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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a thorough review of our school residential provision, including staff voice, pupil voice and parent surveys, we have decided to make some exciting changes to our residential offer from next academic year.

From next academic year, in September 2026, our Class 4 (children in Year 5 and Year 6) will take part in a one-night, two-day residential visit to Quex Glamping. During the stay, children will participate in a range of team-building activities and outdoor adventures designed to establish positive class relationships, strengthen class cohesion and provide a shared experience at the very beginning of the school year.

We believe that beginning the year in this way will help children settle quickly into Class 4, develop confidence and resilience, and build strong friendships that support learning throughout the year. This will become an annual September residential, with activities varying each year to ensure fresh and exciting experiences for the children.

We have also listened carefully to feedback from both parents and pupils, many of whom expressed a desire for a more adventurous, "high-risk" residential experience at the end of Year 6. We are therefore delighted to announce that our Year 6 children will now take part in a three-day, two-night residential at PGL Grosvenor Hall. Children will stay in safari tents and enjoy a wide range of adventurous activities, including climbing, high ropes and watersports.

Over the past five years, Hindleap Warren Outdoor Centre has provided many wonderful memories for Monkton children and we are extremely grateful for the experiences our pupils have enjoyed there. However, over time it has become increasingly difficult for the centre to offer exactly what we now need from our residential programme. In addition, rising transport costs have significantly increased the overall expense of the trip, meaning it no longer represented the best value for money for families.

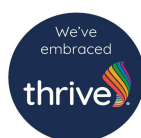
We believe these changes provide an exciting and balanced residential offer for our children. The September visit will help pupils feel connected, confident and "together" as they begin the academic year, while the Year 6 residential will celebrate children's hard work, encourage independence and provide memorable experiences as they prepare for the transition to Year 7.

Parents of children who are currently in Year 4 and Year 5 will be receiving further information today.

We look forward to sharing further details with you all in due course and are confident that these new opportunities will create many lasting memories for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Marston
Head of School



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