



June 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

TIRABAD: Year 8 Joint Course: 9th – 16th September 2016

I am pleased to be able to inform you that there will be another opportunity for your son/daughter to visit TIRABAD, the school's residential centre in Wales. We will run another course for this year group in September 2016 which will be a Joint Maiden Erlegh Trust course with students from our sister school in Earley.

Situated in central Wales, the Centre can accommodate groups of up to 36 students. During the course they are accompanied by two members of staff from across both schools, as well as the specialist teachers leading the activities at Tirabad and three trainee instructors. The specialist teachers at Tirabad are highly qualified and experienced in all aspects of outdoor education. This level staffing ensures students enjoy an exciting and challenging experience.

The course will include a programme of adventure activities, selected from the following:

Archery
Caving

Mountain Walking
Vertical Challenge

Canoeing/Kayaking
Gully Scrambling

Spy Mission

You should be aware that the final programme is run as a fixed rota, and students will be required to participate in all activities. As you can appreciate, outdoor adventure activities are physically demanding and participants need to have sufficient strength and stamina to follow all aspects of the course fully and safely.

Booking for this course starts immediately. **Please note that this is the only course planned during Year 8.** A large number of the year group went to Tirabad in Year 7, and I am sure that many would like to go again because a more advanced programme will be offered. **You are also advised places are limited to only 18 students from this school.**

Participation is subject to a risk assessment of every student's suitability for the course. Thereafter, priority will be given to students who did not go in Year 7, and then students' names will be pulled out of a hat for the remaining places.

The total all-inclusive cost for the week will be £346, which include full board and lodging, instruction, coach travel and insurance. If you would like your son/daughter to be considered for a place, please complete the form below and return it to reception at Maiden Erlegh Reading. **Once a place has been allocated to your child, you will be liable for full payment even if you subsequently are compelled to withdrawal for any reason except medical.** You may pay the balance by instalments over a period if you wish to and this should be made via **ParentPay**.

Further information can be obtained from Mrs Roberts, if necessary.

We sincerely hope that your child will find this course an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Deputy Headteacher

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Name of Student: _____

Tutor Group: _____

I would like my son/daughter to attend this course.

I will pay the deposit of £100.00 by Friday 15 July and pay the balance of £246 either:

one week before the course begins or

in instalments of a period of time

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

Please tick:

My child has been to Tirabad in Year 7

My child has not been to Tirabad