

Wednesday 22nd June 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our transition work with our Year 11's, I am delighted to tell you that we will be running a trip for the whole of Year 11 to Whitemoor Lakes Outward Bound Centre near Lichfield on **Monday 12th September 2016**. The activities will include abseiling, archery, challenge course, climbing, high ropes, zip wire. These activities are operated by experienced, trained instructors. The day will also include a special guest speaker to help students focus on this important year ahead. **There is no cost for this trip.**

Your child needs to be at Grace Academy Darlaston, by **7.45am on Monday 12th September 2016**. We will be travelling to Whitemoor Lakes in Lichfield by coach and returning to Grace Academy by **4:30pm**. I have included a packing list below for the day. Please provide your child with warm clothes and shoes suitable for outdoor activities and a change of clothes in case it is wet. Please provide a packed lunch for your child. If your child receives free school meals and you would like us to provide a packed lunch, please indicate so on the attached consent form.

We reserve the right not to take any student on the trip whose behaviour has not been appropriate in the academy and would remind you that if your child is late for the trip, they will complete work in the Academy. We understand that not every student will feel confident doing every activity but the staff will support your child throughout the day. **We strongly ask all Year 11's to take part in this day to take part in sessions that will help broaden their horizons and encourage them to succeed during Year 11.**

If you have any questions, you can reach myself or Miss Watkins, Head of Year 11 on 0121 568 3300.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please fill out the attached consent form, and return it to Reception by **Monday 11th July 2016**.

Yours sincerely

Ryan Slattery, Assistant Principal
Grace Academy Darlaston

Packing List

- Packed lunch including a drink
- Clothes for outdoor activities and sports (including warm clothes)
- Change of clothes
- Waterproof raincoat/jacket
- Hat and gloves
- 2 pairs of shoes/trainers (at least one that can get wet/muddy)
- Small towel (in case it is wet)
- Personal medications (Anyone bringing personal medications must inform the staff that they have it.)
- Students can also bring some spending money as there is a tuck shop onsite

Grace Academy Darlaston: Year 11 Activity Day: Monday 12th September

Please fully complete the permission slip below and ask your child to return it to reception before the end of the academy day on Monday 11th July 2016.

I consent to my child _____ (name)
in _____ (Tutor Group) to visit Whitemoor Lakes on Monday 12th September 2016.

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone Number(s):

Additional Emergency Contact Name and Telephone Number(s):

Please list any medical conditions or dietary requirements that your child has below:

Please write below if you child is unable to swim 25m:

If your child is on free school meals and requires a packed lunch being provided for them, please circle which sandwich option they would like below.

HAM

CHEESE

CHICKEN

SALAD

Please tick how you child will be dismissed at the end of the trip

- I will be picking my child up from Grace Academy at the end of the visit.
- I give permission for my child to make their own way home from Grace Academy at the end of the visit.

I give permission for my child to attend the Whitemoor Lakes Year 11 Activity Day and to receive any medical attention and first aid should this prove necessary.

Signed.....(Parent/Guardian) Date: / /2016