



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 Residential - Gradbach

We are delighted to say that due to the overwhelming interest shown in the Year 7 residential trip to Gradbach in association with Global Footprints we are going ahead as planned.

The trip will leave school, via coach on Mon 7th July and students will return during the afternoon on Wed 9th July. More information will follow once we have confirmed numbers and finalised the details.

During the 3 days, students will take part in activities such as rock climbing, weaseling, bouldering and abseiling in a real and natural outdoor environment. The students will also participate in 2 water activities on Tittesworth Reservoir.

The aim of the trip will be focussed on team skills, friendship bonding and confidence building. It will also give us chance to come together as a Year group to celebrate and reflect on our first year in secondary school together whilst setting some goals for the future.

The price will be £200 which is due by Saturday 7th June 2025 and we require a £50 deposit by Monday 7th April 2025. This will include, travel, accommodation (a combination of camping and dorm rooms), meals and activities.

If you would like for your child to attend, please complete the attached consent form and pay the £50 deposit via ParentPay, no later than Friday 28th March 2025.

Please find a kit list on the back of what each child will be expected to bring. There will be an information evening on Tuesday 6th May, in school at 6pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Taylor

Mr D Harrison

Head of Learning for Year 7

Head of PE

Payment Schedule	All payments must be paid on ParentPay by the following dates:	Tick when paid:
Deposit Date Due (£50)	07/04/2025	
2nd Instalment Due (£50)	07/05/2025	
3rd Instalment Due (£100)	07/06/2025	
Total (£200) paid by 07/06/2025		





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CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Year 7 Residential Kit List

- Holdall or rucksack - to carry and transport kit
- Small day sack/rucksack - to use while on activities
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Warm jumper or fleece
- T-shirts x 3
- Trousers and shorts - ideal for walking (no jeans)
- Underwear - 3 sets
- Trainers/sturdy footwear for walking and climbing
- Enclosed toe footwear to get wet – old trainers, water shoes, crocs etc.

For water sports sessions

- Shorts/swimming costumes
- Personal wash kit and towel (there are showers)
- Sleeping bag
- Head torch or hand torch - for camping
- Hat and gloves (optional, depending on the weather)
- Insect/mosquito repellent - in case of midges
- Spending money - for the tuck shop
- Personal medication

Sleeping arrangements:

The students will sleep 1 night inside the farmhouse in dorm style bunk bed accommodation.

Then sleep another night in a tent under the stars

Global Footprints will provide roll mats for sleeping on while camping



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