



June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 7 - PGL ACTIVITIES WEEKEND, LIDDINGTON, SWINDON - Friday 11th October – Sunday 13th October 2024

We are offering all new Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in a PGL activities team-building weekend to Liddington in Swindon. Activities in the past have included; climbing, abseiling, and raft building to name just a few. Places have been reserved for **170** students and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Travel will be by coach and the cost will be **£165.00** which will include the following:

- Return travel.
- 2 nights full board accommodation in purpose-built accommodation blocks.
- Full insurance cover.
- Full daily programme of activities.
- Instruction and supervision by qualified staff.
- Specialist equipment.
- Evening entertainment.

The aim of the weekend is to encourage students to mix with peers from their Tutor Groups and year group, to get to know each other and some of the staff better outside of the school environment. Last year over 170 Year 7 students took part. The trip has proved to be very valuable in enabling students to settle into secondary school life. This year we are excited to be returning to Liddington within the PGL Centres, because we know the experience both for students and staff is going to be memorable and many lasting friendships will be formed.

If you would like your child to attend, please make an initial deposit of **£50 online using the School Gateway payment system**. If you are unable to make payment online, please contact finance@marlborough.herts.sch.uk.

Two further payments will need to be made online using the School Gateway website and will need to be received as follows:

- **£57.50 by Friday 26th July**
- **£57.50 by Friday 23th August 2024**
- **You may pay in full before Friday 23th August**

If you are registered or have been previously registered for free school meals, there is funding available of **£50** to support you with the cost of this trip in the first instance. This funding will be applied to the **final** payment. Please e-mail k.sen@marlborough.herts.sch.uk on this matter.

For those parents who have **twins**, PGL offer a discount of **50% (£82.50)** towards the cost of the second child. The discount will be applied to the final payment.

We know that all our students will begin their school careers at Marlborough knowing how to behave and being a real credit to us and therefore there should not be any reason why we would have any cause to prevent a young person from joining the trip. However, should there be any behavioural issues with your child between now and the departure, we reserve the right to withdraw any student from the trip.

We will leave Marlborough at 9.00am on Friday 11th October and arrive at PGL Liddington at 12.30pm. The students will take part in their first activity when we arrive on Friday. We will be departing from PGL Liddington at 1.00pm on Sunday 13th October and will arrive back at Marlborough at approximately 3pm.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Bailey, Pastoral Assistant for Year 7 & 8.

Yours faithfully,



Ms M Pounnas

Assistant Headteacher KS3 & Transition

Log on to: www.schoolgateway.com

Select: **PGL – 2024**

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

We will gain the following information for your child from Arbor:

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**
- **MEDICAL/DIETARY** information (if applicable)

No further information or comment is required.

It is important that we have this information for the trip leader in case of an emergency and for Health & Safety reasons.