



September 2018

Dear Parents

## **Year 7 Outdoor Education Residential – 7-9 November 2018**

Thank you for completing the short questionnaire earlier in the summer term indicating your interest and commitment to this visit. If you answered 'YES' or 'MAYBE' to the visit, a place has been reserved for your child. **A £25.00 deposit to secure this place for your child must be paid between Monday 3 September and Wednesday 5 September 2018.** Please go onto ParentPay and pay the deposit between these dates only. For parents/carers of students who have been advised they are eligible for Pupil Premium, all of the costs will automatically be taken from their Pupil Premium budget. A further letter detailing the final payment and an information meeting will be provided shortly after the closing date.

I would like to remind you of the details of the visit. It is our intention to organise a residential visit to Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire at the start of the second half of the Autumn Term to help with the transition from primary to secondary school. We aim for all students in Year 7 to be part of this exciting experience where we hope to develop, consolidate and enhance many of the qualities that will help them in their journey at Tadcaster Grammar School.

The transition and team building programme has been specifically developed with the start of a new school year in mind. With the core of the programme being about fresh starts, friendships and new beginnings, the inspiring, challenging and confidence building activities encourage lively interaction and focus on team building in order to accelerate the settling in period and encourage respect for others. By stepping outside their comfort zone, under the watchful eyes of the PGL instructors, your child will discover new strengths and skills. All activity sessions are led by the PGL well-trained, enthusiastic instructors who know exactly how to make the most of the challenges and opportunities each activity present. Each evening there will be an evening entertainment programme to enjoy too, so everyone is kept busy right up until bedtime!

The impressive 65 acres at Caythorpe Court activity centre in the heart of the countryside is just north of Grantham. The beautiful grounds at Caythorpe are packed full of adventures designed to inspire, motivate and challenge students. The accommodation, typically sleeping 3-8, is en-suite. There are plenty of hot and cold food options for the students to choose from and all the meals are freshly cooked at every mealtime. PGL will cater for any dietary requirements your child may have.

We have researched a number of providers and centres and are pleased that this centre can deliver a programme that fulfils our requirements. At the heart of our research was ensuring that the package was at an affordable cost without compromising on the quality of the programme. We are pleased that we can offer the 3 days/2 nights residential visit at **£99.00** which includes the following:

- Return coach travel from school to centre
- All meals whilst at centre
- 2 nights' accommodation in multi-bedded dormitories (en-suite)
- 9 different adventure activities
- Evening activities
- Full insurance including travel, medical and cancellation

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Mr Solk – [r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Solk', enclosed within a hand-drawn, irregular oval shape.

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