



HITCHIN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Ref: 003

5 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Residential Course 9-11 October 2024

We would like to take all our present Year 7 students on a residential course to Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire, next Autumn, from Wednesday 9 October to Friday 11 October 2024.

We have been taking students on this trip for the last 27 years and would very much like our new students to benefit from the experience. We have chosen to travel with PGL. The company offers complete financial security and are fully bonded by ABTA.

The course will include a programme of physical activities, which will enable the students to participate in such sports as abseiling, climbing and paddleboarding as well as team building and problem solving. Well qualified instructors from the Centre will supervise all of these specialised activities and the year group will also, of course, be accompanied and supervised by our own Hitchin Girls' School staff. Your child's welfare and safety are of paramount concern to us and to the Centre at all times, and we are fully sympathetic with the worries that your child may have concerning some of the above activities.

The activity can only go ahead if parents make voluntary contributions but we are anxious that all students should be able to participate in this event and are therefore trying to stagger the cost over a period of time. We are asking for a contribution of £290.00 which will include return travel from school to the Centre, two nights' full board accommodation, all activities and insurance cover. This is an estimate of the final cost which will be confirmed once student numbers are known by the beginning of November. The only extra cost will be a very small amount of spending money. An initial, non-refundable deposit (refundable only if the trip is cancelled due to Covid) of £50 is requested via Parentpay by **FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER 2023.**

The remaining £240 can be paid in instalments (£30 minimum payment between November '23 and June '24) subject to the following timescales: £120 by Tuesday, 6 February 2024 and the final £120 by Tuesday, 4 June 2024.

Please complete the googleform using this link to confirm your interest. We would appreciate a reply even if your child does not wish to join this trip.

<https://forms.gle/EknnQabidB2sqSvD9>

A form regarding your child's dietary and medical information will be sent to you at a later date and a Parents' Evening, to discuss final arrangements will be held in September 2024.

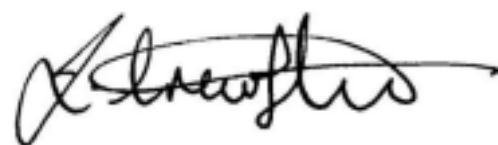
Please do not hesitate to contact school if there are any queries regarding the course or if there are any financial difficulties.



Yours sincerely,

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S Edwards
Residential Co-ordinator

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James Crowther
Headteacher