



11 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: GCSE Rock Climbing Taster Session

I would like to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the GCSE Rock Climbing Taster session on **Tuesday 24th May**.

Students will be attending **Thriftwood Outdoor Adventure** and will take part in a Rock-Climbing session providing them with an opportunity to consider the option of taking Rock Climbing as a viable option for one of their chosen sports.

There may be times during the trip when students are given free time. They should not go off on their own but should remain in small groups at all times. Staff will issue a contact number should any student become separated.

We will take a return minibus trip to the Thriftwood site. As the trip will take place during the school day, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £30 to cover the expense of providing the off-site activity. It is not compulsory for students to take part in the trip but doing so will allow them to consider rock-climbing as one of the three practical sports they will need for GCSE PE. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip will have to be cancelled.

Your son or daughter should wear suitable clothing for the day and should bring along refreshments as food will not be provided.

If you wish your child to participate, please make payment via ParentPay, complete the attached consent form with full medical information and return this to the finance office by Tuesday 17 May. Please be aware all payments are non-refundable. It is important to note that should the payment deadline be missed your child's place on the trip may be in jeopardy.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01277 238300 or via email at phallahan@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hallahan
Acting Head of Boys' PE

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