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May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Camp- Activities Week 2024

Summary of action(s) required	Dates
Add the Parent Information Evenings to your diary. Register for the Online Event. https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/cfd35284-01cc-46c3-a0f2-b115067e4b1e@8ba393df-16e3-48e9-85d8-12aa9418ab73	Monday 13 May 2024
Complete online Medical and Code of Conduct Form- https://forms.office.com/e/6BsEXtn6mZ	Monday 3 June 2024
Please ensure that payment plans are up to date.	ASAP

With just over two months until Year 7 camp here is an update including more information.

Dates

To confirm the dates of Year 7 camp are Monday 8 July 2024 to Friday 12 July 2024. Year 11 prefects only will be leaving on Sunday 7 July 2024.

Payment

Thank you to those who are keeping up to date or ahead of the payment plans. All payment details are on WisePay, if you are struggling to make payments and require additional support please contact trips@bottishamvc.org.

Parent Information Evening

On Monday 13 May 2024 at 6.30pm there will be an online parents' information evening giving you a comprehensive update to help prepare you and your child for camp. Please use this link to sign up <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/cfd35284-01cc-46c3-a0f2-b115067e4b1e@8ba393df-16e3-48e9-85d8-12aa9418ab73>

On Monday 24 June 2024 at 6.30pm there will be a face-to-face parents information evening in the Evans Auditorium for parents to come and ask questions. More information will be circulated nearer to the time of this evening.

For both of the above information evenings, it is strongly recommended that both parent/ carer and child attend to ensure that information is received.

Medical and Code of Conduct Form

The school is required to ask parents of students participating in trips, for details of medical conditions and of any medication required (including instructions on dosage/times). If students are bringing medication with them, it must be in the original packaging, complete with the prescribing label. This includes painkillers such as paracetamol and ibuprofen.



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It is imperative that medical records are up to date for the trip so please can you complete this form to ensure we have the most up to date information. Please note this may also include information which is specific to a residential and that is not relevant to day-to-day activities at school. Within this form there are sections for the student to complete in addition to parents.

Please note any medical information may be passed on securely to Eaton Vale Activity Centre to ensure instructors are suitably briefed and prepared.

Please note that we will be asking for all medication to be handed in for the duration of this trip.

Within the medical form is an opportunity to list any dietary requirements that your child may have. Please ensure that this is accurate as it will be passed onto the camp caterers.

Please complete by **Monday 3 June 2024**.

Link to complete form: <https://forms.office.com/e/6BsEXtn6mZ>

Behaviour

We are sure that students will have an excellent time on the residential. We expect students to represent themselves and the school whilst on the residential. As such, we are asking parents/carers and students to sign a code of conduct, which can be found at the end of the medical questionnaire.

If any student is not following the code of conduct, we shall make a judgement as to whether or not parents/carers collect them.

Equipment and Kit

Please see the below recommended kit list for camp. This is a reminder that students **do not** need to bring their own tent. This list is not comprehensive and of course sensible similar alternatives are permitted. Students to speak to their form tutor in the first instance if they are struggling to procure any of the required items.

Required

- Large rucksack (or alternative bag and suitcase)
- Small rucksack for journey
- Warm sleeping bag suitable for outdoor sleeping
- Towel for showering and cleaning
- T-shirts
- Warm jumpers/ fleece (including a long sleeve top for campfire)
- Trousers or clothing that protects the legs for campfire
- Waterproof jack and trousers
- Warm socks and underwear
- Footwear (at least 2 pairs- an old pair for getting wet)
- Wash bags including toothbrush, toothpaste and face wipes etc.
- Insect repellent
- Sun cream and hat/ sunglasses
- Alcohol hand gel
- Sleeping bag liner
- Reusable (water) drinks bottle- recommended to bring at least 1 and have it named
- Plastic bowl and spoon suitable for cereal for breakfast



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- Packed lunch for Monday

Optional

- Roll mat
- Pillow
- Swimwear (for water activities)
- Washing line and pegs
- Bin Liner for dirty clothes
- Pack of cards
- Small amount of cash to buy souvenirs from tuck shop. Max £10
- Disposable camera
- Eye shade/ ear plugs
- Torch

Not needed:

- Mobile phones – urgent communication can go through a member of staff and emergency contact number.
- Other electrical equipment
- Valuable items
- Snacks including nuts- tents should be food free to avoid ants and vermin
- Deodorant cans – roll-on only

Students will be required to always wear footwear on the campsite including when doing activities therefore please ensure that your child brings clothes and footwear which they are prepared to get wet and dirty.

We cannot take responsibility for damaged or lost items. It would be advisable to have items 'named' so that they can be returned if lost on the camp site.

Additional Support

If you feel your child might need additional support whilst at Year 7 camp, please contact us so we can be proactive in ensuring that both we and the centre are best prepared to support your child.

If you need to contact us about Year 7 camp, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. For any payment or specific inquiries please contact trips@bottishamvc.org.

I very much look forward in meeting you virtually on Monday 13 May 2024 and in person on Monday 24 June 2024.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Darling
Year 7 Camp Lead