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Dear Parent / Carer

27th January 2025

Outward Bound Trip (1st - 4th September 2025)

I write to you with news about this year's school camp for S1 students taking place in September. For over 20 years now the school have run outdoor education trips in partnership with the Outward Bound Trust and I am pleased to inform you that we are once again able to offer this opportunity to our students.

What does the Outward Bound Trip involve?
Participating students take part in a wide range of outdoor experiences which include team building and problem solving games and a wide range of activities including sailing, kayaking, raft building, gorge walking, rock climbing, high rope courses, etc. For many the programme will also involve an overnight camping expedition.

Why should my child consider taking part in Outward Bound?
Outward Bound have a long track record of providing first class outdoor experiences designed around the personal development of students and their development of important life skills, resilience, and confidence. Participation in an Outward Bound course provides opportunities for students to develop key 'soft skills' so important in terms of personal development, achievement at school and in the world of employment.

Where, when, and how much?
The 2025 course is for the 5 days, 4 nights between Monday 1st and Friday 4th September and will be at Outward Bound's Howtown Centre, on the shore of Ullswater Lake in the Lake District.

Due to the good fortune of having continuing support from a school sponsor, we can offer places on the trip for a **capped price of £110.** This, I'm sure you'll appreciate is a substantial saving on the normal cost of a weeklong outdoor residential course. **Please note that additional financial assistance may also be available through application to our school opportunities fund.** If you think this is something that would be of help, then please contact myself or your child's support for pupils leaders, Miss Murray, Ms McKay, or Ms Manczak.

There are 36 places available with these being are solely for students currently in S1. To secure a place for your child **please complete the slip attached plus a deposit of £40 (full payments also accepted) by Monday 24th February**. If you are paying the deposit only at this stage then two further payments of £35 will be asked for later on.

Preferably payments should be made using Parent Pay but can be accepted in person at the school office.

Chris Wyllie
Curricular Leader (Social Subjects)

S1 Gracemount High School Outward Bound Trip 2025

Student name: _____ Register class: ____

I confirm that the above student would like a place on the Outward Bound 2025 trip.

Please tick if you wish to pay the £40 deposit **or** the full £110 at this time.

I have paid a £40 deposit ☐ I have paid the full amount of ☐ £110.

Parent/carer signature: _____ Date ___ / ___/ ___