



STOUR VALLEY
— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

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Dear Parents/Carers

13 October 2023

Re: Year 7 Summer Camp, Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 May 2024, Thriftwood International Scout Campsite and Activity Centre – Brentwood.

I write to inform you of a very exciting 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 22 May by 9:30am and returning on Friday 24 May** 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 £165 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 at jcraig@stourvalley.org 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 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, to secure your child's place please make the non-refundable deposit of £25 via ParentPay by **Friday 27 October**, confirmation of consent should also be made via ParentPay. 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/Carers' Information Evening on **Thursday 19 October 2023 at 6pm** where further details and information relating to the visit will be provided.

We are very excited about this event. Over the last 12 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 do not hesitate to contact me direct at: jcraig@stourvalley.org should you have any enquiries.

Yours faithfully

Mr J. Craig – Visit leader

