



November 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer

**GCSE Climbing Trip:**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 OR  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

I am writing to inform you of an intended visit to **The Foundry Climbing Centre** on two of the above specified dates (to be confirmed for each student). This opportunity will enhance your child's academic performance by providing a significant contribution to their practical scores, which will count towards their final GCSE grade.

**Payment Details**

This total visit cost per student of £70 is comprised of the following cost:

- Climbing instruction, equipment hire, facility hire for 2 days = £55.50
- Transport costs to and from venue **via coach** = £14.50

If you would like your son or daughter to go on this visit please could you give consent via School Gateway App and the balance of **£70** by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

**Payments can be made by the School Gateway App, credit or debit card both in person and over the phone. Please contact the Finance Office for further details. We are very aware that in the current financial climate that this visit is not cheap, but this will be an opportunity for your child to develop their skills and knowledge and maximise their GCSE PE grade. Any parent/carer who is struggling with cost of this visit should contact the College and we will always endeavor to support you.**

**Arrangements for the Visit**

Students will depart college at **8am** on each of the dates mentioned above and are due to return to college at **3pm**.

- 8am Travel to the Foundry Climbing Centre in Sheffield
- 9am – 12pm Climbing under instruction delivered by Foundry staff and supervised by MCC staff (regular breaks will be given)
- 12pm – 12:30pm Lunch
- 12:30pm – 2:30pm Climbing under instruction delivered by Foundry staff and supervised by MCC staff (regular breaks will be given)
- 2:30pm Travel back to MCC
- Approx 3pm – Students arrive back at MCC and depart home

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**Students need to bring a packed lunch.**

Students receiving Free School Meals will be catered for and your child is asked to collect this from the KS3 Canteen prior to departure on the day. Your son or daughter may wish to bring some additional money for other refreshments throughout the visit.

**At all times prior to the departure of the trip, the College reserves the right to review the placement of any student dependent upon their behaviour, attendance and health.**

You should make arrangements for the collection of your child from college or give them permission to walk home at this time.

Yours sincerely

*N. Shepherd*

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Head of Year 8/Teacher of PE

Mr M Gilmore  
Principal

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