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Dear Pupils, Parents and Guardians of the Second Form,

Second Form Expedition : Snowdonia 2022

Further to my letter yesterday about the whole year-group Challenge Week in June, I am delighted to write again to say that there has been more than enough interest for us to go ahead and organise the optional Snowdonia 2022 expedition for February half term.

I have attached a summary of the trip with information on accommodation, travel, activities, and costs.

Once you have read that information, if you would like to apply for a place for your child on the expedition, please log in to Firefly using your parent's log in details and complete this application by 1700 on 8 December 2022. You should do this even if you have already expressed an interest in coming.

<https://dauntseys.fireflycloud.net/adventure-education/programmes/expeditions/snowdonia-2022/application-form-1>

If you have any problems logging in to Firefly, please let me know and we will see what we can do.

Based on the number of expressions of interest received, demand for places on the expedition is likely to be high. In order to allocate places fairly, we will take all the applications received by 1700 on 8 December, and select randomly from them, allowing for the layout of the accommodation. We will then place the others on a reserve list to be used if someone drops out.

We should be able to announce who has a place on the trip by 10 December. I apologise for the comparatively short timescale for you to decide, this expedition is being organised much later than we normally would!

Once pupils have been selected, we will be asking you to pay a deposit of £150. Please be ready to provide a bank transfer or cheque within a week of us announcing the participants.

I will write further to successful applicants later this term, but in the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact me on 01380 814660 or s.moore@dauntseys.org.

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Snowdonia 2022

18 - 23 February 2022

Llanberis, Wales

Adventure
at
Dauntsey's

Dates

Departure: 1330 on Friday 18 February 2022 (after morning school)

Return: 1600 (approx.) on Wednesday 23 February 2022

Location

The trip will be based at the Bryn Du Mountain Centre, which is in Llanberis, Gwynedd and is operated by Boulder Adventures. You can find out more about the centre here:

<http://www.boulderadventures.co.uk/>

Llanberis is a slate mining town that has become the hub for adventure in Snowdonia National Park, with easy access to the mountains, crags, lakes and woodlands. It has recently been made part of the UNESCO World Heritage Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales in recognition of the impressive and spectacular quarries that dominate the village. This makes a great playground for adventure and exploration.

Travel

We will travel to and from Llanberis by School minibus, driven by Dauntsey's staff. The journey time is about six hours each way. The minibus will be our local transport when we are in Llanberis and we may occasionally travel in Boulder Adventures vehicles.

Staff

Two staff will accompany the group. The trip will be led by Mr Moore and he will be joined by Mrs Cooke. They both have significant experience of leading pupils of this age on school trips all over the world.

We will be joined by one instructor from Boulder Adventures for the activities and various of their support staff.

Activities

Our timetable and activities will be very weather dependent, but regardless of what Wales delivers, it is likely to consist of some combination of mountain walking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing and gorge walking. In addition, we will have time to explore the local area's waterfalls, castles, and the incredible slate landscape. The region has plenty to do whatever the conditions.

In addition, pupils will be responsible for as much of the running of the trip as possible. There will be a duty team each day who will work with staff to help sort out cooking, tidying, organising, navigating, writing journals and anything else that needs doing!

Throughout the course there will be a strong focus on personal development, with pupils asked to challenge themselves and to support others as they do so.

Safety and Risk Management

The trip will be run under the normal policies issued by Dauntsey's and the Adventure Education department's risk management system.

Boulder Adventures will be responsible for the safe delivery of the adventure activities and they have a stringent safety management system of their own. Not only are they on our Approved Activity Providers list, but they hold an AALA licence (R1260/L41529), the AAIAC Adventure Mark, and the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge.

Food

We will be self-catering so we can accommodate any dietary needs. Each day a duty team will work with staff to produce substantial meals to fuel hungry adventurers. Pupils will also be involved in shopping for the trip, and this is often as developmental for them as any adventure activities!

On the way to and from Llanberis we will eat in service stations and on the last evening we will have a celebratory meal.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be in single sex dormitories of up to eight pupils. There are plenty of showers and washrooms, a lounge, teaching room, dining room, full commercial kitchen and a drying room.

Clothing and Equipment

All specialist equipment will be provided and pupils will only need to bring warm clothes that they do not mind getting wet and muddy. A full kit list will be sent closer to departure, but it should not contain any surprises.

Cost

The cost of the trip is £320.

The only expected additional costs are two meals in service stations on the journeys to and from Llanberis, and a small amount of spending money for sweets and souvenirs.

Applications

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