

gilesadventure

Dear Parent / Guardian

Giles Academy is justifiably proud of the successful Character Education programme, with **Giles Adventure** being recognised by Ofsted as instrumental in the all-round personal development of our students. As part of the curriculum, all students have the opportunity to take part in the inspirational range of “out of the classroom” learning experiences, designed to build confidence and self esteem through an enjoyable, yet challenging series of outdoor adventures.

Each Year 8 Tutor Group will be having its own trip to the beautiful Dark Peak area of Derbyshire, for two days and one night.

Indoor accommodation will be at Edale Youth Hostel, which is located in the heart of the Peak District with stunning scenery all around. It is used extensively for groups visiting the area for educational programmes. A **packed lunch** is required for the first day, all other meals will be provided at the YHA.

Trip schedule

Minibuses will leave from the **playground** at the **rear** of the Academy at **8am**. Please arrive early to allow for kit check and loading. We will endeavour to return to Giles in the **rear playground** around **6pm** the following day, however weather and traffic conditions may affect the journey time. We will ensure that your child contacts you with an estimated time of arrival.

8PCV	Thurs, Fri	13 - 14 Dec
8SLH	Tues, Wed	18 - 19 Dec
8SO	Thurs, Fri	10 - 11 Jan
8KWD	Thurs, Fri	17 - 18 Jan
8RA	Thurs, Fri	24 - 25 Jan
8EM	Thurs, Fri	31 Jan - 1 Feb
8MKA	Thurs, Fri	7 - 8 Feb
8RJ	Weds, Thurs	13 - 14 Feb

Clothing

By turning up to the Academy in the outdoor clothing, we can immediately see that everyone has the correct kit, to ensure that all pupils are adequately prepared for the anticipated weather conditions. A comprehensive kit list can be viewed on the school website. **Hat, gloves, warm coat** and **boots** are essential. We have good quality waterproof mountain coats, waterproof trousers and a selection of walking boots to borrow.

All of the trips will be led by members of staff who are experienced in organising and running residential courses, both in the UK and abroad, and have been delivering Giles Adventure, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and outdoor pursuits for many years.

We are especially pleased to subsidise this opportunity and offer it to pupils at an unbeatable **£35**.

So that we have up to date, correct contact details and medical information, could you please complete the **Online Medical Form**, and pay the £35 contribution using “**Parentpay**” as soon as possible, but no later than **7th December**.

More detailed information, including the medical form and the kit list, are available on our website www.gilesacademy.co.uk/Edale Adventure

Yours faithfully

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