

To: All Parents/Carers of all Year 8 Students

Our Ref: 87789418

27 September 2024

Re: Year 8 Ribblesdale Residential in the Yorkshire Dales July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Each year South Hunsley School invites all Year 8 students to a three-day residential personal development visit to Stainforth in Ribblesdale, between Monday 30 June and Friday 11 July 2025. Precise dates will depend on your child's tutor group (please see overleaf). This is an exciting opportunity to introduce students to a range of outdoor activities and build on our whole school aim of fostering strong communities. Evidence shows the significant social and mental benefits to young people of residential visits with their peers.

The visit will support students in their personal and social development in an interesting and stimulating environment. Activities will include team building exercises, caving, initiative tests, mountain biking and walking. Although these activities are challenging, we anticipate that the activities will be well within the scope of all students. All activities are conducted under the supervision of instructors and school colleagues, who hold the necessary qualifications that are legally required to ensure the safety of these activities. Students may discover that the challenging and exciting nature of this visit inspires them to take advantage of some of the other activities and visits organised by South Hunsley School.

Students will spend two nights in tents and/or bunk barn accommodation during the three days of their visit. Owing to the nature of the visit, students must be reliable and trustworthy at all times. Therefore, any student with an unsatisfactory behaviour record may be excluded from the visit.

As a school we try to ensure the costs of all our visits are minimised so that as many students as possible can take advantage of these valuable learning experiences. In this case, to be able to offer the visit we are requesting a contribution of £250 per student. If the level of contributions fails to cover the costs, then the visit may be cancelled. Where this happens, all monies will be returned, **otherwise all payments are non-refundable.**

To secure your child's place on this visit please complete the link to the medical form and ensure payment of the deposit as detailed below. You are welcome to make additional interim payments if desired to spread the cost of the trip out.

Non-Refundable Payment	No Later Than	Amount
Initial deposit to secure place	Friday 7 February 2025	£100
Interim payment	Friday 4 April 2025	£100
Final payment	Friday 23 May 2025	£50

To sign your child up, please complete the medical information and consent form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FR7G41wAwh>

You can make your contribution payment by using our secure internet payment site [South Hunsley School \(arbor.sc\)](#) or by using the Arbor app. If you require any assistance in using this site or if you need your login details, please e-mail arbor@southhunsley.org.uk. If you do not have access to the internet then please contact the Finance department via telephone on 01482 631208 to arrange an alternative method of payment.

We do not wish to see any student disadvantaged owing to family circumstances, and so if this may apply to you, please contact the school Finance Team, who will confidentially advise on any assistance which may be possible.

A Parents Evening providing further details, including the concept, delivery and safety of the visit will be held in Riding Hall at 5.30pm on Tuesday 20 May 2025. This will allow parents an opportunity to ask any questions regarding the visit.

A core aspect of the personal and social development that is supported by this visit is widening circles of friendship to foster strong communities. As such, students will travel with their own tutor groups unless special consideration is given at the school's discretion.

Tutor groups	Date of Visit
801, 802, 803	Monday 30 June 2025 – Wednesday 2 July 2025
804, 805, 806	Wednesday 2 July 2025 – Friday 4 July 2025
807, 808, 809	Monday 7 July 2025 – Wednesday 9 July 2025
810, 811, 812	Wednesday 9 July 2025 – Friday 11 July 2025

Yours sincerely



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