

5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to announce that we are once again organising a fantastic 3-Day residential adventure with The Bushcraft Company. We are very lucky to have secured a booking, as the centre is very popular with other school groups. Spaces are limited to 50 students in Year 7 and given the popularity of such an adventurous trip, I would advise you to act promptly on this letter to secure a place for your child.

The details of our adventure are:

**Dates: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**Location: Castle Howard, Yorkshire**

For those of you who have not heard of The Bushcraft Company, our adventure will be set in some of the most beautiful privately-owned UK woodlands. We will have exclusive use of a woodland safari style camp and be guided by a highly qualified and responsible team. This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn through adventure in a safe, yet challenging, environment. The adventure activities are designed to develop leadership skills and resilience, demanding resourcefulness, decision-making and practical thinking from students. Examples of the planned activities may include:

- Camp-Craft
- Wilderness Cookery
- Camouflage & Concealment
- Survival Bracelet Workshop
- Shelter Building
- Wild Food workshop
- Fire Lighting
- First Aid in the Wilderness
- Scenario Based Activities

We will be sleeping in tented accommodation, and have all our food and snacks provided. Some of the delicious meals we may experience on camp are:

- Lamb Kebabs
- Big Cooked Breakfast
- Lemon Drizzle Cake
- Pasta Bolognese
- Panned Salmon
- American Pancakes
- Chocolate Brownies
- Clay Oven Fired Pizzas
- Bushcraft BBQ

The total cost of this adventure is **£207** per student (based on 50 students attending) and includes:

- Return coach travel
- Full board accommodation
- A packed itinerary of adventure activities with instruction, supervision and equipment

To cover costs (as all trips are non-profit making), the cost of this visit is £207.00 per student.

The amount of £65.72 which covers board & lodging, this must be paid in order for your child to attend. Parents/carers are also asked to make a voluntary contribution of £141.28 per student which covers activities and transport.

There is no obligation to contribute the voluntary amount, but equally the visit can only go ahead if there is an adequate level of support.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) or Pupil Premium, then the full cost of the visit is voluntary to contribute.

Should contributions not be sufficient to make the visit economically viable, the Academy reserves the right to cancel the visit.

To secure a place on this exciting residential trip an initial deposit of **£60** will be required by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**. The remaining balance can be spread out throughout this term but the full balance has to be paid **by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. If you prefer to pay the full amount in one instalment, that is also perfectly acceptable.

If your child would like to attend this trip, please log on to your ParentPay account to provide consent and the deposit payment of £60 before **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**. Places will be given on a first come first served basis.

Closer to the adventure dates, we will of course arrange a parent's information evening where you can find out more about The Bushcraft Company, activities, food, accommodation, and our planned adventure. In the meantime, if you do wish to find out more about The Bushcraft Company, please visit [www.thebushcraftcompany.com](http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com).

Yours faithfully



**Mr C Brewer**  
**Trip Lead**