



**OUR
LADY'S
SCHOOL**
TERENURE



10th November 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians(s)

As part of our Transition Year Programme in Our Lady's School, we offer students the opportunity to participate in the Gaisce President's Award Scheme. This year to date, we have over 100 students signed up who are hoping to achieve the Bronze Award.

The President's Award honours the achievement of young people who have devoted time to community involvement, development of a specific personal skill, commitment to a physical activity and who have completed a specific adventure journey. Your daughter should now be well underway in the first three elements of her award. It is now time to start planning for the Adventure Journey! This component requires walking 25km over 2 days, staying overnight in a youth hostel and planning for and preparing any necessary equipment/supplies needed, including meals. The Adventure Journey must be completed under supervision by PAL (President's Award Leader).

Our Gaisce Adventure Journey will take place on Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th 2024. We will complete the walking distances along looped routes in the Glendalough Valley. We have booked out Glendalough International Youth Hostel for the night of Friday, April 19th, exclusively for our students, and some of our staff have volunteered to supervise the adventure. This cost of the hike will depend on the number of students who sign up. It will range from approximately €60 to €85. This cost includes the rent of the hostel, a bus to and from Glendalough and some food provisions.

Students will attend normal classes at school on the morning of Friday, April 19th, and we will set off for Glendalough after an early lunch. We hope to return to school on Saturday, April 20th around 2pm.

As it is necessary for us to secure our booking with Glendalough International Youth Hostel, I would be grateful if you could arrange to pay the deposit of €50 **by Wednesday, 6th December 2023**. This can be done through Easy Payments Plus on our school website at www.olschool.ie. Alternatively, cheques may be made payable to Our Lady's School and handed into Reception in an envelope with your daughter's name, class and 'Gaisce - Glendalough' written on the front.

Should you have any queries regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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