



1st October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Inspirational Talk: Pleasure and Pain by Simon Yates 7:30pm Monday 13 October

We are delighted to inform you of an exciting opportunity for our pupils to attend a special presentation by renowned mountaineer **Simon Yates**, titled "*Pleasure and Pain*". This event will take place on **Monday 13 October** at **The Waterside Theatre** and promises to be a powerful and inspiring experience.

Simon Yates is best known for his role in the extraordinary survival story told in *Touching the Void*, which explores themes of resilience, decision-making, and the human spirit in the face of extreme adversity. His talk will reflect on the highs and lows of his mountaineering career, offering pupils a unique insight into the challenges and rewards of pushing personal boundaries.

This event strongly aligns with our school values:

- **Ambition** – Simon's story exemplifies the pursuit of goals beyond perceived limits, encouraging pupils to dream big and persevere.
- **Respect** – His reflections on teamwork, trust, and ethical decision-making highlight the importance of respecting others and oneself.
- **Community** – The shared experience of hearing Simon's journey will foster a sense of unity and collective inspiration among our pupils.

We believe this will be a memorable and meaningful event that will enrich our pupils' understanding of resilience, character, and the value of learning from both success and hardship.

The trip details are as follows:

Date of Trip: 13 October 2025

Departure Time: Meet at school 6pm for a Domino's (vegetarian and gluten-free options included) Dinner then depart 6:30pm

Means of Transport: Minibus

Arrival Time Home: Return to school 10:00pm approximately. You are responsible for making safe arrangements with your child to travel home once we arrive back at school.

Cost of Trip: Fully funded by school



Consent to attend

Consent for your child to attend must be given under the trips section of the Arbor app

Clothing

Students are permitted to wear their own, casual clothing appropriate for a Theatre. It is advised that pupils wear a warm coat for this evening event

Food

Domino's dinner at 6pm at school.

Refreshments will be available at the Theatre should students wish to bring any money to purchase these.

Medical/Dietary Needs

We will use the information previously provided on the school's Arbor system in relation to medical conditions or dietary requirements so please check the Arbor app to ensure that these are up to date, along with any contact telephone numbers in case we should need to contact you during the trip.

Students requiring an inhaler or emergency rescue medication such as EpiPens should ensure that they bring their own medication and carry it with them at all times.

No other medication can be carried by students. If any medication is likely to be needed during the trip, this should be handed to the trip leader, in the original, named box with a completed medical consent form which can be collected from reception or Mr Farquhar should you need one.

We hope that your child will embrace the opportunity to join us on this trip. Should you have any queries, please contact the trip leader by email: lee.blood@stockport-academy.org

Yours faithfully,

Mr L Blood

Assistant Principal - Inclusion