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MOUNT SNOWDON TREK 2024

2nd Highest Peak in the UK

5th – 7th July

Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to you with regard to an exciting and enriching Year 8 school trip I am running in July 2024. It is a two-night trip staying in the Pen-y-Pass youth hostel on the Llanberis Pass in Snowdonia, North Wales including a trek to experience climbing to the summit of Mount Snowdon, the second highest peak in the UK. When I say “climb”, it is much more of a trek but a perfect challenge to build self-confidence, team working, sense of personal achievement, and making new friends.

The group will involve 12 students from Year 8, two fully qualified mountain instructors, and three Harris staff members; Mr Cope (Head of Year 8), Mrs Jenkinson (Assistant Head of Year) and me (Safeguarding Lead).

On Friday 5th July, we will leave from school at 12.00pm and travel by school minibus to Snowdonia in North Wales. We will be staying at the YHA youth hostel at Pen-y-Pass on the Friday & Saturday nights, which is the start and finish point of the trek, of which is taking place on Saturday 6th July. We will have a sociable evening including having dinner together and some games before heading off to bed for a good nights' sleep. After a hearty breakfast on the Saturday morning, we will meet with our mountain instructors to start the trek. The trek will take around 7 hours up and down at a steady pace. We will return to the youth hostel after the trek for dinner, social time, and probably an early night! Following another hearty cooked breakfast on the Sunday morning, we will check out and travel back to Rugby arriving mid-afternoon. The youth hostel will provide us with packed lunches but there is also a café at the summit that serves food and drinks, which we can also use.

We are trying to minimise the cost of this trip as much as possible but there may be a requirement of a **parental contribution of around £100**. There may also be a need for some basic kit items; the main one being walking boots. Please let me know if you have walking boots for your child. We are in talks in specialist companies attempting to gain support from them in providing kit such as boots, waterproofs, backpacks, etc but as yet no guarantees.

Please could you complete the parental consent form to confirm that you are happy for your child to attend this trip by **Friday 15th March**. It will be a great experience for them. Please be aware, places are limited to only **12 students**.

<https://forms.gle/HDtzDethu9VWe9wb6>

Yours sincerely,

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Safeguarding & Student Welfare
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