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Dear Parent

**Re: Norfolk Lakes Residential Trip**

After what has been a challenging 18 months or so for us all, we are delighted to be able to finally write to you to offer our first residential trip in 2 years. The benefits to students taking part in trips and activities such as this cannot be overstated and, following their recent experiences, it is even more important to rebuild their confidence, relationships and positivity.

We are running a two-night trip to the Norfolk Lakes activity centre for all Year 8 students on Wednesday 17 November, returning on Friday 19 November. The purpose of the trip is an opportunity to challenge the students to step out of their comfort zone and create long-lasting memories with other children in their year group. During their stay, students will take part in a variety of activities, such as rock climbing, paddle boarding and raft building - encouraging them to work in teams and support each other, while getting involved in fun activities.

The total cost of the trip is £108.50 per student. If you are eligible for financial support and want help to fund this trip, then please contact [j.jackson@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:j.jackson@smithdonhigh.org.uk) for a financial support application form.

To secure a place for your child, please pay an initial payment of £50.00 and tick the consent box on ParentPay by **Tuesday 28 September** followed by the final balance of £58.50 via ParentPay by **28 October 2021**.

We will, of course, be closely monitoring the situation with regards to COVID 19, as will the Norfolk Lakes activity centre and we will keep you up to date if anything changes. If a cancellation occurs due to the pandemic, costs will be covered by our insurance. Please note, however, that if your child is unable to attend for any other reason, or if a payment is missed, any instalments paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found to take your child's place.

An information evening will be held on Thursday 4 November at 6pm where you will be given final details about the trip and asked to complete a medical form. We will also answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, further information about the centre can be found on their website <https://www.manoradventure.com/norfolk-lakes>.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs S Robinson**  
**Assistant Head (Key Stage 3)**