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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Residential to Caythorpe Multi-Activity School (PGL)

As part of the wider curriculum at Houlton School we are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to Caythorpe Court Multi-Activity school (PGL) in Lincolnshire from **Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July 2023**.

The trip will be an excellent opportunity for pupils to build on their LORIC skills (leadership, organisation, resilience, independence and communication) which forms an integral part of our character curriculum. Pupils will have the chance to develop their teamwork and problem-solving skills as well as having lots of fun! The trip will involve a variety of adventurous activities designed to help your child learn and develop new skills and allow them to shine, both as an individual and as part of a team.

The trip will be organised through **PGL Travel Ltd** meaning that all activities will be supervised by qualified instructors and supported by our staff team. A full day and evening programme will be included. A number of pupils may have experienced a PGL style visit whilst in their primary setting, this trip is the KS3 version and will be packed full of more exciting and adventurous activities designed especially for that 'Secondary Ready' approach. Some examples of the activities (although not an exhaustive list) that pupils will have the chance to try, include:

- **Archery**
- **Abseiling**
- **Challenge Course**
- **Climbing**
- **Fencing**
- **High Ropes Course**
- **Kayaking**
- **Quad Biking**
- **Raft Building**
- **Rifle Shooting**
- **Zip Wire**
- **Ambush**
- **Robot Wars**
- **Splash**

For many children this may be their first experience of staying away from home without you. PGL and Houlton School staff will be on hand throughout to encourage, reassure and help, so that your child returns home even more confident and independent with a real sense of achievement. PGL have over 60 years of experience organising trips for schools and their extremely high standards ensure that your child will be



always in safe hands. Visit the PGL website www.pgl.co.uk to find out more about the company and the location we will be visiting.

The total cost of the trip per pupil is £490.00 which can be paid in instalments prior to the trip.

The cost includes:

- Return coach travel from school
- A full daily programme of adventure activities
- Fun evening entertainment
- All meals and accommodation
- Full comprehensive travel insurance

Families entitled to support from the pupil premium grant are eligible for support on this visit and the amounts to be paid will be advised separately.

Parents/Carers of pupils who book a place on the trip will be invited to an evening presentation event before departure where school representatives will be available to answer any questions and to guide parents/carers through the full itinerary of the trip. This evening will take place once the trip numbers are confirmed and the date of this will be communicated in due course.

It is important for parents/carers to note that as this is an enrichment visit and the trip includes elements which involve periods of remote supervision. For example, pupils will be given some time to spend with their friends on the PGL site during breaks and after the evening entertainment has finished. Whilst adults are on hand at all times during these periods, if you are unsure of your child's suitability for unsupervised time, then please contact the school so we can discuss this further.

There are no extra costs associated with the trip, however if you wish, you can provide a small amount of pocket money for your child to spend in the gift shop.

Contract Terms and Conditions:

A place will only be allocated to a pupil once the contract has been signed and returned to school and the deposit has been paid via ParentPay. Payment alone will not reserve a place for a pupil.

Please find attached the contract, terms and conditions for this visit. Please sign both copies and retain the pink copy for your records and return the blue copy to school via reception in order to secure your child's place (payment of the deposit signifies a provisional reservation only – if the contract is not received immediately, the place will be forfeited and offered to another child on the waiting list).

Please note that there are limited places available and, therefore, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once we are at maximum capacity, ParentPay will automatically remove the visit from your account so you will no longer see it as available for payment. Please see the attached contract for specific details of payment schedules, terms and conditions.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding your child's participation on the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the school on PGResidential@houltonschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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