

23rd May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Water Week

Year 8 will be following a different timetable from Wednesday 20th June to tutor time on Friday 22nd June. The emphasis will be on the development of transferable skills, particularly those involved when working as part of an effective team. Students will be working alongside staff from our industrial partner JN Bentley and WaterAid, in order to assess, reflect on and develop skills within the global context of water supply. The outline programme is as follows:

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Introduction and overview of the event from school staff and industrial partners. Activities will take place throughout the day, and students should come to school in trainers and their school PE kit for these, though it would be an idea to bring their uniform to change into afterwards in case their clothes get wet in one of the activities. These activities aim to introduce students to issues around clean safe water supplies in developing countries, as well as enhancing their team work, communication, problem solving and engineering skills.

Thursday 21st June 2018

Sponsored walk to raise money for WaterAid. This walk is from the school site to Embsay Reservoir and back again. The walk will be a distance typical of water collection in a developing country – approximately 6 miles. Non-uniform worn (see extra information below)

Friday 22nd June 2018

Each class will present their task work to representatives from JN Bentley. Feedback and prizes will be awarded following discussions by the judges, and presentations from engineers who work for JN Bentley to celebrate "Women in Engineering Day." School uniform worn as normal, as students then return to lesson period 2.

Sponsored walk extra information

The sponsored walk will be from Skipton to Embsay Reservoir and back, taking place on **Thursday 21st June 2018**. The students will eat their packed lunch at the reservoir.

The purpose of the visit is to raise money for WaterAid, developing their resilience as well as empathy with girls and women in developing countries. Students will set off from school between 10am and 11am and return to school between 2pm and 3pm. There is no cost associated with this visit. Students will need to bring a waterproof coat, suncream, and wear suitable footwear and clothing for a 6 mile walk (e.g. PE kit tracksuit bottoms and trainers). Students should bring plenty of water to drink and a packed lunch. It is expected that all Year 8 students will take part.



Please follow this link to give consent for your child to take part in the sponsored walk as soon as possible and by **Friday 15th June at the latest**.

Link - <https://sghs.fireflycloud.net/questionnaires/water-week-sponsored-walk>.

Please let us know if there are any reasons why your child could not complete a 6 mile walk or if we would need to provide extra support. If any student is unable to take part in the walk, they can remain in school to work on their group project and will be joined by the rest of their group when they return from the sponsored walk.

I have also attached a sponsor form for each student. Let's beat the amount raised last year, which was a fantastic £1800! Students will be given a date for handing in sponsors after the event has taken place.

Yours faithfully
Mrs D Brailsford
Teacher of Geography

Skipton Girls' High School Students Code of Conduct Educational visits.

Organising staff will make every effort to ensure that each trip is an enjoyable and memorable occasion. However, pupils must appreciate that Health and Safety and Welfare issues are of overriding importance and therefore that they must observe these basic guidelines:

- Attend all pre visit meetings. Listen carefully to information about arrangement and follow instructions. If you are unclear about anything you will have been asked to do ask a member of staff – do not leave arrangements to chance
- Be punctual in meeting departure times and other deadlines and follow instructions carefully. Attend all meetings and organized meals
- Stay with the SGHS group at all times unless you are given permission to leave by the group leader
- Be considerate of others especially over issues such as noise and tidiness
- If there is an occasion when you are allowed free time you must:

Remain in groups of no less than 3

Make yourself aware of the location of supervising staff

Stay within the area outlined by the Group Leader

Under no circumstances buy tobacco, alcohol, abusive substances, or if abroad any goods which contravene British import regulations (staff will give details)

- If you feel unwell or experience any kind of problem, speak to a member of staff straight away
- Take full notice of any Transport Company rules and regulations particularly when vehicles are moving
- Dispose of litter considerately
- The use of tobacco or alcohol is not allowed on any school visit.
- Any involvement in any type of drug is totally forbidden and will have serious consequences
- Overnight accommodation. When you arrive at a centre make sure that you familiarize yourself with the following:

Location of staff rooms

Arrangements for emergency evacuation

Arrangements for cleaning and disposal of litter

The group's arrangements regarding out of bounds, permission to leave and visiting each other's rooms. A record of student behaviour will be kept.

