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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Mount Cook Residential Experience

I am pleased to be able to offer a fantastic opportunity for Year 7 students to experience a range of outdoor activities at Mount Cook Adventure Centre, Porter Lane Wirksworth. This residential trip is open to any student in Year 7. The trip departs from QEGS on Monday 9th May and returns on Wednesday 11th May 2022.

All activities are provided by Mount Cook and will include a range from the following: high ropes, climbing, bushcraft, zip wires, team building and archery. Mount Cook also provide evening activities and all meals once on site. They will provide full board catering which includes a cooked or continental breakfast, a hot or cold lunch, and a two course evening meal. They can provide for any dietary needs including gluten free, vegetarian, Halal and vegan, as long as we are informed before arrival. A packed lunch will be provided on the day of departure.

Students will cycle to Mount Count from QEGS using the High Peak and Tissington trails. Stopping for lunch on the way. Student will need to bring their own packed lunch and drink. For this activity students will need to bring their own bikes (hybrid, mountain or road bike (BMX style bikes are not suitable) to school and *must* ensure that they are in good mechanical order (sound gears, brakes, no punctures, etc). It would also be advisable for students to bring a bicycle pump, a puncture kit, and one or two tools that will fix their bikes. I will also be carrying tools, puncture kit and a first aid kit. **Students must wear a cycling helmet.** Student's personal bags will be transported to the activity centre so that they do not have to carry them on their bikes.

There is a maximum of 40 spaces and will be on a first come first served basis. The total cost is £277 per child. QEGS staff will be present at all times. To take part in the activity a **non-refundable deposit of £100 is required by 10th December 2021.** The **balance will be required by 11th March 2022.** Payments are to be made via ParentPay*.

No mobile phones nor electronic devices will be allowed.

If you have any issues regarding payment dates, please do contact us to see if we can resolve them.

A full kit list will be provided to all students nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions by email at phipps@qegs.email or by telephoning the school. For more information on Mount Cook Adventure Centre, please visit their website at: www.mountcook.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Phipps

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