

Opportunity, Motivation & Success

# Ovingham Middle School

Ovingham, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6DE

Headteacher: Mr A Bennett



17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parent/Carer (current Y6 and Y7 pupils only)

As you know we try to offer an exciting range of extra-curricular experiences at OMS. As part of this ethos we attempt to arrange a number of residential visits from Year 5 to year 8. I am sure you will appreciate that the organisation required to provide these visits is complex and they demand the input of an enormous amount of staff time and school resources.

For the next academic year we are hoping to offer the following residential experiences to our KS3 pupils: - a French visit, an Outward bound visit to Cumbria a Ski visit to the French Alps and an Ecology study visit to Wooler. This is a very exciting and broad offer and we are aware that we need to ensure viable numbers of pupils are available for each visit to take place.

The French visit is offered to Year 7 pupils, the Outward Bound and Belgium War Poetry visit to Year 8 pupils and the Ski and Wooler visit to both Year 7 and Year 8 pupils.

The Outward Bound visit will be in either April or May 2017 (Fellside) approximate cost £450.00.

The French visit will be at the end of May 2017 at approximately £460.00.

The Wooler visit will be at the end of March 2017 at approximately £140.00.

The Ski visit details are: Depart Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017; return Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 approximate cost £900.00.

The English War Poetry visit to Belgium will be held in December 2017 at approximately £190.00.

PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF PREVIOUS VISITS. IF YOU CAN'T ACCESS THE SITE PLEASE TELEPHONE SCHOOL AND WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH FURTHER DETAILS.

While we always have high expectations for **excellent behaviour**, this is particularly important for these sorts of visits. The Outward Bound and Ski visits are both **very physically and mentally demanding** and **potentially very dangerous**. Please consider these factors very carefully when deciding if any visit is suitable for your child.

**Sometimes pupils choose to go on more than one visit, please note that if a trip is oversubscribed priority will be given to those who are not already committed to another visit.**

Tour companies and venues give a very short period of time for us to commit to numbers and deposits and so we would appreciate it if you could return the Ski visit reply slip below and an £80.00 deposit by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Bennett  
Headteacher

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### Ski Visit Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017

I would like my child .....Class.....

to take part in the Ski visit which will be held from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017. I enclose an £80.00 deposit and confirm that I will pay the balance in full before my child goes on this residential visit.

Signed .....Print.....