Dear Parent/ Carer

**Senior Outward Bound Trust Residential Experience – Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th of June 2023. This trip is being offered to the current S4 and S5 pupils.**

We are writing to advise you that we are planning an Outward Bound® residential experience for senior pupils in our current S4 and S5 year groups who will be next year’s S5 and S6 pupils. This residential trip will run from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th June 2023 at Loch Eil, Fort William. The Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity that uses the outdoors to provide life-changing educational courses and unique experiences for young people.

As you are aware, Curriculum for Excellence clearly states that young people should experience ‘learning outside the classroom’. Learning in an outdoor environment encourages our pupils to work better as a team, develops self-confidence and builds a sense of personal responsibility. For our senior pupils, activities will be themed around self-management, resilience and goal-setting; skills which will be vital as they tackle the challenges of S5/6 and beyond. The difference back in the classroom, and at home, is often remarkable after completing an Outward Bound® residential experience.

The cost of the course will be approximately £200 per student. We strongly believe that finance should never be a barrier to young people accessing educational experiences such as this.  Please let us know if we can offer support with the cost of this trip. This price may change slightly depending on the final number of pupils who attend the course, however we will aim to keep the final cost as low as possible. This price includes transport to and from Loch Eil, all meals, snacks, accommodation, bed-linen, insurance, multiple on and offsite high adrenaline activities and all necessary equipment. We have also been successful in receiving financial support from The Outward Bound Trust, which has helped keep the costs down.

If you are interested in your child attending this trip, please send a note of interest including your child’s name and current registration class to the email below: **eamichaela.hagan@glow.sch.uk**

Alternatively**,** your child should return the slip overleaf to Miss Hagan/Mrs Hill in the Science Department. This note of interest will not guarantee your child a place on the trip, it will only allow us to confirm course numbers in order to finalise a course cost. This letter should be returned no later than **Monday 29th of August 2022**. After course numbers have been confirmed, your child will be given a consent form and medical form which need to be completed and submitted along with a *£50 non-refundable deposit* via ParentPay on **Friday 16th of September** in order to secure a place on this trip. Please contact us if an extension on this date is needed.

If you have any queries, please contact the school to speak to Miss Hagan or Mrs Hill. You can also visit The Outward Bound Trust’s excellent website on [www.outwardbound.org.uk](http://www.outwardbound.org.uk) to learn more about their work and to download useful information about the centre and the course.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hagan and Mrs Hill

I confirm that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (of current registration class:\_\_\_\_\_) is interested in attending the Outward Bound Trust Residential Experience from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th of June 2023.

Parent/ Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_