



23 March 2015

**RE: YEAR 9 ACTIVITIES WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRIP 15–19 JUNE 2015**

Dear Parent/Guardian

It is traditional for our year 9 students to take part in a residential trip during Activities Week and this year will be no exception. The trip is an opportunity for our students to participate in exciting learning activities which complement and enrich our regular school based curriculum. Year 9 students will this year be visiting the rugged terrain of Hebei. This is a province with extraordinary mountain scenery, limitless hiking and outdoor opportunities, and fascinating mountain villages where people have maintained a traditional way of life for centuries. Our students will be camping, hiking, abseiling, rock-climbing, kayaking and sailing. They will have the opportunity to cook their own food whilst camping with BBQs and share traditional home-cooked meals in Dongpo village.

To help us book trains/flights and make all of the necessary arrangements for the trip, **please send a clear photocopy or email a scanned copy of your son or daughter's passport ID page to their form tutor by Friday 27 March.** If your son or daughter requires an additional travel document to fly, please also include a copy of this as it is essential we have a photocopy of the document that they will use to travel to Hebei province. As an early check for the trip please ensure that your child's passport has at least 6 months left before it expires from the planned date of travel. **It is important that you communicate with me if your son or daughter changes their travel documents between now and the trip**

We will be hosting an information evening in the secondary school auditorium on Wednesday 20 May (6:30pm-7:30pm), to supply you with full details of the trip itinerary, student kit requirements and travel information, as well as answer any questions you have.

As a compulsory part of the year 9 curriculum, we expect all students to attend the trip. If this is a problem in the case of your son or daughter, please contact me urgently at [c-baker@bisspuxi.com](mailto:c-baker@bisspuxi.com). Should you require further information between now and the information evening, please feel free to contact me.

As has been the case in previous years, we look forward to the year 9 trip being a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience team building activities, develop their independence and enjoy enriching learning activities beyond the classroom.

Best wishes

Chris Baker  
Head of Year 9