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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Outdoor Ambition Trip - 11th, 12, 13th June 2025.

At Outwood Acklam we aim to instill in our students a core belief that they can overcome adversity and achieve no matter what the setting. With this in mind we are delighted to be able to offer all our Year 10 students the opportunity to take part in this exciting day trip.

Students will be given the opportunity to develop resilience across a broad range of non academic activities such as canoeing, raft building, paddleboarding and even have the opportunity to ascend a climbing tower. These activities are aimed at boosting team work and planning skills, improving resilience and providing an opportunity to have a unique outdoor experience, directly impacting mental health and wellbeing. This trip will provide a key life marker for students to refer to when things get tough throughout their upcoming GCSE year.

Thanks to the efforts of our Student Voice Council, the cost for the trip has been heavily subsidised by the Outwood Trust's Innovation Fund, matched by a contribution directly from Outwood Acklam. The cost for each student is therefore £10 per student. A link to pay this will be set up on iPay.

Further details regarding itinerary and clothing requirements are attached to this letter. In addition to this attached information we will send a further reminder and any updates nearer the time.

Please complete the below slip with ALL information completed and return by to confirm that you consent to your child attending the trip no later than Friday 23rd May. If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me at s.haigh@acklam.outwood.com or 01642 818200.

Yours sincerely

Ms Haigh
Assistant Principal

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Outdoor Ambition - Parent Permission Slip

Return to Tutors by Friday 23rd May 2025.

Name of Student:_____

I am happy for my child to attend the Outdoor Ambition Trip on either 11th, 12th or 13th of June.

I have paid the £10 fee on iPay ☐

Swimming Ability:

Can you child swim a minimum of 50 m unaided? Yes ☐ No ☐

Tick the box which applies to your child. All abilities are welcome.

- ☐ Strong swimmer
- ☐ Moderate swimmer
- ☐ Weak/non-swimmer

Photo consent:

- ☐ I give photo consent for my child
- ☐ I do not give photo consent for my child

My child has the following health need that you should be aware of:

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_____

Name of Parent/Carer:_____

Signed:_____

Date:_____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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Dear Participant,

The planned activity for the 11th, 12th & 13th of June 2025 is a mixture of Paddle Sports training, with a fun theme throughout. It's a great day; fun and very wet!

This letter is designed to help you prepare for the day. Please expect the participants to be a little tired at the end of the day. Please also understand that you will be encouraged to attempt new challenges but never forced. If you are concerned please call to discuss your concerns; everything is progressive.

The outline program is as follows:
Meet in school at the dining hall at 8.45am ready to depart from school at 9am.

- 9.30am - Arrive at Ellerton park (DL10 6AP)
- 9.55am - Change into Water equipment and activity safety brief, divide into 6 groups
- 10.00am - Water activities (Canoe/Kayaking/Rafting building/Standup Paddleboards/Sit
- 12.00 noon - Packed Lunch
- 12.20pm - More activity and water fun!
- 1.00pm - Change out of activity clothing
- 3.30pm - Load Buses and depart for School
- 4.00pm - Arrive School - Participants depart

Medical and Dietary information: Outdoor-Ambition Ltd will provide first aid staff to the event, should any participants have any underlying medical problems please highlight these on the attached Participation form.
What's provided: Wetsuit (if cold), windproof cag top, all Personal Protective Equipment
Point of Contact: Lloyd Murray 07801 444495

Participants will need the following:
o Swimming shorts (people like to wear these under the wetsuits)
o Long sleeve Top
o Sun cream
o Towel
o Shoes to wear in water
o Warm top/jacket for after the event