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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity for our current Year 7 students to take part in a residential trip to **PGL Boreatton Park** in July 2028. The visit will take place from **Sunday 16th July to Wednesday 19th July 2028**, offering students the chance to participate in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities in a safe, supportive environment.

This residential will provide students with valuable opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience, confidence, and independence. Activities are delivered by qualified PGL instructors, with students supported throughout by experienced school staff. No previous experience is required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to take part.

The trip includes:

- Return coach travel from New Mills School to Boreatton Park
- Full board accommodation
- A full program of outdoor activities led by fully trained PGL instructors
- All specialist equipment
- Comprehensive insurance cover

Activities include (not guaranteed)

- Archery
- High ropes
- Jacob's ladder
- Climbing wall
- Raft building
- Canoeing
- Axe Throwing
- Trapeze
- Zip Wire
- Abseiling
- Giant Swing

Mobile phones/smart devices:

This trip will be a mobile-phone and smart-device-free trip. All students will be required to hand in their mobile phones, iPads, and any other smart devices to staff upon arrival at Boreatton Park. These will be securely stored and returned at the end of the trip.

Students will be accompanied by a member of staff at all times and will not be under remote supervision. Should parents or carers need to contact their child during the visit, they will be able to do so via the designated school trip phone. The contact number for this phone will be shared at the trip information evening.

Cost:
The total cost of the trip will be **between £380 and £420 per student**, depending on uptake and final travel costs. We are advertising the trip early in order to secure an early-bird discount of approximately £100 per student.

How to secure a place:
To express interest, please make an **initial non-refundable deposit of £80.00 via ParentPay by Friday 4th December 2026**. We are required to confirm numbers and pay deposits to PGL in before the end of term, so it is essential that payments are made by the deadline.

There are **80 places available**. If demand exceeds capacity, we may explore increasing the number of places, though this cannot be guaranteed. If the trip is oversubscribed, then places will be allocated by names out of the hat.

A **second payment of £80** (non-refundable) will be due in **February 2027**, with the remaining balance payable by **January 2028**. A full payment schedule will be shared once the final cost has been confirmed.
Please note that once the trip has been confirmed, deposits are non-refundable. If the trip does not receive sufficient interest, all deposits will be returned.

Parents or carers who would like their child to attend but may find the cost a barrier, are encouraged to contact **Mrs Millington, School Business Manager**, in confidence at amillington@newmillsschool.co.uk

Students taking part in the trip are expected to maintain a good behaviour record in school. Serious concerns regarding behaviour may result in a place being withdrawn.

If you have any further questions or would like more information about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Further details about the centre can also be found on the PGL website:

https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays/centres/boreatton-park

Yours sincerely,

Mr Robertson
Second in Science