



# Ermysted's Grammar School

Headmaster: Mr M J Evans

Circa 1492

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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 7 pupil

## **Enrichment Week – 9 – 13 July 2018 Thornthwaite Activity Centre Two Night Residential**

We wish to offer every Year 7 pupil a varied programme of activities during enrichment week, which includes a residential trip involving a variety of outdoor activities. The Thornthwaite trip will be 3 days and 2 nights residential (two forms will go Monday - Wednesday and two forms Wednesday - Friday). One of the main reasons for the residential is fun but clearly there are opportunities to foster good relationships with classmates, learn some new skills, and experience being away from home. We expect to include the following activities on-site: bushcraft, shelter building, orienteering, mountain biking (with accredited instructor), outdoor art activities, traversing wall (a low level horizontal climbing wall), possibly climbing (with SPA accredited instructor), fencing (with accredited instructor), raft building on the shallow dammed stream (max depth 2 ½ feet) and camping.

Thornthwaite (a scout centre near Menwith Hill, near Harrogate) is owned and run by Harrogate and Nidderdale Scouts. It is a well-used, large 14 acre site predominantly wooded but with several large clearings and a shallow stream. It has purpose-built accommodation in a modern two storey building arranged in 2 to 6 person dormitories. There will also be an opportunity for students to camp in the grounds in 6-man tents. All activities will take place on site with the exception of an evening walk around Fewston reservoir.

This year we are again asking North Yorkshire Caterers to supply most of the meals. We will make every effort to offer a range of meal choices and would welcome any discussions to help cater for special dietary requirements. Please contact Dr C Needham by email: [cneedham@ermysteds.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:cneedham@ermysteds.n-yorks.sch.uk)

The intention is to keep costs to a minimum in the hope that every student feels able to join us for what we expect to be a very enjoyable activity towards the end of a busy year for our students. We are suggesting a voluntary contribution of £70.00 (price to include three days/two nights' accommodation, food, transport and cost of all activities). More detailed information will be provided shortly.

The final two days consist of school-based activities. The first day will be a compulsory Science Workshop (free of charge), and on the second day there will be a day of activities including clay painting, a music workshop and puzzle challenges at a cost of £7.00 for the day.

If school is in receipt of Pupil Premium for your child, this funding may be used towards the cost of any activities during Enrichment week. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions to make the trip possible, we may be forced to cancel the event.

Should you find yourself in financial difficulties please apply to the School in writing for the attention of Mrs Simms and your application for support will be considered in the strictest confidence.

Your son will be given a sign-up sheet along with a consent form, which **must be returned to his form tutor by Friday 2 March 2018.**

We would encourage all students to participate. Any students who choose not to take part in the activities provided **MUST** indicate this on the sheet. Alternative arrangements will be made for those students during the week.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H M Simms', written in a cursive style.

Mrs H M Simms  
Assistant Headteacher

[Year 7 Sign-up Sheet](#)

[Medical Consent Form](#)