

12 December 2023



**Newport Girls'  
High School  
Academy Trust**

Dear Parents/Carers  
Dear Year 12s

I am writing with a unique, one-off opportunity for our Year 12 students.

Kingswood is a company which offers outdoor activity breaks for school and community groups. They have recently launched a new careers engagement and employability programme, called Boss-It, which is aimed at 16 and 17-year olds. The week-long residential (lunchtime Monday until Friday morning) includes workshops on careers, guest speakers, outdoor activities and team challenges. This programme is just in the process of being launched and, through a contact I have previously worked with, NGHS has been offered 20 **completely free** places on a residential at their North Devon Centre from 11-15 March 2024. The journey time to the Centre is approximately 3.5 hours from Newport. Kingswood's aim is to get early feedback from students on this new course, its delivery and naturally for students to benefit from hopefully what will be an enjoyable mix of classroom sessions, outdoor activities, good food and company.

Transport by coach, accommodation in dormitory style rooms, food and all the outdoor activities (such as rafting/canoeing/rock, climbing/orienteering etc.) is included through Kingswood and a government grant. A £10 charge to cover school administration/insurance is all that is required. Where else can you get a £10 school residential trip these days?! The only other 'cost' would be snacks from the onsite tuck shop during the week.

We imagine this will be a popular opportunity so have an application system in place for students to request to attend. We will be prioritising places for the small number of Year 12 students who on are Free School Meals or Bursary. If heavily oversubscribed, we may also look at who has benefited from school trips at NGHS before. The school's decision on the allocation of places is final. Staff from NGHS will be travelling and staying onsite with the students during the week.

Students who get a place will be expected to be willing to get involved and commit to the activity programme. If they are nervous about zip wires etc., it's fine but we would expect them to have a go! Half the day on Tuesday-Thursday is spent doing classroom challenges/activities to build leadership and resilience and the other half the day on outdoor activities. Most dietary needs can be met by the Centre, too. There would also be an expectation to catch up on any work missed, but our governors and I feel that this is too good an opportunity to miss and we know this won't be an issue for our hard-working Year 12s.

If you'd like to apply for a place on the trip, [please visit this webpage](#) no later than Monday 18 December 2023 at 4.00pm. If you have any questions, please contact me via [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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