

17 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 7 Summer Camp, Wednesday 3 June - Thursday 4 June 2026, Thriftwood International Scout Campsite and Activity Centre – Brentwood

We write to inform you of a very exciting opportunity we are offering all Year 7 students. We would like to take the entire Year 7 group for our annual exhilarating, adventurous camp in Brentwood, taking advantage of the excellent on-site facilities provided by the International Scout Campsite and Activity Centre. We will be leaving school on Wednesday 3 June by 9:30am and returning on Thursday 4 June at approximately 3:30pm.

Students will be accommodated in four-person tents pitched close to the toilet and shower blocks. They will take part in a range of activities including axe throwing, water rollers abseiling, climbing, crate stacking, zip line and the leap of faith. Food will be provided from Wednesday evening and Thursday following a 'student friendly' camping theme with catering for individual dietary requirements.

The all-inclusive cost of the visit will be £115.00 which includes the opportunity for participation in a range of 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 us directly, 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 and kindly request that you return the attached slip to the Front Office by Friday 24 April 2026 and that the non-refundable deposit of £25.00 is made via ParentPay. There will be an initial Parent/Carers' Information evening on Thursday 14 May at 6pm where further details and information relating to the visit will be provided.

We are very excited about this event. Over the last fifteen 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 us directly at: info@stourvalley.org should you have any further questions relating to the visit.

Yours faithfully

The Year 7 team



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Student Name: Tutor Group:

Please tick as required:

- I have received information about the Year 7 Summer Camp planned for June 2026 and would like my child to be involved

- I have made a non-refundable deposit of £25.00 via ParentPay to secure a place for my child

Parent/Carer Signature: Date:

