October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE PE Rock Climbing Residential

Following the success of last year's Outdoor Adventure residential, I would like to offer a further rock climbing opportunity for each of our GCSE students. The aim of the trip is to provide your child with the opportunity of gaining 1 of the 3 practical grades that they are required to achieve as part of their GCSE course. With full application, it is possible for students to achieve up to 10% of their final GCSE grade by using rock climbing as one of their chosen practical activities.

Since the launch of the new GCSE specification in 2016, there have been several adjustments and bulletins from the exam board. The latest of these has highlighted that infrequent participation, in sports such as rock climbing, could potentially be a barrier for achieving the very top grades. In light of this it is important that students maximise the number of climbs they do.

The destination for this year's residential is High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre in Cowley, North Yorkshire which will take place from **Friday 9 February 2018 to Sunday 11 February 2018**. We will leave school at 3.30pm on the Friday and return at approximately 7.30pm on the Sunday.

The total cost of the trip, including full board, 2 nights' accommodation, transport, equipment and instruction will be £129 per student.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, a deposit of £50 is required by Friday 20 October 2017. Our preferred method of payment is via ParentPay. Alternative you can pay by cheque or request a Paypoint barcode. Please complete, sign and return the slip below to reception by Friday 20 October 2017. Please make cheques payable to Heanor Gate Science College.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Stanley
Head of PE and Performing Arts

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Please return to reception by Friday 20 October – GCSE PE Rock Climbing Residential

Name of Student ....   RG ....

I have paid £50 via ParentPay   ☐ ✔
I enclose a cheque for £50   ☐ ✔
I require a Paypoint barcode   ☐ ✔

Signed ....Date ....
(Parent/Carer)