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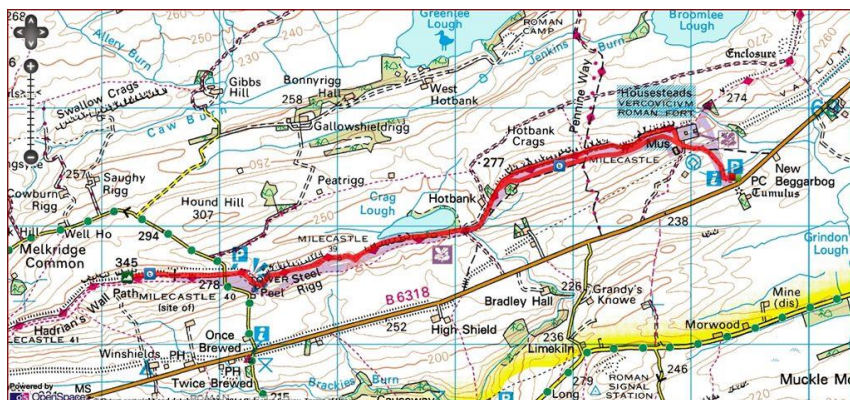
Dear Parent / Carer

## S1 Hadrian's Wall Residential Trip

Kinross High School is pleased to offer S1 pupils the opportunity to participate in an overnight residential trip to visit Hadrian's Wall in their house teams. We will be based at YHA The Sill. During the two days, pupils will likely follow the itinerary below:

### Day One

- Leave KHS at 9am
- Visit to the Roman Army Museum
- Visit to Vindolanda Museum
- Walk along Hadrian's Wall (the walk takes around two hours starting at Steel Rig car park and ending at Housesteads Roman Fort, map below)
- Evening programme including team building exercises and house identity activities



### Day Two

- Visit to New Lanark
- Return to KHS before buses (a notification will be sent out if this is not possible)

We have **35 spaces** available for each of the following dates:

- Tuesday 12 – Wednesday 13 May **Ochil**
- Monday 18 – Tuesday 19 May **Lomond**
- Tuesday 19 – Wednesday 20 May **Benarty**

**Pupils will need** a packed lunch for day one and can bring a very small amount of spending money for any gift shops, ice cream etc if you wish.

### ***A phone-free residential***

Please note, we have taken the decision to make this a 'phone-free' trip for pupils. We wish to encourage face-to-face interaction where pupils can get to know their peers and build positive relationships with staff. Access to social media can also be a serious distraction and without parents there to enforce expectations/guidelines around mobile phone use, this could have an impact on our young people especially at pivotal times such as bed time. The walk is an adventurous activity so leaving mobile phones behind ensures that safety is of the highest priority as they experience this iconic piece of history.

I hope to reassure you that staff will be carrying mobile phones in case of emergencies and that we would not hesitate to get in touch if we needed to. The office will also notify parents of any changes e.g. bus running late due to traffic. I will also ask one member of staff going on the trip each day to tweet updates from the trip. We would appreciate your support in this decision.

### ***How to sign up***

A cost not exceeding £90 will cover dinner, bed & breakfast, transport, activities and packed lunch on day two.

To register your child's interest, please pay the deposit of £45 via ParentPay by **Monday 6 January**. Please note, this does not secure a place. If demand exceeds spaces available, we will complete a random draw to ensure places are chosen in an equitable manner per house and those who do not get a place will be refunded. We will contact you to let you know whether or not your child has secured a place on the trip.

Once spaces are allocated, further payment of £45 will be due no later than **Friday 28 February**.

We will also be holding a Parents' Information evening in advance of the trip, the date of which will be confirmed nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries about the trip or please feel free to contact the house teams if you have any concerns about payment.

Yours sincerely



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