



## ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST ACADEMY

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Challenge & Celebration Week – July 2021**

Extra-curricular opportunities and enrichment visits are an important and memorable part of education. They enhance learning, enable students to grow in self-confidence and independence and allow them the chance to show leadership and team work skills. At Ilkley Grammar School we aim to provide our students with a variety of experiences throughout their time with us.

In light of this, the school's seventh Challenge and Celebration Week will take place between **Monday July 19th and Friday July 23rd 2021**. All students will be off timetable during this week following a programme of either school based, or off site bespoke to their year group. Activities build on each other from year to year, allowing students to experience a range of opportunities throughout their school life. It is hoped that tutors will accompany their forms as much as possible throughout this time, enabling them to further deepen the bond they have with their tutees.

Today your son/daughter received a presentation outlining the character of the programme; a copy was also sent to them by email. Students in Key Stage 3 will have a choice of one of two options.

#### **For Year 7: Option 1: Yr 7 Carousel**

Students will participate in a carousel of 4 day-based activities.

Activity 1: High Adventure - Individual and Team Challenges

Activity 2: A visit to Lightwater Valley to experience the fun and thrills of the rides.

Activity 3: The Big Top - fine tune trapeze, unicycling and diablo skills with the Foolhardy Circus at the school field.

Activity 4: Walk the Wharfe – enjoy some of the finest scenery in the country walking the Dales Way footpath.

Departing daily at 8:30am and Activity 1 & 2 return to school around 4:15pm and Activity 3 & 4 will be back at school for 3pm.

#### **Option 2 – KS3 Carousel**

Students will participate in a carousel of 4 day-based activities to include a day at Nell Bank, Walk the Wharfe. All days depart and return within the normal school hours each day.

The total cost of Option 1 is £90; this is inclusive of all transport, activities and insurance. Students in receipt of Pupil Premium are eligible for a 50% discount. The total cost of Option 2 is £30 and free for those students in receipt of Pupil Premium



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### **Payment details:**

As a school we are very aware of the additional cost of school trips. As a result we have devised a payment system that we hope will spread the cost over a period of time in line with the payment deadlines the school itself has to meet with the organisations and companies that will be involved in the week. It is vital that parents do meet the payment deadlines outlined below as failure to do so may well result in both the loss of non-refundable deposits and the place a student may have on a trip. Having said this, if you do have any issues with the payment dates please speak to Joy Heyworth in the Finance Department.

In addition to the use of Pupil Premium to subsidise the cost of these opportunities for some, the school is delighted to announce that the Ilkley Grammar School PTA is kindly continuing the school travel bursary to further widen student participation and access. **Please log onto the school website should you wish to find out more about this form of financial support. Please note the closing date for the first round of applications is 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

<https://www.ilkleygrammarschool.com/parents/pta-enrichment-bursary/>

**Finally**, it needs to be reiterated that Challenge and Celebration Week is very much linked to the school's Personal Best rewards and sanctions policy. Students who have been in isolation three or more days over the academic year, or who have been excluded, may not be eligible to participate in the week and will need to attend an alternative programme of activities during this time. Please note that, with regret, the school also may not be able to fully refund all payments made for students that have been barred from C&C week or have withdrawn from activities for reasons other than those supported by a doctor's note.

	<b>Deposit 29/01/2021</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment 26/02/2021</b>	<b>Final Payment 26/03/2021</b>
<b>Year 7 Option 1: Yr 7 Carousel</b>	£30 (PPI £15)	£30 (PPI £15)	£30 (PPI £15)
<b>Year 7 Option 2: KS3 Carousel</b>		£30 (PPI Free)	

***Please note the cost of the trip at this time is an approximate figure and may vary, if this is the case we will notify you as soon as possible.***

### **Next steps:**

I would be most grateful if parents of students could complete the Microsoft form ([here](#)) no later than **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. In addition to this, it is also vital that a non-refundable deposit is uploaded to ParentPay no later than **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 if you wish to participate in any of the Option 1 activities**. It is with regret that failure to do this will result in your son/daughter not being able to gain a place on an Option 1 activity and being placed on Option 2.

If you have any other questions about the week please phone or e mail Ben Leeming or myself for general questions about the whole programme and Joy Heyworth regarding any finance queries.

I hope your son/daughter will look forward to participating in these exciting opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Calvert  
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Transition and KS3; Designated Safeguarding Lead