

September 22

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**RE: Year Trip 1 Trip Malham/York University 10-14 October 2022**

We are delighted to invite your son/daughter to our Year 1 trip during the week commencing 10-14 October 2022. In the absence of any trips or visits for the past two academic years, we feel a moral imperative to offer this experience to our young people. The trip comprises a visit to York University as well as an outdoor activity in Malham. This is a compulsory program which we feel will benefit our students and enhance their abilities to succeed. Your son/daughter will attend the trip for two days. They will be informed which days they have been assigned to by Wednesday 28 September. For the remainder of the week, students are expected to attend college 1 day to complete an assessment to see if they need any support with exams. The remaining 2 days are scheduled for independent study, with work set by their teachers and completed at home.

#### **Payment**

The trip needs to be paid for using this link to parents pay <https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

#### **Bursary student**

Please can I ask you to sign in to Parent Pay to give your consent to the trip – the cost of the trip will be covered by college. <https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

#### **York Culture and University Day**

Students will leave Dixons Sixth Form Academy at 08:30 and travel to York on coaches. Students will get to experience both York University and the historic York City Centre – spending half the day at each location. At the University of York, students will have a tour of part of the campus led by York student ambassadors. They will also have sessions delivered by the University outreach team to introduce our students to the benefits of studying at University more generally, as well as some guidance around the UCAS application process. When in the city of York, students will have the opportunity to view some of the history and culture through a walking tour along the city walls, as well as a cruise down the River Ouse provided through City Cruises.

#### **Malham Activity Day**

Students will visit Malham and complete a guided walk based on the Malham Landscape Trail. They will be in small groups accompanied by D6A staff and qualified upland leaders from Carnegie Great Outdoors. Leaders will involve students in environmental discovery, team-building and problem-solving activities. Students will enhance their understanding of the landscape and culture of this special area, building powerful knowledge. The route is scenic but challenging in places and students will be encouraged to draw on their resilience and skills in moving on steep and uneven ground.

#### **Kit List**

Waterproof jacket or warm coat with a hood  
Trainers (with grippy soles if possible) or, better, walking boots/shoes. Please avoid soft, thin, and smooth-soled pumps  
Warm and comfortable clothing. Sports clothing in synthetic fabrics works well. Tracksuit top/bottoms are good. Avoid 100% cotton/denim fabrics.  
Thick socks long enough to cover your ankle bone  
Warm hat, gloves  
Sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses (weather dependent)  
Water (at least a litre)  
Packed lunch, snacks  
Small rucksack to put it all in. Avoid shoulder bags.

Carnegie Great Outdoors will bring a selection of waterproof clothing and walking boots but, if you are able to bring your own kit, it will fit better and be more comfortable.



**Important**

Remember to bring any personal medication you need (eg. inhaler, Epipen, insulin). Indicate your medical needs on the consent form. If you indicate that you need medication on your form, you may be unable to participate if you don't bring it. Please think carefully about bringing expensive personal or electrical items. It may be safer, for some activities, not to wear jewelry. Some activities might put delicate items at risk of damage. It can be very hard to keep phones dry in heavy rain (a small polythene bag might be a good idea). Your personal items are your responsibility.

**Cost**

The cost of this trip is £70 per student and can be paid via ParentPay. The payment structure will be two payments of £35. The dates for these payments will be stated on ParentPay. This charge is covered for the students who are in receipt of a Sixth Form Bursary.

**Food**

Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them on both days as there will be no opportunity to purchase food, those students entitled to a free meal will have lunch provided by college.

**Academic Screening (PAD)**

All Year 1 students will be allocated a 2 hour appointment to complete some online screening. This will enable us to identify any students requiring additional support. Availability is limited, so it is vital that students attend their allocated appointment, arriving on time and not swapping for a day or time which better suits the student. This screening is compulsory, as we hope to identify which students are most likely to benefit from support and further assessments can then be completed.

There is a separate medical consent form to complete for Malham, this will be given to you by your tutor, the deadline for completing and handing this back is Friday 25 September. I am also attaching it if you would like to print it at home to complete it. Please ask your child to hand it in to G19.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the team via the following address: [enrichment@dixons6a.com](mailto:enrichment@dixons6a.com)

Kind Regards

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