**31 March 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

**YEAR 9 GREEN Trip**

We are really excited to tell you that we have re-arranged the day of outdoor adventurous activities for our Year 9 students at **Herts Young Mariners Base** in **July 2021.** This is a fabulous opportunity for students to enjoy a fun and active enrichment day, which will involve them working together to learn and develop their GREEN skills in the following activities: *kayaking/climbing/paddle boarding.* **All activities are delivered by trained centre staff and all safety equipment is provided by the centre, including buoyancy jackets for water-based activities.** Students will not be forced to do anything that they are fearful of, but we will encourage them to try.  This is a ‘normal’ school day and we expect all students in Year 9 to attend as usual.

The trip details are as follows:

* **Monday 12th July – 9G & 9S**
* **Wednesday 14th July – 9C & 9W**
* **Friday 16th July – 9H & 9F**
* **Departure time from school:**  9.05am
* **Transport:** Tube and rail to Cheshunt Station.  Then a 5-minute walk to the centre.
* **Return time to school:**  approximately 4.30pm
* **Cost:**  **£26** which covers the full day of activities
* **Payment:** [please give permission via this form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B_HLllWrskmw7Ov9Af8xPIZQnqVeyvBFn_7XQt7yrOBURUlPN09aTUlFVkZaWEhHVDFONEpWRzY5Mi4u) and then make payment through sQuid, if you have not already paid in full.  Payment can be made in full, or by instalments, with a deposit of **£16 payable by 30th April 2021** and the balance of **£10 paid by 31st May 2021.**  If you have any problems paying by sQuid, please ask your daughter to go to Student Services.

Students will be representing the school but will not wear school uniform or lanyards on this day.  Students will need to wear a face covering for the entire journey, unless they have an exemption card. They should wear comfortable clothing and footwear that they do not mind getting wet or muddy.  Please see the kit list below, for the day of the trip. **They will not be allowed to use mobile phones during the trip in line with our school rules.**

**Students will also need to bring a small bag containing the following (main kit list detailed below):**

* A packed lunch – no glass bottles or fizzy drinks (If your daughter is entitled to free school meals, she will be able to collect a cold lunch from the dining hall before we leave, if it is ordered through sQuid).
* A drinking bottle (can be refilled at any tap at HYMB).
* A complete change of clothes including a spare face covering, shoes, underwear, socks, etc. and a towel (in case they get wet)
* A spare carrier bag for any wet clothing
* Any medication required, labelled with their name.

* **For this trip, permissions will be collected via the Form linked above.**
* **All payments will be made through sQuid.**
* **If you have any problems logging into sQuid, or do not have a login for the sQuid system, please contact our Student Services Administrator (Ms Joliffe) who will be able to assist you or e-mail** [**info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk**](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) **and write “sQuid query” in the subject line.**

For the purposes of safe travel, students will be organised into small groups to be directly supervised by an accompanying member of staff. Students will be thoroughly briefed before the trip about health and safety procedures.  We will have a travel ‘pass’ for the groups, so students do not need Oyster cards.

Yours faithfully

**Ms Desbenoit**

**Student Progress Leader Year 9 / Diversity Co-ordinator**

**Kit list for all participants attending sessions at HYMB:**

* Face covering and a spare.
* Comfortable clothing (Layers to be worn if the weather is cool).
* Comfortable shoes that you do not mind getting wet or muddy.
* A complete change of clothes including shoes, underwear, socks, etc.
* Towel.
* Hat (woolly/sun) depending on the weather.
* Waterproof jacket if the weather is wet.
* Sun cream (min. SPF 30) if the weather is sunny.
* A drinking bottle (can be refilled at any tap at HYMB).
* Any medication required, labelled with your daughter’s name.

All safety equipment is provided by HYMB.