students will learn the value of working together as well as building their own self-esteem and confidence. This residential opportunity is an invaluable experience and one, we hope, they will remember for a long time. Students will also fulfil Pledge 3: "Taking part in an outward bound residential programme." Students will be expected to demonstrate the same attitude to learning as they do in the Academy and, therefore, should any behaviour be deemed inappropriate, parents will be contacted and may be asked to collect their child.

The cost for your son/ daughter to attend is £70. Payment should be made online through Tucasi Scopay, however if you have difficulty paying online then payments can be made to the Finance Office in cash or cheque (Please make cheques payable to Outwood Academy Ripon). The **full amount of £70 (this is non-refundable)** must be paid to the Finance Office by 1st May 2019. **However, to secure your son/daughter's place, please pay a deposit of £20 (this is non-refundable) by 8th March 2019.** The total cost of £70 includes all travel, full board accommodation, all activities and any specialist clothing and equipment.

Please find attached a medical consent form which must be returned along with payment.

The Graduation ceremony and the residential is a reward for the hard work of each child and a celebration of progressing into Year 9. Therefore as we approach Praising Stars 5, it is important that I inform you that should your child receive an E4 in their Praising Stars 5 report, then they may not attend the Graduation ceremony to Year 9 and may lose their place on the residential, resulting in a possible loss of the £70 payment.

There will be a parental evening on **Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 6pm** when we will share more detailed information. If you require further information at this stage please email me at a.smith@ripon.outwood.com.

Please note that if the trip generates a surplus equating to £5.00 or more per pupil then the surplus will be refunded. Any surplus of less than £5.00 per pupil will be retained by the Academy in a sponsorship fund to support future educational trips.

Outwood Grange Academies Trust is registered in England and Wales with company number 06995649.

Registered office address: Potovens Lane, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2PF.

VAT number: 158 2720 04. Outwood Grange Academies Trust is an exempt charity.

A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

Yours faithfully,

Anthony Smith
Learning Manager

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Student Name:

I give permission for my son/ daughter to attend the residential at Dearne Valley on 12th to 13th July 2019.

I **do/do not** give permission for my child to be photographed.

I have written any food or medical allergies on the medical form.

I will arrange for my child to be picked up from the OAR bus park on Sat 13th July at 7pm.

Parent Name (printed)

Signature: