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7 September 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Botswana Team Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge

On 9 September, the Botswana team are hoping to complete the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge, in preparation for our expedition to Botswana. We will be camping Friday night (8 September) in Horton in Ribblesdale. For the walk on Saturday, we will be setting off at 6.30 am with the hope we can walk the 26 miles in 12 hours. Students therefore should be picked up from Horton in Ribblesdale at approximately 6.30 pm. If this completion time changes, students will keep parents/carers updated via mobile phones. We will ask students to text parents/carers responsible for travel at every checkpoint, so even if we reach an area with no signal, an estimate can be made on the arrival time.

Students are responsible for their food, equipment, and travel. We ask students to arrive at Horton for approximately 8 pm, traffic dependent, so there is time to set up camp before getting an early night. Please ensure you've eaten an evening meal as this won't be provided at the campsite. In terms of food, breakfast and lunch, these are the responsibility of students and we won't have time to cook in the morning so please bring something that doesn't require cooking. We would recommend snacks to eat throughout the walk as well, as it is an intense walk which will burn a lot of energy. Carbohydrates are the order of the day, so pasta, sandwiches or anything that can be eaten cold but is high in calories is recommended for breakfast, lunch and snacks. Sweets are great to keep blood sugar high throughout the walk too, as well as being another great source of carbohydrates and calories.

We will stop for lunch before ascending Whernside, hopefully sometime between 11 am and 12 noon. There are toilets available before and after Whernside, as well as in Horton in Ribblesdale. In terms of travel, parents are asked to help transport students to Horton and back to Driffield. We ask students to take the lead in sorting car-shares if necessary, and anyone who is unable to travel independently should speak to the rest of the team to try and source a lift to Horton and back. Students are also in charge of organising tent-shares, although all students have been booked onto the campsite.


There will be two members of staff, Mr Whitworth and Miss Bramley, walking with the students, and we have an expedition leader from East Riding of Yorkshire Council who will be staffing checkpoints along the way, in case anyone would like to stop the walk. We also have parent volunteers to staff checkpoints too, so students stopping at different checkpoints will not be a problem. Any parents who want to walk are also very much welcome.

We hope that this event could be used for fundraising, and would advise students set up their own GoFundMe page (or similar) to take donations for completing the challenge.

In order to take part in the challenge, please complete the consent form via the following link by 9 am on Friday 8 September 2023: <https://forms.office.com/e/GxchkxGn9E>.

We'll be meeting at lunchtime on 7 September in E14 to go over final plans and kit lists, but everyone should be sorted by then. A kit list has been sent out via email. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via office@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Whitworth
Expeditions Leaders



Miss R Bramley