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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to inform you that we have once again been successful in applying for funding towards a residential opportunity for our pupils. This means we can propose a new addition to our residential program for next academic year—a two-night residential for Year 5 and Year 6 (children currently in Year 4 and Year 5) from **Wednesday 25th February to Friday 27th February 2026** at **YHA Chester**.

This trip is part of the **Connecting to Nature Package** through Generation Green, offering young people in England the chance to experience nature in protected landscapes. It aims to enhance engagement with the outdoors, foster a connection with nature, and provide the well-being benefits of outdoor activities.

Earlier this year, our children had a wonderful experience with Generation Green at YHA Malham, developing many of our **Journey Drivers**, and we're confident this trip will be equally as valuable.

Amazingly, our partner school, Parish CE Primary, have secured funding for this opportunity too so we will be travelling together (children from different schools will have separate sleeping arrangements).

For more information about the Connecting to Nature Package see <https://youtu.be/De0VoNxBCOk> and YHA Chester see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JnycpoxGIQ>

We understand the financial pressures many families are facing at the moment and so we are utterly delighted to have secured this funding once again. We have worked to find the most cost-effective option for transport also to again keep costs low. We are pleased to announce therefore that as this residential is **partially funded**, the price—covering **all accommodation, activities, all meals, and travel**—is estimated at **£80 per child** (subject to numbers). We will ensure the cost does not exceed this amount and in fact hope to reduce it once final numbers have been established.

As there are only **30 places available** for a group of 47 children, spaces will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**. To secure a place, please confirm your interest via **School Money** by making a **£10 deposit**, which will go live on **Friday 16th May at 8:00am**. If the trip does not go ahead, this amount will be refunded. The deposit window will remain open until **noon Friday 23rd May 2025**.

If at least 30 children register, the payment plan will begin in **September**, with instalments to be made before the trip.



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For any further questions, please email stjameshaydock@ldst.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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