

November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Acorn Adventure Brecon Beacons Trip – Monday 16 July 2018 to Friday 20 July 2018

For several years the school has taken year 7 students on a residential experience and this year is no exception, with the school planning to visit the Acorn Adventure Centre in the Brecon Beacons from Monday 16 July 2017 until Friday 20 July 2018.

This is always a memorable and exciting part of a student's school life and, therefore, we are strongly encouraging and recommending that **as many** students as possible in year 7 take part in this valuable residential experience. The programme includes many outdoor activities such as climbing, kayaking and archery to name but a few!

Accommodation is full board in the school's own tented village with a centrally placed marquee for dining and socialising. The students receive three meals a day and all equipment is provided. The centre has fully trained staff on duty at all times, and Heanor Gate staff, including the students' tutor, will also always be available.

The total cost for this trip is **£360**, which includes full board and accommodation, equipment and instruction, transport and insurance.

We hope to take as many students in year 7 as possible. However, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis on receipt of an initial £50 first deposit. The Action Centre is holding a large number of places for the school until the start of December. Please note that we do not require payment in full until June 2018 and it is quite acceptable to make regular contributions towards the total cost over the upcoming months however, as the school is required to make staged payments to the Action Centre over the next few months it is necessary to ask parents to meet the following payment schedule:-

Payment	Deadline date	Non-refundable date
1 st deposit - £50	4 December 2017	6 December 2017
2 nd deposit - £125	23 January 2018	25 January 2018

We will be inviting you to a parents' evening nearer the time (date to be confirmed). This will include a brief discussion about accommodation and clothing required, with an opportunity to ask any questions.

Please note the school reserves the right to refuse permission for any student to attend the trip if their behaviour at school is thought unacceptable for a trip of this nature.

If you would like your child to go on this trip please logon to your child's account and pay via ParentPay. Alternatively, if you wish to pay by cheque, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of the page overleaf and return it reception, along with the deposit, placing it in a **sealed** envelope with your child's name, tutor group and the name of the trip on the front. (*Cheques should be made to Heanor Gate Science College*). Deposits must be paid by **Monday 4 December 2017**. If you require a PayPoint barcode please contact the school as soon as possible.

If you have access to the internet you can view details of the Centre on the website <https://www.acornadventure.co.uk/camps/united-kingdom/wales-brecon-beacons>. Should you have any further enquiries about the trip at this stage please contact me at school. We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter to the Acorn Adventure Centre in July 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Pearse
Year 7 Achievement Leader

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Please return to reception if paying by cheque only by Monday 4 December 2017

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Name of Student _____

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I enclose a deposit of £50.00.
(Cheques should be made payable to Heanor Gate Science College)

Signed _____
(Parent/Carer)

Date _____