



The HENRY BEAUFORT School

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Dear Parents,

Enrichment Week 11th-15th July – Year 8 Camp

Monday 11th July – Wednesday 13th July OR Wednesday 13th July – Friday 15th July

Enrichment Week is when the school timetable is suspended and we are able to arrange activities which can extend and enrich the curriculum for all students both in and out of school. Students have the opportunity to work in different groups to their normal timetable and with different staff.

Year 8 have the opportunity to attend a 2 night camping trip in Blenheim Woods. On the other days students will take place in activities in school. We believe that all students should have the opportunity to go on a residential trip with Henry Beaufort and so we have planned this activity and hope **all** students will take part.

The residential will be a 2 night/3 day trip to The Bushcraft Company, which is north of Oxford in Blenheim Woods. 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. Some of the activities students may participate in include: Survival Bracelet Workshop; Fire Lighting; Wilderness Cookery; Shelter Building; First Aid in the Wilderness; Camouflage & Concealment; Wild Food workshop; Scenario Based Activities.

Due to the complex charging policies laid out by the DfE, we cannot legally 'charge' for the transport or activity aspect of this visit, although we can 'charge' for board and lodgings. We are therefore asking parents to make a 'voluntary contribution' of **£180** for the weeks activities and transport. *While you are not obliged to make this contribution, should we not get enough contributions then we will have to cancel the visit.* We very much hope that you are able to contribute. If you would like a breakdown of costs then please contact me and I would be happy to provide that for you.

The preferred method of payment is online via SCOPay under '**2022 EW YR8 CAMP**'. Any cheques need to be made out to 'Henry Beaufort School' (with your child's name, tutor group and 'trip name' on the reverse of the cheque) and taken to the finance office.

For students that are in receipt of Free School Meals or have been in the past, the school will cover 50% of the trip, this will be reflected in SCOPay. Please contact Miss Gist (verity.gist@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk) if you could like further support or advice about this.

Please see below the payment schedule:

There is a £30 deposit which needs to be paid by Monday 10th January 2022.

Parents can pay the whole amount if they wish, but for those wishing to pay by instalments the final balance and the remaining £150 will be due by Friday 27th May 2022

I am suggesting the following payment plan is followed to ensure the cost is paid off gradually.

- Friday 11th March 2022 - £50
- Friday 29th April 2022 - £50
- Friday 27th May 2022- Final payment of £50

This year the expectation that **all** Year 8's will attend. If your child has specific reasons for not wanting to attend camp eg a medical condition or any other circumstances then they will attend school as normal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me as we will try and accommodate your child and adjust where needed. Furthermore, if we feel that student's behaviour is causing concern and they deviate seriously from the school's behaviour system then The Henry Beaufort School reserve the right to withdraw a student's place. If this is the case, we will plan with the Head of Year Mr Janes and your child's tutor.

As this week is part of the school year every child **must** attend. Holiday taken during Enrichment Week will **not** be authorised by the school and will appear as an unauthorised absence on your child's attendance record. If you have any questions or concerns about the attendance monitoring procedures at The Henry Beaufort School, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or see our Attendance Policy on the website.

This will be an exciting and challenging week for students taking part. We hope that all students will be involved.

We will be holding a 'Parents Information Evening' to go through all details including equipment lists, timings, itinerary etc. The date of this will be confirmed shortly.

All parents must ensure that they have updated their child's medical profile and emergency contact details in Operoo, have **completed the permission Microsoft form** and pay the initial deposit by Monday 10th January 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/r/YSi9h9RdMg>

Please contact either Miss McNamara or Mr Janes if you have any questions via the school email
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Yours sincerely,

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