



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

## GCSE PE Rock Climbing Residential

Following the success of last year's outdoor adventure residential, I would like to offer a further rock climbing opportunity for each of our GCSE students. The aim of the trip is to provide your child with the opportunity of gaining 1 of the 3 practical grades that they are required to achieve as part of their GCSE course. With full application, it is possible for students to achieve up to 10% of their final GCSE grade by using rock climbing as one of their chosen practical activities.

Since the launch of the new GCSE specification in 2016, there have been several adjustments and bulletins from the exam board. The latest of these has highlighted that infrequent participation in sports such as rock climbing could potentially be a barrier for achieving the very top grades. In light of this it is important that students maximise the number of climbs they do.

The destination for this year's residential is the High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre, Cowling, North Yorkshire which will take place from **Friday 6 December to Sunday 8 December 2019**. We will leave school at 3.15pm on the Friday and return at approximately 7.30pm on the Sunday.

The total cost of the trip, including full board, 2 nights' accommodation, transport, equipment and instruction will be £130 per student.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip a deposit of £50 is required by Friday 18 October 2019. Our preferred method of payment is via ParentPay. Please logon to your child's account to give your consent and make payment. If you require a PayPoint barcode please contact the school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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