



November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

The practical element of our GCSE PE course requires that each pupil is assessed in three sports. In order to give our GCSE students, the opportunity to be assessed in a different activity we are organising a residential climbing trip from Friday 28 June to Sunday 30 June 2019. Last year's trip resulted in the majority of Students attaining marks of **25 - 34** out of 35, which is equivalent to grades **5-9**, and student feedback was really positive.

We will travel by school minibus, leaving school at 3pm on Friday afternoon and returning late on the Sunday afternoon. During the weekend the students will learn the climbing skills required to achieve a good grade at GCSE PE and then be assessed on what they have learnt.

We will be staying at Blackland Farm, near East Grinstead. Students will be camping on the farm, which is a fully equipped campsite with hot showers and other facilities, in tents for 5-6 students and will be provided with all meals during their stay. All camping equipment is provided; students will just need their own sleeping bag and roll mat. This is a valuable experience for students, not only will they achieve a strong grade towards their GCSE, they will also learn camping skills and experience the great outdoors! For more information please visit <http://trekco.com/schools/gcse-a-level-btec-pe/gcse-pe-climbing/>

Instruction will be provided by the Trekking Company (www.trekco.com). This is a local company, fully licensed under the Young Persons' Safety Act for outdoor activity providers, and instruction is of the highest standard.

The cost of the weekend is £177, including a **non-returnable deposit of £40.00**. This includes return travel, accommodation, all meals and climbing equipment and tuition.

If you know your child is eligible for Free School Meals, or if you feel you would qualify for financial support, please return the reply slip and contact your child's Head of Year in confidence; please also be aware of the ballot (see below) which will apply to all students wishing to go on this trip.

As with all our visits it is absolutely vital that pupils behave in an exemplary manner at all times. Students being offered a place must exhibit continuing excellent attendance, effort, attitude and behaviour across all subjects at school or their place may be at risk.

If you would like your child to be considered for this weekend, please complete the reply slip below and the attached behaviour contract and return to the School Office **by Friday 16 November 2018**. Applications without a signed behaviour contract will not be considered.

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Deposit payment may be made online at <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>. If you are unable to make payments online please enclose a cheque with your reply slip, made payable to 'Robert May's School' with your child's name, Tutor Group and 'Climbing 2019' on the reverse.

If the trip is oversubscribed we will allocate places by drawing names out of a hat, all names will be drawn and a waiting list of unsuccessful applicants will be kept.

Students will be notified whether they have been allocated a place or not by **Friday 30 November 2018**. Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their place with a payment plan; deposits will be refunded to parents/carers of unsuccessful applicants. Please note, the school has the right to remove a student from the trip if payments are not received according to the payment schedule and where no alternative plan has been agreed.

Yours sincerely



Toby Harper (PE Department)

To: Beverley Perkins – School Office

Climbing Residential 2019

This reply slip is only necessary if you have not replied online.

I would like to apply for Tutor Group to participate in the climbing residential trip from Friday 28 June to Sunday 30 June 2019.

I have paid the deposit online/enclose a cheque for £40.

Emergency contact number for that weekend:

Medical Comments: **(Please include the reasons for all/any visits to GP in the last 6 months)**

Signed: Parent/Carer Date:



Climbing 2019

28 June - 30 June 2019

School Study Visit and Trip Behaviour Contract

General

Whilst on a school study visit or trip students are representing Robert May's School. They are expected to participate in all activities, listen carefully to all instructions, follow them and be polite to all staff, each other and members of the public. Failure to comply with these reasonable expectations will result in sanctions whilst on the study visit or trip.

Conduct not Allowed

Smoking, stealing, drinking alcohol, bullying and other extreme behaviour that puts students or staff at risk is completely unacceptable and parents may be asked to come and collect students early at their own cost.

Digital Media Use

Photos, videos, recordings, digital recordings or other images of any staff, students, or other persons, may not be taken by students on study visits or trips without the specific consent of all individuals concerned.

Behaviour before Study Visits and Trips

Careful monitoring of behaviour in school will take place before all school study visits and trips. Students will be expected to attend regularly and follow all school rules. High levels of politeness will be expected towards all staff and other students. Students who are unable to meet these expectations in school will be removed from the trip and might not be eligible for a refund of any monies paid.

Students who have been excluded externally for a fixed term period at any time leading up to the study visit or trip may find that their place is at risk.

Parents/Carers: I have read, understood and discussed with my child this behaviour contract.

Parent/Carer Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Student: I have read and understood this behaviour contract and will ensure that high levels of good behaviour are shown whilst on the trip. I understand that poor attendance or poor behaviour in school could lead to my place being withdrawn.

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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