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22nd May 2024

Dear Student and Parent/Carer

Year 12 Personal Development Residential to Shining Cliff Hostel

Trip Leader: Mr Fursman

This is a two-night residential event at Shining Cliff Hostel near Belper in the south-east corner of the Peak District. This is an activity-based learning approach for students to develop personal and inter-personal skills. Using Centre based group work rather than outdoor education activities, students will engage in active, fun, and challenging activities to achieve a greater understanding of themselves and as a result become more effective learning and when working as part of a team. This opportunity is to complement work experience and will include; enhancing students' self-confidence, exploring personal defence mechanisms, developing self-esteem, investigating and improving verbal and non-verbal communication skills, acquiring and enhancing leadership skills, dealing with conflict, assertiveness training, barriers, fears and frustrations, relaxation and meditation, and most of all, affirmation of the talents and qualities students already hold.

We are planning to run two residentials, Monday 8th until Wednesday 10th July and Monday 15th until Wednesday 17th July. Your child has been provisionally allocated to a specific residential. **The cost of the residential is £70 per student.** This includes full board, transport costs to and from QEGS, and all activities and events.

The cost per student for transport will be approximately £20. The law does not allow us to make a charge for this, though we may ask for voluntary contributions. No student may be excluded from the activity because a parent or carer's unwillingness or inability to make a financial contribution. However, unless the voluntary contributions cover the cost of the activity, it cannot go ahead. The cost of the residential element is approximately £50. The law allows us to pass on this cost in full. If you want to attend, but your parent/carers is unable to meet the cost, please contact finance@qegs.email. Alternatively discuss any issues or concerns with myself, Mrs Thrupp, Mrs Allen or Mr Walker as soon as possible. Please note, eligible students may apply for funding through the Sixth Form Student Bursary Scheme, to cover the cost of this trip.

Due to the group work focus, numbers for each residential are limited to 12 students. You/your child has expressed an interest in this event and has been allocated a provisional place. To secure this, we are requesting an initial deposit of **£30 by Friday 24th May 2024 payable** by ParentPay. The remaining balance of £40 will be required by Friday 14th June 2024. Transport and accommodation deposits will be paid during this period, so please note that it will not be possible to return payments made after these dates.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on fursman@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Rob Fursman

Teacher of Human Sciences

*by clicking the “consent” button on ParentPay to confirm the payment detailed above, you are also confirming that the emergency contact and medical details we have on our system are correct for your child. Please inform me as a matter of urgency should there be any changes to the details we hold.