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Dear parents and carers,

School Residential – Trewern Outdoor Centre – Monday 11th – Friday 15th November 2024



I am delighted to announce our Year Six residential for the next academic year to Trewern Outdoor Centre. Nestled on the beautiful England/Wales border, close to Brecon Beacons National Park and the Black Mountains, Trewern offers a fantastic outdoor experience for all pupils. School residentials are absolutely essential within a child's development as they help children to become more independent, be away from

home and learn skills of teamwork and co-operation.

Until recently, the school have been utilising the services of PGL for our residential. Unfortunately, the cost for **PGL is now in excess of £350 for a two night stay hence we have sought alternative providers.**

Having recently visited Trewern with year six in October 2023, I can say this is a very different experience but also exciting. Whereas PGL offer a lot of activities at height, the focus at Trewern is being outside in nature, with activities including canoeing on the River Wye, caving in the Brecon Beacons and hiking in the Black Mountains. William Ford will be the only school at Trewern whereas PGL is used by multiple schools all of the time. Trewern is owned by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham hence it is used by a number of local schools throughout the year.



More information can be found on Trewern's website www.trewern.org or by viewing this video <https://youtu.be/OhhmF2WDcag>



I have booked 60 places which is the maximum number Trewern can offer. The school are subsidising the cost of the trip for ALL pupils but we still need to charge £260 per pupil to cover the remainder of the costs. For Pupil Premium families, we are able to further subsidise this trip using ringfenced government funds reducing the cost to £240. We do appreciate that this is a significant amount, but William Ford is not exempt from the cost of living crisis and have seen dramatic increases in our own costs. We have worked

hard to find a solution that enables us run a residential and we have been able to achieve significant savings by running our residential in November. We are also pleased that this trip is for a five day/four night period.. We will be leaving school at approximately 8am in the morning of Monday 11th November and arriving at 1pm. We will return on the Friday





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15th November 2024 at approximately 4pm. All meals and bedding are provided.



If you wish for your child to attend **A NON REFUNDABLE deposit of £60** (£40 for Pupil Premium) **will need to be paid by Friday 2nd August** via ParentPay to secure your child's place. The remaining balance can be in weekly instalments. The balance must be clear by the 6th October 2024.

You will notice that Parentpay looks slightly different for Trewern payments – Payments should be made into the **school trip** account. This will show an outstanding balance initially that you can pay to clear as little and as often as you like. The full payment must be clear by 6th October.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

