

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Year 7 Transition and Team Building Residential Experience (Bushcraft) Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 September 2023

We are delighted to welcome your child to Parmiter's School. One of the first key events on our Year 7 calendar is the Transition and Team Building Experience, which takes place during the Autumn term. This short residential trip allows your child to make friendships across the year group, enhances self-confidence, independence and resilience. Experience shows that this opportunity for your child to participate and collaborate in a team environment has far reaching benefits that positively impacts their start to secondary school.

The trip details are as follows:

**Dates:** Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 September 2023

**Venue:** Bushcraft, Boughton Woods, The Chase, Northamptonshire, NN14 1EB

Cost: £210 per student (includes coach travel, accommodation, all meals, activities and a Parmiter's

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Note: Students will be staying in tented accommodation in secure woodland locations. They will be taking part in bushcraft orientated activities.

During their stay, students will be enjoying a varied timetable of activities, challenging them both individually and in small groups. These activities will be held on the Bushcraft site and supervised by Bushcraft Tribe Leaders. Students will be kept busy from early in the morning until bedtime. The precise itinerary will be decided nearer the trip. Parmiter's students will have their own private camp, consisting of four 'tribes', within the woodlands of our chosen site.

We would like to take this opportunity to stress that it is not necessary to purchase new clothing or kit for this trip and we suggest students pack old clothing that they are happy to get dirty during the planned activities.

This visit is not essential to the Year 7 curriculum but is a valued part of our induction programme at Parmiter's School and we hope you will agree to your child taking part.

For planning to proceed we need to ensure that we have sufficient interest, as without this the visit cannot go ahead. Places are available for **all** students who wish to go on the trip; those who do not come on this trip will be expected in school to attend lessons as normal.

The cost of the trip is £210. If you would like your child to take part, please make a deposit payment of £105 via WisePay (under Trips & Visits) and complete the medical form via this link by Friday 30 June. The final payment of £105 will be due by Friday 14 July.





By paying, you are consenting to your child attending the above school trip. Please ensure the school is fully aware of any medical concerns you may have, under separate cover. Please note: parents must provide all in date medication for their child, for example, Epipens, antihistamines and asthma inhalers, for the trip. Students must have their medication with them at all times, if needed.

May we take this opportunity to reiterate that this payment fully commits your child to the trip and no refunds will be given if your child pulls out, except as a direct and necessary result of any cause outside of the student's control (for example, if required to self-isolate in line with government guidance or serious illness/injury). If your child subsequently decides not to take part in the visit, you will lose all monies paid.

If your child has been in receipt of Pupil Premium or Pupil Premium Plus, we encourage you to contact their primary school and ask them to send confirmation to <a href="mailto:finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk">finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk</a> so that appropriate measures are put into place.

Please note, that whilst places are available for everyone who wants to go, only those students whose **school work, conduct and behaviour** are of the highest standard will be taken on this trip. The Headmaster reserves the right to withdraw any student at any stage from the visit, where he considers that the safety or benefit of this experience could be spoilt by an individual student's presence.

If you have any questions about this trip, please email <u>Year7@parmiters.herts.sch.uk</u>. Further information can be found using the links below.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs D Mullett Head of Year 7

<u>Bushcraft Brochure</u> <u>Bushcraft frequently asked questions and video</u>

Kit List