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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 9 Residential Trip: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

We would like to invite your son/daughter to take part in a Year 9 five-day residential visit in July 2016. This will be the 9th year of this trip and again, every Year 9 student is being offered the opportunity of a place at the three outdoor education centres we use: Woodlands, Yenworthy or Kilvrough. Over the years this residential has come to be greatly valued by both students and teachers and we would be delighted if every current Year 9 pupil took advantage of this opportunity.

The challenging and stimulating activities offered during the residential not only build confidence and self-esteem but also provide lasting memories for years to come. The activities, which usually include rock climbing, caving, canoeing, surfing, raft building, sailing and walking, are all taught and supervised by permanent qualified teachers from each centre, plus members of Wallingford School staff. This is a fantastic opportunity and we cannot stress enough its importance as a unique chance for pupils to build invaluable relationships and be able to shine as individuals as well as part of a team.

The total cost of the trip will be **£320** and this includes all the necessary insurance, full board and is inclusive of all activities. We are delighted to have been able to decrease the price from last year due to some funding.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part on the trip, please can you log onto our online payment website, Parentpay, and make a payment for the deposit of **£80** by **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** in order to secure your child's place and for us to be able to book the centres. Please note that this will be a non-refundable deposit. On Parentpay you will need to select the trip named **Yr 9 Residential Trip 2016** which will show against your child's name. You will also give your parental consent for your child to attend. Alternatively, please complete the reply slip attached.

If you wish your child to take part and are experiencing financial problems, please make a separate approach via email to Mrs Grindey on [grindeyh@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:grindeyh@wallingfordschool.com) or call via the main school office. Mrs Grindey will put forward your request to Mr Leeds, Deputy Head Teacher. Such requests will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and the school will endeavour to assist. **All requests need to be with us by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. No requests will be considered after this date.**

Should your child NOT wish to take part, please complete the reply slip attached and send into the main school office by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

A payment schedule for the further three instalments and the deposit is detailed below.

<u>PAYMENT TO REACH US BY:-</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Parentpay Reference</u>
<b>Deposit (Non Refundable) – By Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Unless the place can be filled</b>	<b>£80</b>	<b>Yr 9 Residential Trip 2016</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment – by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016</b>	<b>£80</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Payment – by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	<b>£80</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Payment – by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016</b>	<b>£80</b>	

We will be asking students after Christmas regarding friendship groups and centres, but a date for your diary is the Residential Informative Presentation Evening on **Thursday 12th May 2016**. Details and timings of the evening will follow nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mairs  
Head of Year 9

Mr Leeds  
Deputy Head teacher

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