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28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Graduation Residential to Walesby Forest 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

It is with enormous pleasure that I write to inform you of this year's proposed graduation residential event, which is due to take place at Walesby Forest Camp. We will be leaving on **Wednesday, 26<sup>h</sup> June 2018** and returning on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

As a reward for graduating into Year 9, the academy will fund the majority of the visit for your child, leaving a £25 contribution required from you. The residential adventure acts as a fantastic step towards the development of leadership skills, resourcefulness, decision making and practical thinking from students. Each day will be made up of a range of hands-on workshops, offering a chance to be outdoors in a truly unique environment in which to learn and interact.

Students will sleep in single-sex tents and will need a sleeping bag, roll mat, torch, appropriate footwear and some warm clothes. We appreciate that not all families will have a sleeping bag or roll mat. Decathlon sells sleeping bags for £11.99, and roll mats for £4.99, in addition, we have a number of hired sleeping bags, should you need to borrow one for your child.

The students will be attend the academy, as normal on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, in their residential clothing. All students should go straight to the hall on arrival, with their luggage. On the morning of the visit, we request that parents bring any medication to main reception so that a member of the first-aid team can manage the medication effectively

Students should not take their mobile phones on the trip. If they fail to follow this instruction, their phone will be confiscated and parents/carers will be expected to collect their child's phone from Outwood Academy Valley upon their return.

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting opportunity, please complete and return the reply slip, along with the enclosed Green Parental Consent Form. Please ensure that all information on the form is completed and the £25 contribution is paid to the Finance Office at the academy by Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Payments can be made by cheque (made payable to 'Outwood Academy Valley') or by cash. Please note that all money paid is non-refundable.

Please be aware we have a limit of 240 spaces available for the trip, allocation will be on a first come basis. Once places have been allocated and finalised, we will hold a parental information evening, date to be arranged nearer the event.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pike or Mrs Ward 01909 475121.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Ward  
Associate Assistant Principal – Deep Support

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**Please return to the academy Finance Office along with completed Green Parental Consent Form and payment by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

**Student Name:** .....

**VMG:** .....

I give permission for my child to attend the Y8 Graduation trip

I enclose the **completed** Green Parental Consent Form / Permission slips

**Please indicate your payment method below and send payment with this form if paying by cash or cheque:**

I have enclosed £25 payment in Cash

I have enclosed £25 payment by Cheque

I confirm that I understand the £25 payment towards this Residential trip is non-refundable.

**Parent/carer signed:** ..... **Date:** .....