



29 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Snowdon Geography Trip

Following hugely enjoyable and successful visits to Snowdon in the last few years, the geography department are planning another Year 9 trip to the stunning mountain landscapes of North Wales next spring. We believe that fieldwork and experiencing geography first hand plays an important part in enhancing students' experience of the subject and this trip is particularly aimed at students considering geography as a GCSE option. The trip will involve a combination of geography fieldwork and adventurous outdoor activities.

The trip will run from **Friday 9 March to Monday 12 March 2018**. The students will be based at a Field Studies Centre in Rhyd-y-creuau and then complete the fieldwork and adventurous activities in the surrounding area. The fieldwork will include mountain walks examining glacial features, a river investigation and a study of the impact of tourism in the honeypot town of Betws-y-coed. The adventurous activities will include team building games and gorge scrambling up rapids and waterfalls. Not for the faint hearted!

For more information about the centre and the area please follow this link:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/rhydycreuau.aspx>

The cost of the trip will be **£260** covering transport, accommodation and all meals except for the journey to Snowdon. If you are willing for your child to attend we will initially require a deposit of £65 this can be made by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office, alternatively on line via Scopay. **(Please be aware if you are paying by Scopay you will still need to return the next of kin form).**

Payments are divided for your convenience over the next 6 months as follows:

£65 - Deposit due **Friday 6 October 2017**

£65 - due Friday 6 November 2017

£65 - due Friday 4 December 2017

£65 - due Friday 9 February 2018

In order for this visit to take place, we request a voluntary contribution of **£260** to cover the costs. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions.

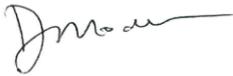
Please note all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

If you are, at present, experiencing financial difficulties and require assistance towards the cost of the trip, please make a written request to Mr Hunter, Headteacher, by **Wednesday 4 October 2017**.

Spaces on this trip are limited. In the case of oversubscription, the trip will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Should you have any further questions about this trip, or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on the school telephone number or by email on daniel.moden@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Moden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr D Moden
Head of Geography