



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

TRIP451: Year 9 2024 Residential trip to Outward Bound (Ogwen Cottage – Wales)

I am delighted to announce the proposed four-night residential adventure trip to the Ogwen Cottage Outward Bound centre, exclusively for our **current Year 9 students**. This trip will take place between **Monday 1st July 2024 and Friday 5th July 2024** and aims to provide students with the chance to develop team working, communication and analytical skills as well as self-confidence through real adventure.

The proposed itinerary is as follows, although it may be subject to change to take account of any differing group needs/progress or the weather.

Monday 1st July 2024

We will leave the Ecclesbourne School early in the morning by coach and travel to Ogwen Cottage. On arrival at the Outward-Bound centre students will immediately start developing their teamwork skills through a variety of on-site activities.

Tuesday 2nd July - Thursday 4th July 2024

Students will complete a variety of adventure activities during this time. These may include raft building, high rope activities, obstacle courses, sailing, canoeing, gorge walking and hill walking. As part of their adventure students will also be required to plan and undertake an overnight linked journey on foot, canoe or sailing boat where they will spend a night being self-sufficient. All activities at Outward Bound are run by trained supervisors and have been risk assessed.

Friday 5th July 2024

On the last day students will have time to reflect on their experience and develop an action plan to implement their newly acquired skills. We will then return from Ogwen Cottage, after lunch at the centre, by coach to the Ecclesbourne School aiming to arrive back early Friday Evening.

We will be staying in modern, purpose-built dormitories that are part of the Outward-Bound Centre. Accommodation will be provided on a full-board basis and the cost also includes any specific outdoor equipment and transportation between activities off site.

The cost of this trip is expected to be **£588**. This includes return travel by coach to and from Ogwen Cottage, transport to and from off-site activities, meals, any specific outdoor equipment (boots, tents, stoves etc) and a hooded training top. Students will need a small amount of spending money for the trip (no more than £20) as there will be limited opportunities for spending money.

In the interests of legality, safety and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances, may be sent home at their parents' expense to await a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action. (NB: No child would be sent home without first contacting the Parents/Carers concerned and reaching agreement that the transport arrangements were appropriate). When paying for the trip via Parent Pay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

The School/Outward Bound carries limited funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties and if you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the trip, please discuss this with me in the first instance and your request will be considered in the strictest of confidence with Mrs E Stott, Head of Middle Section.

Outward Bound's advice is to leave valuable watches, jewellery, phones, iPods and stereos behind. However, if participants need to bring them, access to a safety deposit box is provided at the centre. Mobile phone use in activity time is not permitted and students will be encouraged to give your phone to their instructor for safekeeping during their course. Aerosols and penknives are prohibited.

The success of previous Outward-Bound trips allows me to anticipate that demand for this trip will be high and places will be **limited to 36 students**. Should the trip be oversubscribed, students will be given priority for a place based on their application letter and in the following order:

1. Students who have been unsuccessful in gaining a place on a previous trip within the same school (Lower).
2. Students who have not previously been on a residential trip whilst in their current school (Lower).
3. All other students who have expressed a wish to partake in the trip, on a first-come first-served basis.

If you wish to secure a place on this trip, the letter of application should be returned with the reply slip, and consent form below to Mr Basey by 6th November 2023. If your child is successful in gaining a place, you will receive a letter notifying you that an account has been set up on ParentPay. For successful students, the initial deposit of £200 will be required by 4th December 2023 with payment being made via the ParentPay system.

Please be aware that the **second deposit of £200** will be due **by 5th February 2024** and the **outstanding balance of £188** will be due by **15th April 2024**. I hope that this will prove to be an exciting opportunity for your son/daughter and I am already looking forward to planning this wonderful experience for them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should I be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Basey
Outward Bound Trip Leader

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Please return to Mr Basey

Student Name:

Form:

PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT BOX

- ☐ My son/daughter has been unsuccessful in securing a place on any previously advertised trip within his or her current school (Lower) due to over-subscription.
- ☐ My son/daughter has not been on a residential trip before within his or her current school (Lower)
- ☐ My son / daughter has been on a previous residential trip or trips within his or her current school (Lower)

Trip Name..... Trip Leader..... Approx. date of trip.....

I understand that in the event of the trip being over-subscribed, that my son or daughter may not gain a place on this trip. I have read the criteria for selection in the above letter.

I would like to secure a place on the Year 9 trip to Outward Bound – Ogwen Cottage from between **Monday 1st July 2023 and Friday 5th July 2024** for my child named above.

My child has written a letter of application.

I will pay a deposit of **£200** via the new school trip payment system before 4th **December 2023** if my son/daughter is selected to go on the trip.

I have read the statement regarding Consumption of Alcohol/Drugs and agree to comply with the conditions therein.

Please issue me with a barcode letter to enable me to pay via PayPoint.

Pupil Premium funding request ☐

Parent/Carer signature:

Date:.....