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Monday 23rd September 2019

Year 7 School Journey Programme: Grosvenor Hall Ashford, Kent

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we would like to invite our Year 7 students to take part in a five-day residential school trip. Your child has the opportunity to visit Grosvenor Hall (Ashford, Kent). We offer this to our Year 7 students as it enables the students to take part in outdoor adventure education, which is part of our PE curriculum and gives students a chance to develop social skills and build friendships within the year group.

We will leave early on the Monday 11th November 2019 and return mid-afternoon on 15th November. We strongly encourage you to let your child participate in this amazing experience. It is a chance to build on their resilience and independence.

If you would like your child to take part in this school journey, please complete the attached slip. We now need parents & children to commit themselves to this trip and are therefore asking parents to return the slip attached to this letter with a **£50** non-returnable deposit by **Friday 4th October 2019** via School Gateway.

The breakdown of the cost is as follows:

Cost of accommodation and centre tutor fees	£210.00
Cost of coach	£ 20.00
Spending money	£ 10.00
This brings the total cost of the trip to	£240.00

Parents who are in receipt of

Universal Credit
Child Tax Credit (some);
Working Tax Credit (some);
Pension Credits (some);

could be eligible for a grant of £138.00 leaving a balance of £52.00. Once you have given a deposit to secure your space, pupil benefits will be notified and they will send a form directly to you to complete and send back to pupil benefits.



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A thorough risk assessment of all activities has been carried out and we have a sufficient amount of staff accompanying the students on the trip.

If you have any queries before you commit yourself to this expenditure, please speak to the school office. We understand it may be difficult for parents to pay the full amount in one go, so we are happy for you to make weekly payments via School Gateway. The journey must be paid in full by Friday 1st November 2019. Please note there are only 130 spaces available for this trip and is on a first come first serve basis. Money can **only** be paid via the School Gateway service. If you cannot access School Gateway, please call the main office as soon as possible for support.

There will be a parents' event on Tuesday 29th October at 5pm in the main hall. This will cover the activities that are available and the layout and preparation of the trip. If you would like to take a look at the centre before then please go to <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/grosvenor-hall/> for more details

Kind regards,

Miss Douglas
Head of Year 7

Permission slip – detach and return to main office

Child's Full Name: _____

Family Group: _____

Permission is given for the above named child to take part in the St Mary Magdalene School Journey to **Grosvenor Hall** from 11th – 15th November 2019.

We understand that a non-refundable deposit of £50.00 must be made by Friday 4th October 2019 via School Gateway in order to secure this place.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Carer's name: _____