



**30 June 2023**

Dear Parent / Carer

## **YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO BOLTON ABBEY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY**

For a Geographer, nothing beats seeing the diversity of our environment in the field. All year 7 students will have been studying river environments within the UK. At this time of year, we usually take all of Year 7 to Bolton Abbey for their first fieldwork experience, which is a key component of the Geography curriculum. Bolton Abbey offers a location that will offer students invaluable first-hand experience of a rapidly changing upland river environment.

Initially we were going to be unable to run this trip however we have found capacity on the second scheduled strike day (7<sup>th</sup> July). It is great news as the Bolton Abbey trip is often a highlight for our Year 7s, however I apologise for the shorter notice than I would have planned. As is the case every year, all our Year 7s will be going on the trip and there is not a separate program of lessons running at school.

Travel will be by coach departing school at approximately 9.00am. Students should arrive at school no later than 8.45am and meet in the Dining Hall, where they will be registered in their form groups. We shall arrive back at Millthorpe around 4.00pm. Please bear in mind this later finish to the school day should you need to make any special arrangements for your child's onward journey home. Unless you contact me directly, we will dismiss all students from the coach when we return.

We are asking for a contribution of **£15** towards the considerable travel costs. This can be paid via ParentPay. Whilst paying please tick the consent form on Parentpay. This will acknowledge that the medical information we hold on the system is up to date; if you think your child's medical information may have changed since we last collected it, please contact us with the up-to-date information. If your child is a Pupil Premium student then the funding will cover the cost of the trip for you. However, please still sign into ParentPay to complete the consent form. Please complete these steps **no later than Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July**.

Your child will need to bring a pencil and rubber, as well as a pack up and plenty to drink. If it is a particularly sunny day you may wish to supply your child with sun cream and, if your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure they have taken (and bring with them if required) appropriate medication. On a wet day, the path may be slippery therefore sturdy footwear is essential.

Whilst the trip is primarily one of work, we do hope your child enjoys their day out of school in the Yorkshire Dales. The environment, however, can be a hazardous one. At no point will students be allowed to enter the river and will be issued with a clear set of do's and don'ts for the day. We will expect only the highest standard of behaviour on the trip and I do hope you will support the school by reiterating these expectations to your child.

I look forward to a pleasant and productive day.

Yours faithfully

**Merry Norman**  
Geography Teacher and Assistant Head for Inclusion