

Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 9 PENCELLI - Sunday 21 June to Friday 26 June 2020

OR

Year 9 CRICKHOWELL H5 - Monday 22 June to Wednesday 24 June 2020

Every year, the school is allotted a week at the Wiltshire Outdoor Educational Centre at Pencelli. The Centre is located in the Brecon Beacons and the programme offers the opportunity for caving, climbing, canoeing, mountain biking and gorge walking under the instruction of fully trained residential staff. The course requires no previous experience or knowledge of the activities and is suitable for all boys and may particularly benefit those who do not shine at team games. The Centre is very well organised, the food is good and specialised clothing/equipment is provided. We are limited to 70 places based on the available accommodation and the final number of applicants will determine the overall cost which will be **approximately £400** based on a full uptake of places.

Given that the current year 9 is our first five form cohort I anticipate the potential of oversubscription and, as part of the development of the Outdoor Activity programme at Bishop's have secured another trip option to run in conjunction with Pencelli – as titled above. The Crickhowell trip will be run by H5 adventure, the same company who run our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and will consist of specialist instruction across activities such as Bush craft, canoeing, abseiling, high ropes and trekking. It is a camping based residential, with boys required to provide their own bedding (sleeping bag and pillow) with all other camping equipment, food and professional instruction provided. Based on this premise and the slightly shorter duration the Crickhowell option has 45 places available and will be **approximately £260** based on a full uptake.

If your son would like to take up a place on one of these trips please register your intentions via Insight, instructions below:

Registration via Insight will be taken to mean you wish to take up a place on the trip. Please visit your Insight account and click on Expression of Interest/Trip Reservations, this will open our event booking screen. Please then select the event you wish to apply for and simply click on the next available seat and your interest will be logged on our system.

There is no payment required at this stage. In the event that either trip is oversubscribed, names will be selected at random. If your son is selected payment details will be sent to you.

Deadline for registration: Sunday 8 December 2019

Your son will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website.

Yours faithfully

Mr J M Oldham PE Department