

November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Residential opportunities for ACE Week
Monday 4th July to Friday 8th July 2022

We are excited to offer two residential opportunities for our current Year 7 students that will take place during ACE week 2022. In light of the challenging circumstances faced by all during the pandemic we are delighted to be able to offer every single student a place on one of the following residentials. Please discuss the opportunities detailed below with your child and decide which would be their first and second choice. There is a link to a short form below where you can express your preference and which also gives the opportunity to ask any initial questions.

Isle of Wight
Cost £355
200 spaces
Tuesday to Friday

Tuesday

- Coaches from school and a ferry crossing at approximately 11 am. Picnic lunch
- Visit to [Robin Hill Park](#)
- Staying at [Hotel Burlington](#) or [Newport Equestrian Centre](#)
- Three-course evening meal followed by Evening activities

Wednesday

- Visit to [Blackgang Chine](#)
- Visit to the [Needles](#) to include sweet factory and glass blowing demonstration
- Evening visit to [Shanklin Chine](#) and PLUTO

Thursday

- Whole day visit to [Water Park](#) and Farm
- Evening Disco

Friday

- Pack all belongings and depart the accommodation
- Visit to Osborne House in Cowes
- Afternoon ferry home

Bushy Wood activity centre

Cost £350

100 spaces

Monday to Friday

Bushy Wood is an activity centre just north of Eastbourne. Accommodation will be in tents and all food will be catered by caterers at the centre. All activities will be led by qualified instructors from [Buzzactive](#).

Monday

- Coach travel to Bushy Wood
- Site tour and Set up followed by an afternoon of activities

Tuesday - Day on the water

- Windsurfing and Sailing
- Campfire in the evening

Wednesday - Day on Land

- Climbing
- Air Rifles
- Archery
- Crates
- Pioneering
- Evening - Wacky races

Thursday - Day on the water

- Kayaks
- Raft building and racing
- Stand up paddleboarding
- Evening Party

Friday

- Pack all belongings
- Awards
- Travel back to school

To make your selection

Whilst we are able to offer all year 7s a residential experience, places for both trips are limited so we would like you to complete [this form](#) to make a 1st and 2nd choice. Please complete this form by this **Friday 3rd December**. We will then confirm places the following week.

Trips fees and payment

You are invited to contribute a deposit of £25 by Friday 17th December to secure a place. You are not obliged to make this contribution, but if insufficient funds are received, it is likely that the trip will be cancelled. If you are unable to contribute, please contact the school directly to discuss further.

Parents/carers should pay for the trip using ParentPay, at www.parentpay.com using their unique login and password. Please note that payment for the trip through ParentPay acts as parental

permission and therefore no reply slip is necessary. If you would prefer to pay by cash, you may do so at your local Paypoint retailer using a barcoded letter. Please request this letter from the finance department (tel: 01403 787223 or email finance@theweald.org.uk). Any deposits paid are non-refundable unless covered by the school's insurance policy, for example, a medical issue. In such a case supporting medical evidence is required.

Please note that payments are non-refundable as the school makes a financial commitment to the tour operators and other companies based on the number of places we book. Should you secure a place for your child and subsequently decide to cancel, you may be liable to pay any outstanding balance in full, which we have already committed to the operators or venues. However, if your child is unable to travel due to ill health, a medical certificate to cover the date/dates involved from GP/hospital will be required, in order that a claim can be made through the school insurance. Without this evidence, we will be unable to make any refund. All transaction charges are non-refundable in any circumstance. This is currently 1.6% of the total contribution.

Terms and conditions

As you know, we have the highest expectations of our students for their behaviour and conduct around school, and they rarely let us down. However, please be aware that your child's place on any school trip is dependent on their ability to cooperate fully with staff and other students, to be a responsible member of our community and to comply with school rules. In the unlikely event that a member of staff feels this is not the case, they reserve the right to withdraw a child from a trip for safeguarding purposes. Please note that payments are non-refundable and you may be liable to pay any outstanding balance in full, which we have already committed to the operators or venues.

We would encourage you to read all trip terms and conditions, including cancellation policies, medical, refunds and student expectations on our website under Curriculum, Enrichment, Trips or by using the following link <http://bit.ly/2LLJKBk>.

To help keep our records up to date, please inform us of any changes to your child's personal or medical information. This can be updated through Talaxy by clicking [here](#) or via Pupil Reception.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Yours faithfully,



Andy Cooper
Trips and enrichment coordinator