

October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: YEAR 7 WHITEMOOR LAKES RESIDENTIAL VISIT - JULY 2024

I am very pleased to inform you that we have booked Whitemoor Lakes for our annual Year 7 residential visit. The Year 7 residential trip has always been a huge success and the pupils benefit immensely from the experience, both as individuals and as tutor groups.

The purpose of the visit is to build tutor group identity and engage pupils in the task of living and working together as they undertake a variety of tasks and activities. As such, we think that it is extremely important that **all** pupils take up the opportunity. The Year 7 visit will take place in July 2024 using the facilities at Whitemoor Lakes in Staffordshire.

Whitemoor Lakes is an outdoor education centre. Activities are led by fully qualified instructors and will range from water sports to climbing and archery during the day, with evening entertainment and activities.

The visit will be organised on a tutor group basis. Each group will enjoy a continuous programme of activities, spending two nights at the centre.

Group 1: 7A, 7B, 7C Monday 1st July 2024 to Wednesday 3rd July 2024
Group 2: 7D, 7E, 7F Wednesday 3rd July 2024 to Friday 5th July 2024

The feasibility of the trip is dependent upon a contribution for the three days of no more than £279.50 per pupil. We are very keen for **all** pupils to participate. The amount includes full board, all activities and insurance, and pupils will need no more than £5.00 pocket money. As stated the cost will be no more than £279.50; however, if the trip proves to be popular we hope that the cost will be less.

Parents in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to apply for a bursary. Please see the attached letter.

If you wish your child to take part in the residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes, please complete the permission and pledge form found at the end of the letter and return it to the Finance Office by **the end of the school day on Monday 6th November 2023**. There is also the option to reply using the following email address replies@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk giving the details of the trip plus your name and your child's name.

Please do not send payment until further notice.

We will confirm the finalised cost of the trip by the week commencing the 13th November 2023 and **all** pupils must pay their first non-refundable deposit of **£50.00 by Thursday 30th November 2023.** This will need to be paid using the online facility ParentMailPMX.

Should we not receive sufficient contributions, the trip will not take place.

Please make a note of all payment deadline dates, designed to spread the cost of the trip. Provided the deadlines are met, payments may be made in smaller amounts at any time. You are of course welcome to pay the full amount on the first date. Please note that all payments are non-refundable unless covered by insurance.

The payment dates are arranged as follows;

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| Payment | 1. | £50.00 by Thursday 30 th November 2023
Initial non-refundable deposit must be paid in full |
| | 2. | £29.50 by Friday 29 th December 2023 |
| | 3. | £50.00 by Wednesday 31 st January 2024 |
| | 4. | £50.00 by Thursday 29 th February 2024 |
| | 5. | £50.00 by Friday 29 th March 2024 |
| | 6. | £50.00 by Tuesday 30 th April 2024 |

The above instalments may reduce if the trip proves popular; the more pupils that go the cheaper the trip becomes.

Please note that with any trip of this type, should any pupil's behaviour, work or attendance cause concern, we reserve the right to exclude them from the trip.

There will be a Parents' Evening nearer to the time to give more details about the trip. In the meantime, if you have any queries, then please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Ryder
Head of Year 7



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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY
ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023.**

I give permission for my son/daughter:

Name _____ Tutor Group _____

to take part in the Year 7 visit to Whitemoor Lakes in June 2023.

I agree to pay a maximum of £279.50 in instalments by Friday 30th April 2024, with the initial non-refundable deposit of £50.00 due to the school by Thursday 30th November 2023 if my child is allocated a place and the trip goes ahead.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Person with Parental Responsibility)

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME HERE: _____

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE