

Year 8 Outdoor Education Experience August 24th-26th 2016.

Dear Parents and Carers,

In keeping with the culture of XP, Year 8 students will begin this coming academic year with an outdoor education experience similar to Outward Bound. We would like to give our students the opportunity to revisit some of the key design principles on which XP is based, which were essential in building the culture and community allowing our students to bond as crew, and flourish during our first year.

We believe that it is important for students to take part in outdoor and adventure activities which will continue to develop their character, but also model this for our upcoming Year 7 students by showing that the challenge does not end in Outward Bound in Aberdovey.

Year 8 students will attend a two day residential trip based at Hatfield Water Park, Doncaster. They will take part in activities led by their instructors, including a day in the Yorkshire Wolds to complete a low level walk.

As was the protocol for Outward Bound in Aberdovey, students will be asked to hand in their phones for safety and security while at Hatfield Water Park and given time during the evening to contact family should they wish.

As this experience is an essential part of the XP curriculum, there will be no charge for this activity.

Therefore the first week back at school will be as follows:

Date	Activity	Location
Monday 22nd	First aid and navigation skills.	XP School
Tuesday 23rd	Fieldcraft and activity preparation.	XP School
Wednesday 24th	Students to arrive at school at 8.30 am, to start activities and residential based at the campsite at HWP.	Hatfield Water Park

Thursday 25th	Walk in the Yorkshire Wolds. Overnight camping at HWP.	The Yorkshire Wolds/ Hatfield Water Park
Friday 26th	Return to school, de-gunge kit and debrief. <u>Schools ends 12.00pm.</u>	XP School

Please see the accompanying kit list that outlines items required to take part in the activities. This list is very similar to last year's Outward Bound kit list and should not require much extra equipment.

Could I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in helping our students to grow their characters by facing significant challenges and experiences.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or your son or daughter's crew leader.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Batty and Mrs Sprakes