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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Year 7 and Year 8 Geography Trip to Wales

It is with great pleasure, to inform you, that the Geography Department is proposing a trip to Betws-Y-Coed in North Wales for Year 7 and 8 pupils. The residential trip is an action- packed course, set in a stunning natural location, which aims to inspire students to improve confidence and build character, all whilst having fun participating in adventure activities.

The 3 days will include team building challenges in a range of environments, as well as activities such as gorge scrambling all whilst learning about the landscape around them, with a particular focus on rivers and coasts.

The trip will depart from school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 9am, returning on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at approximately 3pm, travelling by coach. Accommodation will be based in an historic Georgian country house built in the early 1800s, set in the beautiful landscape of Snowdonia. The cost of the trip is approximately £325. This is based on all spaces being filled. Any amendments to this price will be communicated as soon as possible.

If your child is interested in taking part, please make a non-refundable deposit of £80 using the ParentPay system by Monday  $3^{rd}$  November 2025. We appreciate this is a quick turnaround but in order to secure the dates with the Field Studies Centre, it is important an initial deposit is secured in accordance to their timeframes.

Places will not be allocated on a first come first basis. If demand for the trip exceeds the maximum party size a ballot will be held and a reserve list put into operation. Deposits will be returned at this point only to any students on the reserve list. A second non-refundable instalment of £80 will be payable by Monday  $1^{st}$  December 2025. The remaining amount of £165 would need to be paid by the final deadline of Monday  $2^{nd}$  February 2026. Although payments can be made at any point up to the deadline, we expect this schedule to be adhered to in order to meet deadlines set by the Field Studies Centre. There is a 10% discount for students in receipt of Pupil Premium. Please contact finance@calderlearningtrust.com for more details.

Please note in the event of a student dropping out prior to travel, monies will not be refunded unless we are able to re-allocate their place to another student. Students may also be removed from the trip should they be involved in any serious behaviour incidents in school prior to the departure date. It must be stated, students wanting to participate on this trip must demonstrate a positive attitude to their learning in lessons and have a good behaviour record.

For further details, please see the webpage <a href="https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/rhydycreuau/">https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/rhydycreuau/</a>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Geography Department.

Yours sincerely

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