



# Darland High School

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### Year 7 Kingswood Residential – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October your child will be joining us on the Year 7 residential visit to the Kingswood Centre, Colomendy, which is on the outskirts of Mold. We will return to school on the afternoon of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The visit will be an excellent opportunity for pupils to bond with both their fellow peers and staff, building firm foundations as they start their time at Darland. It is also an excellent chance for form tutors to get to know the pupils as they will be spending a large portion of their Darland journey with them.

In preparation for this visit, I am writing to you to finalise the details of what your child needs to bring with them and any medical/dietary requirements that they may have. If your child may require medication whilst they are on the visit, a 'Consent to Administer Medication' form must also be completed. **Accompanying this letter is also a medical/dietary form – this must be completed for every pupil in full, signed and returned to school, along with the reply slip at the foot of this letter. Your child will not be able to attend the trip if the medical/dietary form is not completed.**

#### **Key details are as follows:**

- Pupils should arrive at school on Monday morning wearing sensible, comfortable clothing that will be appropriate for taking part in the first activity when we arrive (clothes may get muddy and/or wet so denim/jeans are not recommended). **They must also bring a pencil case** with them as they will need this on Monday morning, and during the visit.
- Pupils will need a packed lunch and drink for Monday which is packed in a disposable bag. All other meals will be provided.
- Pupils should **not bring any mobile phone or electronic device on the visit.**
- Clothing and shoes which are worn during the extensive outdoor activity programme will inevitably get wet and /or dirty so old clothes are best.
- We recommend that students pack their own bag – so they can repack it on the way home!
- One small suitcase/kitbag/holdall should be sufficient for a two night stay – this **MUST** be labelled clearly with your son/daughters **name and form.**
- All clothing/footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name or initials and form group
- On arrival to school on Monday morning, students should take their suitcase to the main hall and attend Lesson 1 and 2 as normal (only a pen is needed for these lessons).
- All medication must be handed directly to Mrs Owen (Head of Year 7) or Mrs Easton (Assistant Headteacher) on arrival at school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The medicine **MUST** be in a clear plastic bag that is labelled with your child's name/form and relevant details.

Whilst on the trip pupils will take part in numerous activities including caving, fencing, low ropes courses, night-line and Jacobs ladder to name a few. Please find a list of the basic requirements for equipment and clothing that your child will need to bring with them, overleaf.

### **Packing details:**

- At least two pairs of shoes that are suitable for activities (trainers, walking boots) – clean pair and dirty pair.
- Plastic bags for dirty/wet clothes
- **NO VALUABLES (phones, electronic devices)**
- Waterproof jacket.
- Nightwear
- Underwear
- Socks (several pairs)
- Trousers (it is important that students do not wear jeans for activities for both safety and comfort reasons)
- Jumper / Fleece / Hoodies
- Long sleeved top
- T-Shirts
- Waterproof trousers (or trousers that can get muddy)
- Disco Clothes
- Towels

### **Toiletries to be brought in a toiletries bag (labelled with your son/daughters name)**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Facecloth/Sponge
- Soap/Shower Gel
- Hair Products (shampoo)
- Hair ties (for long hair)
- Sun cream (in case of warm weather!)
- **Please note – NO aerosols are allowed if your child is bringing deodorant it MUST be a roll-on type**

### **Other - essentials**

- Book/Magazine to read
- Gloves
- Hat
- Cap
- Small Torch
- Water bottle that may be refilled during the visit – **essential not optional**

Evening activities have also been arranged for the pupils. There will be a campfire on the Monday evening and a disco for pupils on the Tuesday evening – please ensure your child has the correct clothing for these activities.

Pupils are not permitted to take electronic devices on the trip, should there be an emergency whilst we are away, you can contact Kingswood directly on **01352 811000**. I would also encourage students to bring no more than £15 on the trip as the on-site shop only sells small souvenirs and refreshments.

We are expecting all pupils on the trip to maintain the high levels of positive behaviour that we see every day at school. **However, should your child's behaviour be deemed as unacceptable, you *may* be asked to collect your child from the visit.**

Finally, please can you complete the attached slip to acknowledge receipt of this letter, consent to the guidelines set out for pupils, along with the attached medical/dietary form, consent to administer medication form (only relevant if may require medication whilst on the visit) and return to school in an envelope clearly marked with your son/daughters name and their form class **no later than Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. You may bring this with you to the ***Settling in Evening*** and hand directly to their form tutor on this day. I look forward to seeing you all on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and making some fantastic memories with the year 7 pupils on the trip.

***Mrs S. Owen - Head of Year 7***

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**Please detach and return in a clearly marked envelope by no later than Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Kingswood Residential – 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Child's Name:

Tutor Group: 7

Parent/Carer signature:

I can confirm that I have received the letter regarding the Kingswood residential course and accept the behaviour guidelines set herein. I confirm that if my child does not behave as expected that I may be asked to come and collect them.

- Medical dietary form enclosed: Yes / No\*
- Consent for medication form enclosed: Yes / Not relevant\*
- *Please delete as applicable*