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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 7 Camping Trip - 11th October 2024 to 12th October 2024

I am delighted to inform you that the school is organising a **free, educational, overnight camping trip for 50 Year 7 pupils**. The trip will take place from the afternoon of Friday, 11th October, to the afternoon of Saturday, 12th October at Raywell. We believe that this will present an invaluable opportunity to develop a range of important life skills in a fun and engaging environment, such as:

- **Teamwork:** pupils will work together to set up camp and complete group activities, helping them to understand the importance of collaboration and supporting one another
- **Leadership:** through activities such as camp setup, and problem-solving challenges, students will have the chance to take the lead, make decisions, and guide their peers, fostering leadership skills in a supportive setting
- **Building Community:** spending time outdoors and sharing new experiences will help students strengthen their sense of belonging, both to their peer group and the wider school community.
- **Resilience and Independence:** by tackling tasks such as learning to set up tents, making a campfire, and participating in physical challenges, pupils will develop their ability to persevere through difficulties and grow their self-reliance.

Programme:

Students should be dropped off by parents, carers or trusted adults at Raywell on Friday, 11th October between 16:30 and 17:30. They will begin the trip by learning essential outdoor skills, including setting up camp and making a campfire. These activities will not only teach practical skills but also encourage independence and resilience. In addition, we have planned various physical activities throughout the evening, some of which may take place indoors depending on the weather. Dinner will be provided for all pupils, though you are welcome to pack a meal for your child. Students may also bring snacks and drinks, but please note that energy drinks are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated if brought.

The following day, pupils will engage in a series of exciting activities designed to challenge them both physically and mentally. These include archery, a low ropes course, a Caving Bus, and a games store. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday. At the end of the trip, we ask that parents and carers collect their children at around 15:00, with the exact time to be confirmed closer to the event.

Equipment:

As the students will be camping overnight and spending considerable time outdoors, we kindly ask that parents ensure their child brings the necessary items to stay warm and comfortable. This includes a sleeping bag and airbed, warm clothing suitable for physical activities, a waterproof jacket and trousers (if available), trainers, a warm coat, pyjamas or fleeces, and blankets to keep them warm and cosy through the night.



Selection Process:

Due to the anticipated high demand for this trip, we will be selecting the 50 participating pupils through a **random draw**. However, please note that we will also take into account each pupil's school attendance and behaviour during this selection process before the random draw takes place. We believe this will help ensure the best possible experience for all students involved.

Rest assured, the entire trip will be fully supervised by members of staff, and your child's safety and well-being will remain our top priority throughout the duration of the trip. We hope that this will be a memorable and enriching experience for all who attend.

If you would like to register your interest in having your child participate in this trip, please complete the Google Form linked below. Please understand that completing this form does not guarantee that your child will have a place allocated, as all students will be selected through a random draw.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/rMfCV1bZbqE1xR9E6>

If you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to providing your child with a fun, educational, and rewarding adventure.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Shaw
Deputy Headteacher
Kelvin Hall School

