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Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting Additional Year 8 Residential Opportunity PGL Dearne Valley | 12–14 October

I am delighted to be able to share details of an exciting additional residential opportunity for our current Year 7 students (Year 8 students 2026-2027).

Many of you will already be aware of our Year 8 Longtown residential taking place in April. Please be reassured that this PGL residential is **an additional opportunity, not a replacement**. Thanks to research funding secured through a partnership between **Bounce Forward, PGL and Sheffield Hallam University**, we have been able to offer this fantastic experience at a heavily subsidised cost.

The residential will bring together Year 8 students from **Prince William School and Northampton International Academy**, alongside Year 5 pupils from EMAT primary schools, creating a unique opportunity to build relationships, confidence and a sense of belonging across our wider trust community.

From **Monday 12th October to Wednesday 14th October**, students will spend two nights at **PGL Dearne Valley in Doncaster**, taking part in a programme of adventurous activities and workshops designed to help young people develop resilience, confidence and teamwork.

The full cost is just **£25 per student**, including:

- Return coach travel
- Two nights' accommodation
- All meals
- All activities and workshops

This residential has been carefully designed to be fun, memorable and rewarding. While students will enjoy a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities, the real focus is on helping them develop the values we hold dear at PWS: **Respect, Ambition and Resilience** and the EMAT values of Impact, Innovation and Inclusion.

Through the programme, students will have opportunities to build:

- Resilience and perseverance
- Confidence and self-belief
- Teamwork and communication skills
- Problem-solving abilities
- Independence and responsibility

Most importantly, it will be an opportunity to make memories, strengthen friendships and challenge themselves in a supportive environment.

Students will stay in comfortable dormitory-style accommodation with beds and indoor facilities—this is not camping. The centre will be used exclusively by EMAT schools throughout the residential.



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All meals are included, with a range of options available to meet dietary requirements and allergies. PGL has extensive experience supporting young people with SEND and additional needs, and we will work closely with families to ensure every student can participate fully.

A suggested kit list is attached. If obtaining any items presents a difficulty, please let us know. We are committed to ensuring that a lack of equipment is never a barrier to attendance. Transport to and from the centre will be provided by coach and is included in the £25 cost.

Students will be supervised by EMAT staff throughout the residential, supported by experienced PGL instructors. The site is staffed 24 hours a day, and medical information and medication requirements will be collected in advance to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place.

In line with our school culture, **mobile phones are strongly discouraged on the residential**. We want students to fully engage with the experience, build friendships and make the most of every opportunity. Parents will be provided with emergency contact arrangements, including a direct number for the trip leader should the need arise.

A three-day residential including transport, accommodation, meals and activities for just **£25** offers exceptional value. More importantly, it offers students the chance to grow in confidence, develop lifelong skills and create lasting memories.

We are incredibly excited to be able to offer this opportunity and hope that as many students as possible will join us. Further details regarding key dates will follow shortly.

In the meantime, please sign up on the trips section of Arbor by the 9th August and paying the £25 fee for the trip.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Stewart'.

Laura Stewart
Deputy Headteacher – Personal Development



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