



21st June 2022

Dear Varndean families

Snowdonia Enrichment Information

It was good to see lots of you at our information evening just before half term. If you were unable to make it please find attached the information that was shared on the evening (including the kit list and the consent form). Please take a moment to read through the details and please ask any questions that may arise to garethhughes@varndean.co.uk.

The key headlines to note are as follows:

- The trip is provided by E3 adventures. We have worked with them several times previously and they are an experienced team of outdoor adventure specialists with all the appropriate insurances. You can visit their website for further details: <http://e3adventures.com/> The trip is run as a supported adventure. Students are encouraged beyond their comfort zone with activities planned around both the weather and the strengths of the group. An adventurous spirit is required for the trip but no-one is forced to complete an activity they are certain they do not want to do.
- We stay at Dolawen which is a working farm. Students sleep in dormitories in converted farm buildings.
- The welfare of the students on the trip is the responsibility of the school staff team - Mr Hughes, Ms Connolly, Mr Beyfus and Mr Hill.
- We will travel by minibus driven by Mr Beyfus and Mr Hughes
- Departure: Meet at the school at 9am on **Sunday 10th July** ready for a departure at 9.30am. A packed lunch will be required
- Return to school: Approximately (depending on traffic) **4pm on Thursday 14th July**. A packed lunch will be provided.
- Spending money: There is very little opportunity to spend money once in Snowdonia apart from the occasional ice cream. Students may want a small amount of money for drinks and snacks when we stop on the journey but they shouldn't assume there will be the opportunity to buy a full meal.





- There is no mobile phone signal at the centre. If you need to contact your child in an emergency during the trip please do so via the emergency numbers provided by the school. These will be sent to you closer to our departure date.
- Mobile phones can be taken and can be used on the journey. They will not be allowed on certain activities when there is a risk they may be damaged or lost.
- Please complete the consent form making sure we are aware of any health, dietary or other concerns by the 1st July. Please send this electronically to myself or print out and ask your child to hand to Caroline Heath in the medical room.

It is an excellent trip and I hope your child is looking forward to it as much as we are.

Kind regards

Gareth Hughes