



TANFIELD
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9th Sept 24

Dear parent/ carer,

At Tanfield School, the Personal Development of our young people is as important as their academic achievement. We aim to encourage every member of our team to be the best version of themselves, so that they leave us prepared for their adult lives and ready to contribute positively to their world.

We are planning a **residential trip to Ullswater** in the Lake District in partnership with The Outward Bound Trust, for our new Year 7 students. Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest. This, I'm sure, will be an incredible opportunity and very much welcomed.

Why?

- To strengthen our transition programme from Year 6 to Year 7;
- To develop self confidence and self belief;
- To improve communication and teamwork;
- To improve skills of self-management;
- To make the most of opportunities;
- To have fun and develop friendships;
- To improve problem solving skills;
- To increase resilience;
- To develop employability skills (we all offer more than just our qualifications!).

It is a 5 day, 4 night trip, including activities (TBC) such as:

- Gorge walking
- Canoeing
- Mountain expeditions
- Scrambling
- Campfires
- Raft building
- Orienteering
- Sailing
- Rock climbing
- Abseiling

The dates of the trip are: **Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025.**

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The trip is **all inclusive**, with payment covering:

- transport,
- accommodation,
- food (breakfast, lunch and dinner),
- unlimited flapjack (!),
- day and evening activities,
- tuition by qualified instructors,
- **all** equipment and (weather and season suitable) kit,
- 24-hour pastoral care and
- fully comprehensive insurance.

Photographs of this year's residential are on the school website, should you wish to see a little more of what the experience involves.

We have arranged substantial subsidies to make this more affordable at **£320** and payment will open in September with a payment plan to spread the cost. Payments will be as follows:

- £80 non refundable deposit due 30.09.24
- £60 due 31.10.24
- £60 due 30.11.24
- £60 due 31.12.24
- £60 due 31.01.25

Places are limited to 72 and will be allocated fairly should we exceed capacity. **Payment is now live on sQuid.** Places are only confirmed once a deposit has been paid, even if interest has already been expressed.

Please note that participation in experiences such as this are dependent upon behaviour, attendance and attitudes to learning. We reserve the right to cancel places should this not be satisfactory. If this is after payments to external providers have been made it will be without refund and parents may be required to collect their child from the experience if there are any causes for concern.

Should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me on cquigley@tanfieldschool.co.uk Equally, we would never want anyone to miss out on the basis of costs, so if you let us know, we will help if we are able to do so.

Kind regards,

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