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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oakes Trip 2025

We're really excited to let you know that we'll once again be running our popular **Oakes Outdoor Residential Weekend**! This trip has been a big hit over the years, and I'm delighted to offer your child the chance to join us on our Christian Union weekend at The Oakes Holiday Centre in Sheffield next year.

We'll be heading off from school at around **12:30pm on Friday 6th March 2026** and returning at about **4:00pm on Sunday 8th March 2026**. The total cost is £153, which covers all meals, transport by coach, accommodation, and activities. Payments can be made in instalments if that is more convenient.

Over the weekend, students will be able to take part in loads of fun activities including the legendary **"Mudder" assault course, ropes, tunnelling, archery, rafting, climbing wall, indoor games** (like **table tennis** and **air hockey**), crafts, and of course an **evening campfire**. All activities are run by fully qualified Oakes instructors.

Alongside all that, we'll be doing **team-building games, Bible study sessions**, and discussion times exploring what it means to be a Christian today. You can find out more about the centre at www.oakes.org.

To request a place, please complete the Google Form by **10th December**. This **does not secure a place** although we hope to be able to accommodate all requests.

👉 <https://forms.gle/HnBopyyp1rtftHG67>

A **£50** deposit will be due by **15th December**, with the remaining **£103** payable by the **end of January 2026**. You can also pay in full at any time if that's easier. Please note that cancellation charges may apply within one month of the start of the trip, and if payment isn't completed **by 6th February 2026**, your child's place may unfortunately be withdrawn.

If the trip is oversubscribed, priority will go to members of the Christian Union, and we'll run a waiting list in case places open up later.

As always, students are expected to uphold our usual standards of behaviour in school in the lead-up to the trip. Mr Naylor, our Pastoral Assistant Head, will make the final decision if any issues arise.

We'll also be holding a **Parents' Information Evening** on **Tuesday 10th February at 5pm**, which will last about an hour. This will be a great opportunity to hear more about the weekend and ask any questions.

We're really looking forward to another great Oakes weekend—it's always a highlight of the year!

Best Wishes,

D. Unwin



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