



Headteacher: Mr D Reeve BSc (Hons)

27th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Y7 VISIT TO THE BUSHCRAFT COMPANY, CORNBURY PARK, OXFORDSHIRE

Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June 2017

As many of you will be aware, the school has a long history of offering the chance for Year 7 boys to go away on a residential trip during the school's enrichment week in June. For the 2017 Y7 residential, we plan to visit one of the centres operated by The Bushcraft Company, at Cornbury Park, located near the town of Charlbury, in Oxfordshire.

The aim of the five-day residential trip is to provide the boys with an experience and activities designed to stretch them physically, mentally and emotionally. A sample list of the types of activities that boys will take part in during the week can be found at:

<http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com/adventures/woods/activities>

The trip will depart in the early morning of Monday 19th June, and return in the late afternoon or early evening of Friday 23rd June. Travel to and from the centre will be provided by coach. The adult to student ratio for the trip is envisaged to be 1:10, with this being made up of school staff, other adults associated with the school, along with centre staff. All activities that boys take part in will be led by centre staff.

We have secured capacity for the entire year group on the expectation that all students will attend. It is important that the students build a strong community relationship within the year group and we have found that participation on this trip leads to new friendships and a greater sense of being part of the Black and Gold ethos.

For your son(s) to attend the trip, we would like to ask for parents/carers to make voluntary contributions totalling **£336** per student. This has been priced at cost level (plus a small contingency) and covers all costs associated with the organisation, supervision and activities outlined for the trip including; travel to and from the centre (as described above), all activities (as outlined on the website above) and meals (both centre provided and student made) whilst on site, accommodation for four nights (in tents and/or student made shelters) and insurance.

The School will arrange travel insurance using the School's block policy. This includes enforced cancellation (subject to deduction of an excess). You must tell us about all serious or long-term illnesses during the last six months for your son(s) and anyone else in the family whose health might affect his own ability to participate in the trip, in order that we may advise the insurers.

Any parent in financial difficulty should apply in writing to the Headmaster in confidence. No pupil will be excluded from the trip for this reason, however, if there are insufficient funds available from contributions made by parents/carers, the trip may be cancelled.

Please note that if your son(s)'s behaviour is incompatible with inclusion on the trip, or is excluded from school for any period, the School reserves the right to withdraw a student from the trip at any stage from application onwards. Should this situation come about, and incur a cost to the School, this will be borne by the parents in all cases.

If you would like to apply for a place for your son, please complete and return the reply slip below to Mrs A Kitching in the Pastoral Office by Friday 21st October (the last day before Half Term) along with a non-refundable deposit of £70 (via ParentPay or Cheque). This deposit will be refunded, should the trip be cancelled. Once your son has been allocated a place, parents/carers commit paying the full amount agreed, subject to any refunds through insurance.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours faithfully



Mr D K Neesam
Trip Leader and organiser



Mr R H Stark
Head of Year 7

To: Mrs A Kitching
Re: Y7 Visit to The Bushcraft Company, Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire

I would like my son Form to be considered for a place on the Y7 Visit to The Bushcraft Company, Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire from Monday 19th June - Friday 23rd June 2017.

I agree that I will make voluntary contributions totalling £336.

I enclose / have paid a non-refundable deposit of £70 by cheque / by ParentPay. I understand that this will be refunded if the trip is cancelled.

Signed (Parent / Carer)