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**HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL**  
An Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Guardians

**YEAR 7 TRIP TO KINGSWOOD CENTRE AT GROSVENOR HALL – 16-19 JULY 2017**

We are delighted to inform you that we are organising a 3 night residential educational adventure activity course at the Kingswood Centre at Grosvenor Hall in Ashford in July 2017. We are very fortunate to have secured a booking as it is extremely popular with school groups.

Kingswood is the leading residential activity centre provider, welcoming over 130,000 children each year. Their centres provide a rewarding educational programme offering many National Curriculum-linked modules combined with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities, with secure and controlled residential accommodation.

Residential courses organised by the school are an optional, but invaluable part of the National Curriculum. Pupils benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and I feel certain that the programme which we have chosen this year will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile.

We would like to offer this opportunity to the whole of the Year 7 cohort. The trip will take place from Sunday 16 to Wednesday 19 July 2017. The cost of the trip will be approximately £220 per pupil providing 125 pupils in the year group wish to attend (this will be reduced if a greater number desire to go) and includes return travel by coach, full board, accommodation and a full programme of activities.

In order for your son to attend you will need to pay an initial non-refundable deposit of £60 by **Friday 4 November 2016** followed by 2 further instalments in January and April 2017. The instalment amounts will be advised in a confirmation letter. The preferred method of payment is WisePay, but cheques/cash are still accepted. (Cheques should be made payable to Hitchin Boys' School) if paying by cash please ensure the correct money as change cannot be given. **WisePay will be available from Tuesday 18 October 2016**

If your son subsequently withdraws from the trip please be aware that some or all of the monies paid may be non-refundable depending on the payment schedule to Kingswood. If you require financial support, please write to the Head Teacher in confidence.

**The School reserves the right to withdraw a student from the trip if his behaviour becomes a serious concern as we approach the departure date.**

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A feedback survey completed by pupils on return from last year's trip showed that 100% of the 124 pupils who responded would recommend this trip to this year group of Year 7s. This has proved a very valuable and worthy trip over the last two years and we look forward to another cohort of boys enjoying it in the Summer of 2017.

If you wish to find out more about the ethos of Kingswood, its courses, supervisory and safety measures, please visit [www.kingswood.co.uk](http://www.kingswood.co.uk).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Year 7 team if you have any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely



Ms Cate Brown  
Assistant Head of Year 7



Mrs C Maddocks  
Head of Year 7

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***PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO the School Office Letterbox in an envelope marked Kingswood 2017 with your son's name and form on.***

I give permission for my son \_\_\_\_\_ of 7 \_\_\_\_ (form) to attend this Kingswood Residential trip on from the 16 – 19 July 2017

I understand that should my son be confirmed on the trip and he subsequently withdraws, monies paid may be non-refundable depending on the payment schedule to Kingswood .

I enclose cheque/cash for £60 as non- refundable deposit or alternatively:

I wish to pay via WisePay Yes/No

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_