



# Bottisham Village College

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Dear Parent/Carer

## ACTIVITIES WEEK - ANNUAL YEAR 7 CAMP IN NORWICH (8-12 JULY 2024)

Summary of Actions	Deadline
Register interest in trip by paying deposit of <b>£25.00</b> on WisePay.	Tuesday 31 October 2023
Apply for financial assistance, if required.	Friday 20 October 2023

I am writing to invite your child to Year 7 Camp.

Bottisham Village College has been running their Year 7 Camp for many years; it has become one of the highlights of an education at Bottisham. Students have the opportunity to be away from home in a friendly and safe environment. There are lots of new activities to try, and the chance for new relationships to form. Such is the popularity of the camp that many of the leaving Year 11s are desperate to return as leaders to support the new Year 7 cohort.

### Eaton Vale Adventure Centre

We are based at the Eaton Vale Adventure Centre in Norwich with full toilet and shower facilities, as well as indoor spaces should the weather be against us. The Centre offers a wide range of adventure activities including climbing, canoeing, archery, abseiling, and is licensed through the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority. Qualified staff lead these activities and detailed risk assessments have been completed by the school. In addition to the Centre lead activities, there are a number of sessions designed to build personal confidence and social skills, led by Bottisham staff.

### Sleeping Arrangements

The core experience of the camp is spending the night under canvas. This is mostly done in friendship groups of 4-6 in large dome type tents. Most never forget the comradeship of working together, assisted by their Year 11 leader. The sleeping areas are secure and arranged in small, supervised areas.

### Dates and Costs

The camp runs from Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July 2024  
The cost per student is approximately **£180.00**, which includes:

- All transport from BVC to Norwich and return
- Tent accommodation for 4 nights
- All meals including snacks, drinks, and fruit BUT no sweets!
- At least five activities a day and instruction-20 activity rotation
- Evening campfires, songs, and daily awards
- Lots of laughter guaranteed.



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This is an inclusive camp where we hope **all** Year 7 students can share a wonderful week of experiences together. If your child is reluctant to go for whatever reason, please make their tutor aware so we can plan some support in understanding their anxieties before signing up.

## Parents' Information Evening

We will write to you again in the summer term to provide detailed information about clothing and any camping items needed. If you have specific concerns, please contact Mr Darling.

We will also be holding a **Parents' Information Evening in June 2023** where there will be an opportunity to gather more information and ask questions. A date and time will be circulated in due course.

## What you need to do next

We would ask for a contribution of approximately **£180.00** towards the cost of this activity. If we have not received sufficient contributions by Friday 31 May 2024, we reserve the right to cancel this trip. Please note that the final balance will be determined by the number of students signing up for this trip. This means that the final instalment may vary slightly. We will inform you at a later date if this is the case.

- An initial non-refundable deposit of £25.00 is payable by Tuesday 31 October 2023
- Instalments of £22.14 are then due by the last day of each month until 30 April 2024
- The final deposit is due on Friday 31 May 2023. This is estimated to be £22.16 but may vary slightly depending on the number of students.

All you have to do now is pay the initial non-refundable deposit of **£25.00** on WisePay by **Tuesday 31 October 2023**.

**If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or pupil premium entitlements you are entitled to some financial assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [trips@bottishamvc.org](mailto:trips@bottishamvc.org) in writing in the first instance, by Friday 20 October 2023 to ascertain what support is available. Please note it is important that you request the financial assistance by this due date as it may not be available at a later date.**

All contributions should be made as indicated in this letter. Should a student withdraw from this activity we reserve the right to deduct any expenses incurred before making a refund.

If the behaviour of a student becomes a cause for concern at any stage prior to the commencement of a visit or activity, then the school reserves the right to withdraw the student from the event and refund any payments received.

We look forward to another successful and enjoyable Year 7 Camp with this year's cohort of students. We are very proud at Bottisham of our unique camp which plays an integral part of your child's journey through the college and very much hope that your child makes memories to last a lifetime.

Yours sincerely

**Mr C Darling**



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