



16 January 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

## Inspiration Day – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

As part of our Personal Development programme, I am excited to write to you about our upcoming Inspiration Day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

We are proposing a trip for Year 10 with “Acclimatize” for an outdoor adventure day including activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, scrambling/weaseling, Tyrolean traversing and bushcraft. These activities will take place over two sites: Black Rocks and the Cromford Canal. Students will leave school via coach at 8:40 and return to school by 15:20. We hope that these teambuilding activities will enable Year 10 to develop valuable life skills extending beyond the classroom.

We cannot legally impose a charge for this trip, but we ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £50 towards its cost, provided we do not treat differently those who choose not to contribute. In this instance, unless the majority feel able to contribute, we shall not be able to run the trip out of school funds.

However, the school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties. If you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please do contact me to discuss in the first instance and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence.

In the event of your child not being able to take part in this trip, an alternative school-based activity will be provided for them on the day. This will equally offer students the opportunity to broaden their horizons beyond the classroom.

Please could we ask for a deposit of £10 to be made online via the ParentPay system by Friday 26 January. The remaining £40 towards the trip will be required provisionally by Friday 1 March, however we will confirm this date to you within the next two weeks. When payment is made using ParentPay, you will be prompted to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip/event and agreeing to any conditions stated in the trip letter. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you wish them to be considered for financial support for this trip, then please email me as soon as possible: [martinsmithj@jfcs.org.uk](mailto:martinsmithj@jfcs.org.uk).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Student Services.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Martinsmith  
Head of Year 10