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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Team-Building: Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 September

We hope that your son/daughter has enjoyed their move to secondary school and has settled into their new form. We recognise that this transition can be a little daunting and therefore have organised some team-building for each form. The sessions will replace normal lessons and hopefully be an opportunity for the pupils to develop their relationships with other members in the form in a fun and exciting way.

There are 3 parts to the team-building with the pupils having an opportunity to do some climbing, a team-building workshop and a session with their tutors and teaching assistants. This opportunity will be subsidised by the school, however to fund the climbing wall and outside tuition we would like parents/carers to make a voluntary contribution of £3.00 towards running costs. Without these contributions we could not offer such a fantastic opportunity for the pupils. (Please make cheques payable to Millthorpe School).

As a school we recognise the importance of extra-curricular and adventurous activities in developing interpersonal skills and we are confident that this experience will help the pupils develop socially within their form groups. To accommodate the activities we have had to re-arrange the school day into 3 sessions which will run up until 2.40pm. Pupils taking part in a session that finishes at 3pm will be allowed to leave school at this time unless parents/carers request that their child is to remain in school until 3.10pm.

When pupils are taking part in their sessions they will not need their normal books for those lessons. They should still however bring a planner, pen, pencil and ruler as normal. Pupils are required to attend timetabled lessons when they are not involved in the sessions.

The dates and times for each form to have their workshops are as follows (please note that some forms have their sessions split over 2 days):

7DJM	Monday 19 September -	Climbing: 9.00am – 10.30am Team Building: 10.50am – 12.20 Tutor Activity: 1.10pm – 2.40pm
7HPA	Monday 19 September -	Team Building: 9.00am – 10.30am Climbing: 10.50am – 12.20 Tutor Activity: 1.10pm – 2.40pm
7MFB	Monday 19 September - Tuesday 20 September -	Climbing: 1.10pm – 2.40pm Team Building: 9.00am – 10.30am Tutor Activity: 10.50am – 12.20pm
7LDW	Monday 19 September - Tuesday 20 September -	Team Building: 1.10pm – 2.40pm Climbing: 9.00am – 10.30am Tutor Activity: 10.50am – 12.20pm
7RVL	Tuesday 20 September - Wednesday 21 September -	Climbing: 10.50am – 12.20pm Team Building: 1.10pm – 2.40pm Tutor Activity: 9.00am – 10.30am
7SJH	Tuesday 20 September - Wednesday 21 September -	Team Building: 10.50am – 12.20pm Climbing: 1.10pm – 2.40pm Tutor Activity: 9.00am – 10.30am

Progress to Success

With this letter I have included a reply slip and parental consent form. These forms and any money need to be returned to your child's form tutor in an envelope marked with your child's name and tutor group. Please return these as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 16 September**. I have also attached some additional information about the day with reference to each activity, lunch arrangements and clothing advice.

If you have any questions please write in your child's planner or ring to speak to their form tutor or me.

Yours faithfully



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Head of Year 7

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REPLY SLIP: YEAR 7 TEAM-BUILDING DAY (Reply Slip & Consent Form to be returned to Form Tutor)

STUDENT NAME: FORM:

Please tick relevant boxes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like my child to take part in the Teambuilding Day
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would not like my child to take part in the Teambuilding Day
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am happy for my child to leave school at 2.40pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like my child to stay in school until 3.10pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have included the voluntary contribution of £3.00 for the Teambuilding
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have not included the voluntary contribution of £3.00 for the Teambuilding

Signed: Parent/Carer Date:

Additional Information

Lunch and Break Arrangements

Pupils will have lunch as normal and break slightly earlier than normal. There will be food and drink available as usual. It would be useful for pupils to bring an extra drink and snacks as the day is quite energetic!

Clothing

Pupils are required to wear their normal school uniform, however when participating in the climbing and team building sessions they should bring a change of clothing. This clothing should be appropriate to the activity. A pair of trainers for footwear will be essential. Tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt will also be ideal. A jumper/sweatshirt would also be useful particularly when the pupils are not active. Pupils with longer hair should have the means to tie their hair back away from their face.

Climbing

The climbing will be done on a bouldering wall which will be set up in our Main Hall. This low level climbing does not include the use of ropes but instead focuses on the ability to remain off the ground. Team and individual challenges will be set. Safety mats will soften a fall and pupils will be taught the skills to 'spot' their peers when they are active on the wall. Clothing that is non-restrictive should be worn.

Team Building Session

The session will focus on group work and will give the pupils an opportunity to develop many of the inter-personal skills that will support them through their education. Games and challenges will be set for the pupils to enjoy.