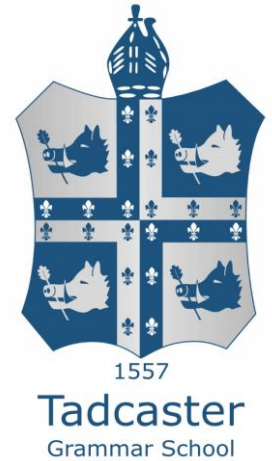


Be Your Best Self



Wednesday 13th October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 7 students,

Year 7 PGL Residential

I hope this finds you well?

Summary

The November 2021 Year 7 PGL residential has been postponed until July 2022.

You will be aware that since the start of September 2021, the school has experienced a significant rate of absence due to confirmed positive Covid-19 infections. We have been dynamically reviewing the viability of all trips and extra curricular activities from a health & safety perspective. This has included working closely with the office of the Director of Public Health (North Yorkshire) and the STAR MAT. Late yesterday we received notification from Public Health that they supported our view that the Year 7 residential in November should not take place due to the risk of additional infections and the operational implications this would have on whole school functions should a number of staff be out of school, alongside the health concerns this raises.

Mr Rob Solk (Curriculum Team Leader: PE/Year 7 Residential Leader) has negotiated superbly with PGL on behalf of the school and has managed to rebook the residential for Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th July 2022 (the last week of the summer term), the only other time that PGL could accommodate over 250 students plus staff. These new dates would normally cost in excess of £260, however Mr Solk has managed to secure the booking for the original price of the November 2021 trip. Outstanding work.

I understand that the short notice of this change may cause families some inconvenience, although we didn't want to communicate until we had a definite alternative date to make parents, carers and children aware of. As of the end of work yesterday, we believed that the only option we would have would be to cancel the residential altogether and refund parents and carers.

Mr Solk will be writing to you with further details shortly. To secure the July 2022 booking we need to pay the full balance by Tuesday 19th October 2021. Therefore, if your child does not want to attend the residential on the new dates and wishes to remain in school, please let him know by Monday 18th October 2021 at the latest. A full refund will be provided. (r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk)



Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher