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Ref: GNE/CWA

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Dear Parent/Carer of STUDENT FULLNAME

We are very excited to be introducing to you this year's Y7 Residential. This is a two-day (one night) activity trip to Hesley Wood Scout and Activity Centre, where students will get the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of fun, and engaging activities. Students will also be able to camp within the forest or have accommodation within dormitories at the centre. There is something that all year 7 students can enjoy on this trip. This is part of our commitment to all students having the opportunity to attend one overnight residential in their time at PGS as part of our personal development curriculum.

Itinerary

The Y7 residential will take place during: Tuesday 24 June to Friday 27 June 2025 over 2 visits (24/06-25/06 and 26/06-27/06). The year will be split into 2 groups and students will be assigned to one of the 2 visits. The year group will be split into the two groups based on the mentor groups and students will be grouped for activities with other students from their mentor group. **Due to staffing, it is not possible for students to choose which visit they attend.**

The entire residential will take place at Hesley Wood Scout Activity Centre in Chapeltown. There will be a range of activities (see the full list below), and students will take part in eight from this list. The students will be away for one night which will be spent either in tents in the grounds or in dormitories located in the main buildings. **We cannot guarantee which accommodation your child will be allocated** but expressions of preferred accommodation will be considered.

The total cost of the visit is **£85.00**; this includes accommodation, activities and meals. It does not include transport. We will be opening booking after the Christmas holidays but wanted to make you aware of the trip as early as possible as we are aware of the increased cost of living.

Students can be dropped off at 10:00 at the centre on the first day and collected at 16:30 on the second day. Students who require a bus transfer will be expected to be in school at usual time and will return to school at approximately 17:00 the following day. There will be an additional charge of between £10 and £20 for any students who require transport to and from Hesley Wood. We will confirm the exact price once we know the number of students who require transport.

List of Activities:

- Archery
- Cavebus
- Orienteering
- Crate Stacking
- Axe Throwing
- Rifle Shooting
- Obstacle Course
- Climbing
- Abseiling
- Cube



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Venue	Year 7 Residential – Hesley Wood Scout and Activity Centre		
Date of trip	Tuesday 24 June-Wednesday 25 June 2025 OR Thursday 26 June-Friday 27 June 2025		
Departure time	09:00 from school	Return time	Approx 16:30 next day
Cost	£85 (additional cost for those requiring bus transport between school and Hesley Wood)	Deadline for payment	£25 by 14 February 2025

Other information

Students will be issued with kit lists and a parent meeting will be held before the event. The deposit for the trip (£25) will be expected to be paid by **Friday 14 February 2025**. The remaining balance for the trip must be paid by the **22 May 2025**. Payment plans can be arranged.

Uniform – Non uniform. Clothes are likely to get dirty. The majority of the two days will be spent outdoors, so students will need warm/waterproof clothing.

Lunch - **Packed lunch needed for the first day. Lunch provided by school on the second day.**

Dinner/Breakfast – **Dinner provided on first day and breakfast provided on the second day.**

Behaviour

Students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner as ambassadors of the school. Students will need to follow instructions from staff. Should the conduct of a student in the lead up to, or during the visit, be deemed either unacceptable or likely to put the health, wellbeing, safety and/or enjoyment of other students on the trip at risk, the Principal reserves the right to withdraw that student's place from the visit, or they may be returned home prior to the end of the visit. All school policies will be in place during the visit. Road safety will be taken very seriously.

Payment

Deposit payments should be made via Parentpay no later than 10:00am Friday 14 February 2025, places will be confirmed after February half term.

Financial support may be available for some students for this trip. Please contact school to discuss if required.

Yours sincerely

George Newbould
Party Leader