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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 Alton Castle Residential Retreat – Wednesday 29th November to Friday 1st December 2023

I write to inform you that Year 7 students are invited to attend our residential retreat taking place at Alton Castle Retreat Centre, Staffordshire from Wednesday 29th November to Friday 1st December 2023.

The aim of this retreat is to nurture an increased awareness of God through a range of activities including music, prayer and outdoor pursuits such as mountain biking, climbing and nature trekking. This residential is always a wonderful experience and an excellent opportunity for the year group to bond and make new friends from other tutor groups; it plays an important part in the beginning of their life at secondary school.

The cost of this three-day trip is £173.50 and can be made in three payments, as per the schedule below:

Payment Schedule*	Payment Due Date	Amount
Immediate deposit	20 th September 2023	£73.50
Second instalment	6 th October 2023	£50
Final instalment	3 rd November 2023	£50

* Please note once we have received each of your payments by the instalment dates, cancellation/refunds will not be possible unless supported by a Doctor's Certificate and this will go through the school's insurers.

This trip will be available on ParentPay from Tuesday 12th September 2023 from 3:30 pm. If you would like your child to participate in this residential, please make a deposit of £73.50 on ParentPay and complete the online consent information. If your child's consent information changes before the trip departs, please update the trip lead as soon as possible. **Places are limited and will be secured on a 'first come, first served' basis upon receipt of your deposit.** If you do not have access to the Internet and require cash payments to be made via a PayPoint facility, please contact Student Services as soon as possible and they will give you the necessary barcoded letter. If the trip is full and you would like to be added to our waiting list, please email: BGNTrips@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

If you have any questions regarding the residential, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at cphi3816@bgn.oxon.sch.uk or you may wish to find out more information about the centre itself, which can be located at www.altoncastle.co.uk.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your son/daughter which I highly recommend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Phillips – Head of Year 7

Headteacher: **Ms Niamh Dolan, BSc (Hons)** headteacher@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

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