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16A/Trips/Ullswater/ES/MP
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Dear Parents / Guardian

OUTWARD BOUND TRIP TO ULLSWATER

YEAR 7 OUTWARD BOUND TRIP TO ULLSWATER May 31st-4th June 2021 (May half term)

The Academy will be organising an Outward Bound trip to Cumbria during the May half term break. This is an annual trip and one which has proved to be extremely successful with previous cohorts at St. Margaret Ward

The course that we will follow at Ullswater is tailor-made for us, and is built on the Outward Bound's '**Adventure and Challenge**' model. Students will experience activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, raft building, hill walking, scrambling, gorge walking and camp fire building. The Ullswater trip will undoubtedly become one of those great memories that pupils have of their time at St Margaret Ward. Students who have attended this trip in previous years describe it as one of their favourite ever memories at the academy.

Although outdoor activities form the basis of this trip, it is enormously beneficial in so many other ways. For many pupils, a full week may be the longest period they have spent away from home and looking after themselves is a very important part of the experience. Instructors place great emphasis on personal development during the week and working with others is also an important element of the course. As teachers, we frequently see positive benefits and real changes in individuals after taking part in this trip. Further information can be gained from the website www.theoutwardboundtrust.org.uk.

The trip has been heavily subsidised by the school and by benefactors who support the work of the Outward Bound Association. The parental contribution for the trip, including coach travel is **£240.00**, which represents extremely good value for a course of this quality and type. Payment is via our online payments system Tucasi. A link to 'Online Payments' can be found on the school website www.stmargaretward.co.uk. If you have any problems making payment please contact the school or myself directly.

The trip has limited places and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All equipment is provided including boots, waterproof trousers and jackets and there is no need to bring a large amount of spending money. Pupils will however be asked for £10.00 upon arrival as a deposit for all the clothing and equipment which they will use during the week such as torches and cookers. This is returned at the end of the week subject to no significant damage being caused or loss.

We are splitting payment for the trip into four payments, the initial deposit will be **£80.00** and is due on **Monday 16th November February 2020**, the second payment will be **£40.00**, which will be due on **Monday 7th December**, third of **£40 on Monday 18th January** and a final payment of **£80.00 on Friday 19th February**

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.



The Outward Bound Centre provide us with specific forms for completion by parents / guardians and pupils. Once we have received your initial deposit, we will post these home for you to complete and return to school. Please note that St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy and the Centre will keep the information confidential.

On the trip your child will be able to use mobile on the journey and during a short period of free time at night. Mobile phones cannot be taken into dormitories or onto activities for safety reasons. This is standard policy on all of our Outward Bound trips and it has proven to be successful in the past.

In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope physically with the challenges that the trip presents. There will be times when students have to walk long distances and camp out in tents. **Any place on a school trip is subject to your child's continued good behaviour. The academy reserves the right to remove students from trips should behaviour fall below expected standards. In this case a full refund will be given.**

Should the trip not be able to run due to Covid 19 restrictions, a full refund will be given without question. This is clearly written into our contract.

Booking places on trips and subsequently withdrawing can be costly and causes great difficulty for St. Margaret Ward and the Centre. Therefore, I am afraid that deposits are non-refundable. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, **subject to complete payment via Tucasi and the return of the reply slip below to me at school. Completion of the reply slip without payment will not secure a place.**

Should you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact either Miss Blakemore or myself on 01782 883000.

Yours faithfully

Mr M. A. Pearson
Head of Physical Education

Miss M. Blakemore
Teacher of Physical Education

Miss M. Bradbury
Second in Physical Education

REPLY SLIP YEAR 7 OUTWARD BOUND TRIP TO ULLSWATER 31st May-4th June 2021
Please return to Mr Pearson

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Outward Bound trip to Ullswater. I confirm that I have paid the non-refundable deposit of £80.00 via Tucasi.

I also agree that the details on their medical and contact form are correct. If there are any changes to his/her medical condition I will notify the school in writing prior to the visit.

Pupil's Name

Tutor Group

Signed

Date

(Parent/Guardian)

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