



2 May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## GCSE PE Rock Climbing – 23-24 September 2019

As part of the PE GCSE, we are offering students the exciting opportunity to learn and develop their rock climbing skills. Students will spend 2 days learning the skills and the safety aspects behind rock climbing and apply this knowledge to a variety of terrains in line with the AQA specification, in order for them to be assessed as part of their GCSE.

The trip is a 2 day residential, taking place at Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, a facility run by Trekco Outdoor Adventure. Students will leave school at **8.30am** on **23 September 2019** and arrive at 10am where they will be split into smaller groups, ready for an intensive 2 day rock climbing experience (both indoor and outdoor facilities are available, dependent on the weather). Students will be taught and assessed by trained instructors and our PE teachers will be on hand to record the students for video evidence which may need to be provided to the exam board. Students will be provided with a memory card with a full recording of their assessment activities, which has been included in the cost of the trip.

The cost of the trip also includes indoor, dormitory style accommodation, dinner on the first night, breakfast and lunch on the second day as well as the use of all necessary safety equipment. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them for the first day.

Students will return to school by **18.00** on **24 September**. Please can you ensure that you arrange transport for your child.

This trip is not compulsory and students will still be able to be assessed in a range of other sports/activities, however, it does offer an opportunity for student who might be struggling for a third sport/activity to be assessed in. Rock climbing comes under the 'individual' category of sports so this trip would be particularly useful for students whose main sports are 'team' sports.

Total cost for this trip will be **£170.00**. Please note that all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead, and, if a pupil withdraws within 12 weeks of the trip, they will still be liable for the full payment of £170. Payments are divided for your convenience over the next 3 months as follows:

£50 deposit due	10 May 2019
£75	due 28 June 2019
£45	due 13 September 2019

In order for this visit to take place, we request a contribution of £170 to cover the costs. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions.

If you are willing for your son/daughter to take part in this activity, please return the Parental Consent form to the Finance Office, along with the deposit payment of **£50** by **Friday 10 May**. Payment can be made online via ParentMail +Pay. **Please be aware that, if you are paying by ParentMail +Pay, you will still need to return the Parental Consent form to the Finance Office** in hard copy or by email: [finance.office@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:finance.office@icknield.oxon.sch.uk). Alternatively, payment can be made by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office

We are limited in taking a maximum of 40 students on this trip due to the accommodation available so we will be working strictly on a first come, first served basis. If you wish for your child to attend this course, please return the form and the deposit to the Finance Office as soon as possible to secure a place. A waiting list will be set up in case spaces become available.

Please do get in contact with Matt Mures or Jessica Hillyer if you have any further questions about this trip on [matt.mures@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:matt.mures@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk) and [jessica.hillyer@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:jessica.hillyer@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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