



STOUR VALLEY
— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

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Dear Parents/Carers

14 October 2024

Re: Year 7 Summer Camp, Thriftwood International Scout Campsite and Activity Centre – Brentwood, Wednesday 4 June – Friday 6 June 2025.

I write to inform you of a fantastic opportunity we are offering all Year 7 students next summer. We would like to take the entire Year 7 group for our annual exciting, adventurous three-day camp in Brentwood, taking advantage of the excellent on-site facilities provided by the International Scout Campsite and Activity Centre located there. **We will be leaving school on Wednesday 4 June by 9:30am and returning on Friday 6 June in time for usual buses and transport home.**

Students will be accommodated in four-person tents pitched close to toilet and shower blocks. Over the three days, students will take part in a range of activities including kayaking, archery, water walkerz, abseiling, climbing, crate stacking, zip wire, axe throwing and the leap of faith. Food will be provided from Wednesday evening until Friday lunchtime and will follow a *student friendly* camping theme with catering for individual dietary requirements.

The all-inclusive cost of the visit will be £185.00 which includes the opportunity for participation in at least 11 organised activities led by qualified instructors at the centre, all transport, hire of camping equipment, pitch fees, food, and insurance. It will not be necessary for students to have any additional spending money. We feel this represents excellent value for money for the busy programme planned, however, we do recognise that the current economic climate is a cause for concern for some families. Please contact me direct, in confidence, if you wish for your child to participate but may find difficulty meeting all the payments. Students will not be required to provide any specialist equipment or clothing for the camp, except for a roll mat and sleeping bag – we recommend old items that you may be discarding soon, as items may not be reusable on return!

We hope all Year 7 students will want to be part of this exciting adventure and kindly request that you pay the non-refundable deposit of £25.00 via ParentPay by Monday 4 November. Following this, we will be able to share details of payment options and future payment deadlines (which could be spread over seven months between now and the visit). **There will be an initial Parents and Carers' Information Evening on Thursday 17 October 2024 at 6pm** where further details and information relating to the visit will be provided.

We are very excited about this event. Over the last thirteen years the camp has been a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Please feel free to view the photographs on the school website for a flavour of the adventure or visit www.thriftwood.org.uk/ for more information. Please contact me direct at: craig@stourvalley.org should you have any further questions relating to the visit.

Yours faithfully

Mr J. Craig – Visit leader - Head of Humanities/Educational Visits Coordinator

