



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 Residential - Gradbach

We are pleased to offer our Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to Gradbach, in partnership with Global Footprints.

The trip will depart from school by coach on **Monday 22nd June** and return during the afternoon of **Wednesday 24th June**. Further details will be shared once final numbers are confirmed and arrangements are finalised.

During the three-day trip, students will take part in a range of outdoor activities, including rock climbing, weaseling, bouldering and abseiling in a natural outdoor environment. Students will also participate in two water-based activities at Tittesworth Reservoir.

The aim of the trip is to develop teamwork, strengthen friendships and build confidence. It will also provide an opportunity for the Year group to come together to celebrate and reflect on their first year of secondary school, while setting goals for the future.

The total cost of the trip is **£210**, which includes travel, accommodation (camping with tents provided), meals and all activities. A **£50 deposit** is required by **Friday 27th February 2026***, with the remaining balance due by **Monday 30th April 2026**. Payments need to be made on time or this may result in your child losing their place on the trip and the loss of any money paid may occur. Payment must be paid by ParentPay. If your child drops out of the trip and a replacement child cannot be found then you will be responsible to pay 100% of the total cost.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the attached consent form and pay the £50 deposit via ParentPay by **Friday 27th February 2026**.

A kit list outlining what each student will need to bring is included on the reverse of this letter. There will also be an information evening for parents and carers on **Tuesday 3rd March at 6:00pm**, held in school.

*Please note, the payment will go live on ParentPay from **Friday 30th January 2026**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Taylor

Head of Learning for Year 7

| Payment Schedule | All payments must be paid on ParentPay by the following dates: | Tick when paid: |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Deposit Date Due (£50) | 27/02/2026 | |
| 2nd Instalment Due (£60) | 30/03/2026 | |
| 3rd Instalment Due (£100) | 30/04/2026 | |
| Total (£210) paid by 30/04/2026 | | |





St. Thomas More
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern



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 for two nights in a tent under the stars in groups of 2 or 3. Mobile devices will be collected at 9pm to support a better night's sleep.

Global Footprints will provide tents and roll mats for sleeping on.



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