



May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Activity Days – 17 and 18 July 2024

The last week of the Summer term includes two activity days and we have planned the following exciting activities for Year 7:

Wednesday 17 July – Walk from Tring to Berkhamsted

Students will enjoy the Hertfordshire countryside on a walk from Tring station back to Berkhamsted, via the Ashridge estate (taking in a picnic lunch on the way). They will work in small groups on a treasure hunt, gathering specific items along the way. Students will walk from Ashlyns to Berkhamsted Station, and then travel by train to Tring. We will leave school at 8.50am (students should arrive at 8.30am to register) and return at approximately 3.00pm for the end of the school day. Students will be expected to wear a sensible pair of walking shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Students should bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. There will be no opportunities to spend any money.

Thursday 18 July – The Sports and Kite Challenge

Students will spend half a day making and decorating their own Japanese 'Kakudaku' kites, which will be made with authentic Japanese materials. For the second half of the day they will be engaged in a sporting carousel. A local ice-cream van will provide a single scoop to each student at some point during the day. We are hoping that there will be some wind so that students can experience flying their kites, either successfully or unsuccessfully! Normal break and lunch arrangements will apply, although timings might be slightly different. Students may wish to bring their own materials to decorate the kites, eg felt tips, glitter, coloured crayons, gel pens, stickers, etc.

The total cost for these activities will be £9.00 per student. This includes travel, insurance, train fare, ice-cream and a kite construction kit. Payment should be made by ParentPay by Friday 7 June. Payments are non-refundable.

A full risk assessment has been undertaken for the above activities and appropriate control measures are in place.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary but if these are insufficient the trip/activities may have to be cancelled. In cases of genuine hardship please contact Ms Stringer in the Finance Office, in confidence, by Tuesday 4 June at the latest.

Yours sincerely

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