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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of an opportunity for your child to take part in a residential visit exclusively for Year 7 students. The aim is to give your child the chance to undertake new activities in a challenging environment where they can discover their own and others' strengths. Through the activities during the residential students will be able to develop their communication skills, increase their self-confidence as well as getting to know their peers on a better level. The trip will take place at Standon Bowers Activity Centre between 21st and 23rd January 2026. This is a two-day, two-night residential stay in a purpose-built centre.



Students will have the opportunity to take part in an action-packed itinerary of activities coordinated by the staff at the activity centre. Some of these activities will involve team building challenges, whilst others encourage students to try something new. The evening will include social activities such as roasting marshmallows around a campfire, games and team challenges.

Further information about the venue and activities can be found in the Student Booklet which was created by staff and students attending the trip last year.

The cost of the residential is £122.25, which includes transport to and from the venue, all meals throughout the trip and the accommodation. Students will be staying in dormitories at the activity centre.

We would like to see as many students as possible participate in this outward-bound trip as we truly believe that these experiences enable students to learn skills for life. To secure your child's place on the trip we are asking that you complete the balance payment on ParentPay.

This residential trip is designed to develop each student personally, create a sense of belonging within the year group and have the opportunity to work with different people to develop their social skills. We are encouraging the whole year group to attend; however students will need to maintain an excellent behaviour record from the start of year 7 to ensure that their place is not revoked due to incidents of poor behaviour. We will not be able to refund parents/carers should this happen.

Following this, a payment plan will be used to make the subsequent payments. Hopefully, by spreading these payments over a longer period, parents will find this opportunity more accessible. £60 will be required on **1st July** as a deposit to secure your child's place on the residential with two further payments of £30 in September and £32.65 in November. Payment should be completed in full before attending the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P. Zaric
Head of Year 7