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Bushcraft Trip - June 22nd - 24th 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of a bushcraft residential trip being offered to all of our current Year 9 pupils who are not attending the Italy residential during ERA week. The bushcraft trip will run from **Monday June 22nd to Wednesday 24th 2020**. As part of our ERA week offer, this residential trip will give pupils an opportunity to learn bushcraft based skills such as creating campfires and shelters, learning about water purification, forestry identification, First Aid and orientation. Pupils will be able to put these skills into practice during the trip, using them to help keep the camp running. The trip will be attended by members of Bohunt teaching staff, but will be led by professionally trained bushcraft and Survival instructors, who will guide pupils through all of the activities for the trip.

Students who do not wish to attend either of the residential trip offers will be based in school for the duration of ERA week. These students will be in classroom based ERA activities and it is unlikely that day trip alternatives will be offered to year 9 students not on a residential trip.

Venue & Provider

The organisation running the trip are The BushCraft Company, a leading UK provider in bushcraft and Survival training (<https://www.thebushcraftcompany.com/>). The trip will be running in their Knebworth location, in Hertfordshire.

Cost

As your child is eligible for FSM funding, we can offer the trip at a cost of £70 per pupil. There will be an initial deposit of £50 required which is payable through the school gateway. Following on from this, there will be a payment schedule via school gateway to cover the rest of the trip cost:

January 6th £20

The school gateway portal for the trip will be open from **13th November 2019**, and deposit payment deadline is **22nd November 2019**.

Finance disclaimer: Deposit is non-refundable. However, should your child decide not to attend the trip after registering interest, any further payment installments will be returned depending on the timing and nature for their withdrawal.

Travel

Pupils and staff will be taking a coach to and from school to the location in Knebworth, provided by A&A travel.

Accommodation

Pupils will be staying in tents. These will be separated into boys and girls tents.

Catering

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided by the BushCraft team.

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Kit List

A detailed kit list will be shared with pupils who are attending the trip, as well as parents, via email and explained further in the parent's information evening.

Medical

Pupils are responsible for bringing any medication they require such as Epi pens and asthma inhalers. Staff will be equipped with spares.

Next steps

If your child would like to attend the trip, please register and pay the initial deposit for the trip on the school gateway.

There will be a parent's information evening on **Monday 18th May** from 6.30pm-7.30pm for a run through of the trip structure, expectations and an opportunity to answer any questions parents or pupils may have.

Behaviour disclaimer

As you know, Bohunt upholds high standards and expectations of behaviour, and pupils will be expected to follow these expectations during the trip. If poor behaviour is shown in school during the build up to the trip, they will not be able to attend. Additionally, if a pupil's behaviour on the trip warrants them being sent home, pupils will need to be picked up from the trip at the expense of parents or carers.

Kind regards,

Danielle Hussey
PE Teacher
Bushcraft trip leader