

21 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Residential Trip to Plas Pencelli – Wednesday 6 March to Friday 8 March 2024**

The Geography Department is delighted to be able to offer 50 students the opportunity to visit the Plas Pencelli on a residential trip, which is an outdoor education centre located near the Brecon Beacons in South Wales. This trip is an excellent opportunity to develop not only your child's Geographical knowledge and understanding of river processes and features, which will support them in their GCSE studies, but also support their personal growth, skill development and team building with peers in a beautiful natural setting.

Travel will be by coach from Kings Academy, leaving the Academy on Wednesday 6 March at 8.00am and returning at 5.30pm on Friday 8 March 2024. As the trip returns after the end of the school day, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport home from the school trip.

The total cost of the residential educational visit will be £260 which includes:

- **Executive Coach Travel**
- **Travel Insurance**
- **Two Nights accommodation**
- **All food**
- **Canoeing**
- **Orienteering**

**Further information about the accommodation, finalised itinerary, and a kit list, will be communicated to Students and Parents/Carers in January 2024**

The payment deadline for the deposit of £100 is Friday 1 December 2023. **Once you have paid the £100 deposit, you are committing to payment of the full amount; no refunds can be made once we have booked places.** ParentPay will open for payment at **9am on Monday 27 November 2023**. Please ensure your ParentPay account has been activated before then. If the trip is oversubscribed, PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

Further payments will be collected in January 2024 and February 2024. The payment schedule is as follows:

<b>Second Instalment</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>Due 19 January 2024</b>
<b>Final Instalment</b>	<b>£60</b>	<b>Due 23 February 2024</b>

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.



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- As Parent/Carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. If you are unable to pay online, you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay and barcode letters are also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, the date and time of the meeting is circulated via Tutors and ClassCharts. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trips we ask that Parents/Carers attend a short briefing prior to departure.

If you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or [RJarrett@kovessex.co.uk](mailto:RJarrett@kovessex.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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