



February 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re:- Kent Mountain Centre Trip: 29 October to 4 November 2017

Your child has expressed interest in joining our annual visit to this outdoor adventure centre. I therefore enclose some details below:

Dates Leave school at approximately 8:30am on Sunday 29 October 2017. Return to school at about 4:30pm on Saturday 4 November 2017.

Mode of transport Travel from and to Kent will be by private coach (a 'door-to-door' service is provided). During our stay, local transport will be in the centre's own fleet of minibuses.

Venue Kent Mountain Centre, Glyn Padarn, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55 4EL
Telephone Llanberis (01286) 870216 (emergencies only)
Llanberis (01286) 870776 (Students)
Website: thekmc.co.uk

Kent County Council own and run the centre (opened in 1971). It has an impressive reputation for providing a high standard of facilities and service. The large Victorian house stands in several acres of its own grounds on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park. Accommodation is in comfortable dormitories.

Cost £365.00. This includes all transport, accommodation, food, activities, professional instruction and specialist equipment (including boots, waterproofs, rucksacks etc).

Activities Our aim is always to undertake activities that are special to the area around the centre or that are simply not available in Kent. This means your child will have the opportunity to participate in new and exciting outdoor challenges.

To make the best use of the centre's excellent outdoor facilities at this time of year we intend spending at least three days walking and scrambling on the mountains of the Snowdonia National Park.

Opportunities for rock climbing, gorge scrambling, sea cliff traversing, mine exploration, problem solving tasks and orienteering will be available depending on weather and experience of individual pupils. Evening activities will be arranged including visits to a local indoor climbing wall.

The emphasis is very much on challenging, new and exciting experiences. We will be fitting many of these into our week away. Typically, activities start at 9:00am and finish at 9:30pm with appropriate breaks for lunch and dinner. Participants must be reasonably fit and prepared to take part in challenging physical activities.

This very popular trip is heavily subsidised by Kent County Council; it represents remarkable value and really is a marvellous opportunity to experience some amazing activities in a unique area of Britain.

If you would like your child to be considered for this trip please complete the slip below and return it to the school cash office, complete with the deposit, at your earliest convenience. *Payment can be made online via your WisePay account or by cheque/cash to the school Cash Office (open from 8:30-8:50am and at break-time) and in any case by Friday 3 March 2017. Although no student will be prevented from taking part because his or her parents are unable to make a contribution, I will be unable to run the trip if insufficient funds are raised.

Please note that subsequent payment instalments will not be required until May 2017 at the earliest.

Further information (including photographs of previous visits and links to the student blog) is available on the school website (type **kent mountain centre** in the search box on the home page) and Dane Court KMC blog at **indoorsout.co.uk/blog**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



Mr M J Alderson
Teacher in charge of outdoor education

DANE COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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Please consider my child for inclusion on the above visit.

I agree that
Pupil's name _____ Form _____ Date of Birth _____

may take part in this trip and I am happy for them to take part in the following specific activities: hillwalking, mountain scrambling, rock climbing, problem solving, raft building, orienteering, mine exploration, gorge scrambling and sea level traversing.

Should the necessity arise, I agree to the person in charge of the party giving consent on my behalf for an anaesthetic to be administered or for any other urgent medical treatment to be given.

I enclose a deposit of £35.00 (please make cheques payable to Dane Court Grammar School and write the trip details and the pupil's name on the reverse), which I understand is not returnable once my child has been offered a place.

Signed (Parent/Guardian) _____ Date _____

*I have paid by:

WisePay

Cheque

Cash

Please tick as appropriate.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP WITH THE DEPOSIT TO
THE SCHOOL CASH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2017**