



7th January 2019



Year 7 Residential Outdoor Adventure Trip

Saturday 29th June-Sunday 30th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Your son/daughter is keen to experience a residential outdoor adventure weekend to Penshurst Place, Kent with Year 7. This is an opportunity for your son/daughter to develop a series of teambuilding skills, build resilience and spend some time out in the wilderness trying out new activities all supervised with food, transport and activity costs inclusive.

Who are The Bushcraft Company and what do they offer?

We offer residential school trips with a difference, taking students into the wild and giving them real back-to-nature experiences they will never forget. We pay meticulous attention to the details, making sure our pastoral care is second to none, our activities are both exciting and educational, and the whole experience of working with The Bushcraft Company, from the booking process to the day you leave, is easy and enjoyable.

Our Adventures are available for students aged 7 to 18, at a number of woodland sites across the UK. With The Bushcraft Company, students become immersed in the natural world and leave with a real appreciation for and understanding of it. Whether they are cooking river trout over an open fire, building shelters to sleep in, or learning how to navigate through dense woodland, our outdoor adventures are as real as you can get.

You can have a look at their website for further details on activities on offer, accommodation and food.
www.thebushcraftcompany.com

The trip will cost **£95.00** and includes all activities, food, drink and transport. If more students uptake we will be able to reduce the cost and refund you a small deposit.

Once you have secured a place on the trip you will receive further information and an itinerary kit list. The remaining balance will be paid in easy instalments over the coming months of £20.00, £20.00, £25.00.

A deposit of **£30.00** is required to secure your child's place on the trip and is nonrefundable. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis and we only have 60 places available.

We require your permission for your child to attend this exciting trip, please complete the online consent form on Parentpay when you make your deposit payment.

We also ask that students read and sign the attached Student behavioural agreement and return to the Year 7 Office before Monday 21st January 2019. Your son/daughter will not be given a place on this trip unless the behaviour agreement is signed and returned.

If you have any further questions about this trip please contact one of us on the emails below:

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Many Thanks,
Miss R Wood (Head of KS3) and Miss L McLaughlin (Head of Year 7)



STUDENT BEHAVIOURAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Our Aim is to do 'something out of the ordinary'

For each of us the visit will;

- provide a significant personal challenge,
- develop independence,
- develop team working skills,
- introduce a new part of the UK and its culture,
- provide an introduction to enriching leisure pursuits.

If we are to achieve these aims we must all individually;

- be committed,
- be willing to take responsibility for ourselves and our own actions
- be willing to compromise individual freedoms for the benefit of others
- respect the privacy and feelings of others.

As staff we will;

- do our best to meet the needs of every student
- share decisions and be open and honest with every student

As students we will;

- respect the authority of staff to take decisions, and accept that there is a bottom line

NO! to;

- the purchase and carrying of private supplies of alcohol,
- drugs,
- sex,
- individual or group behaviour that is destructive to the aims of the visit
- individual or group behaviour that insults our hosts

A code of discipline that allows a fair hearing with three outcomes,

- not guilty
- guilty and a second chance agreed,
- guilty and sent home

I am willing to work to this code.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____