

July 2017

Dear Parent

## YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT RESIDENTIAL

We are delighted to offer our new Year 7 students their first residential trip at The Roundhill Academy. This three day residential trip will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at The Bushcraft Company, Cornbury Park. We will depart on Monday at 8.00am and return on Wednesday around 5.00pm.

Cornbury Park is located near the Cotswold town of Charlbury, in Oxfordshire. This idyllic estate was formerly a hunting lodge and boasts the largest privately owned ancient woodland in the country. The site features a stunning deer park, beautiful lakes, a crashed plane and ancient oak trees to climb.

This Year 7 trip is to promote teambuilding amongst students and to develop new skills and interact with their peers in a fun, creative environment. The Bushcraft Company are a leading provider of outdoor education and are accredited with the LotC badge. They also provide all technical and pastoral support for the duration of the residential. Students will sleep in safari-style tented camps in a woodland setting and take part in a unique set of activities with a Bushcraft theme.

Students will learn:

- To conduct themselves safely in an unfamiliar environment;
- To create a sense of community and team identity;
- The effect our surroundings have on our feelings and comfort;
- To participate in groups activities and work towards a shared goal;
- To enjoy spending time outdoors and involved in different activities;
- To engage with the natural British landscape;
- To think practically and creatively about the world around them.

Mr Snowden will be leading this visit and has experience of leading both field studies visits and outdoor pursuits activities. If you have any questions regarding the visit please contact Mr Snowden via the school office.

The total cost for the visit will be **£180.00** (see price structure if eligible for Free School Meals or any other benefits) this covers all transport, insurance, food, accommodation and activities at the centre. If you wish for your child to be considered please return the reply slip with the required cash or cheque in an envelope with your child's name and clearly marked '**Bushcraft Residential**' by **Friday 8th September 2017**.

Payments can be made directly to the school office between the hours of 9am to 4pm. **Should you wish to pay by debit or credit card, please contact the school office direct.**

PRICE STRUCTURE	TOTAL
• Full price	£180.00
• Eligible for any other benefits e.g. Housing Benefits, Jobseekers Allowance, Tax Credits (25% off)	£135.00
• Eligible for Free School Meals (50% off)	£ 90.00

This is a self-financing trip which regrettably will only go ahead if sufficient contributions are received. The cost assumes 60 students wish to go and a reserve list will be made if we are oversubscribed.

**Financial Assistance**

Assistance with the payment for trips and activities is available to parents from a variety of sources, and is provided for a range of reasons.

Students eligible for Free School Meals will have a percentage of the costs funded for them from 'The Pupil Premium'. This is additional funding given to schools specifically for this group of students.

Parents who receive any other form of benefit (Housing Benefit, Jobseekers Allowance, and Tax Credits) will receive a percentage discount from the Governors Fund.

If you do not meet any of the above criteria, but would like further details of the Governors Fund, please contact the school office. Please be assured all enquiries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

A copy of this letter can be found on the school website.

Yours sincerely

**David Snowden**  
**Trip Organiser**

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**REPLY SLIP YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT RESIDENTIAL**

Students Name: .....

Students Address: .....

Primary School: .....

**a) Please tick where applicable:**

Full Price  
£180.00

Eligible for Benefits  
£135.00

Eligible for Free School Meals  
£90.00

**b) Method of Payment:**

Payment of £ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (*Cheque made payable to The Roundhill Academy*) Cash  Cheque

I confirm I have paid by credit / debit card on \_\_\_\_\_

Unfortunately, we will not be able to refund the full cost of the trip if your son / daughter cannot attend once a place on the trip has been agreed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/person with legal responsibility for the young person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY SCHOOL  
OFFICE ALONG WITH THE ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL MEDICAL  
FORM BY FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

## **Roundhill Residential Medical Form**

Completion of this form is mandatory. Non-completion will result in students not being able to attend the trip.

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>My child has the following Medical Conditions:</b>			
<b>Is s/he allergic to anything?</b>			yes / no
If yes give details			
<b>Is s/he currently taking any medication?</b>			yes / no
If yes give details			
<b>Does s/he take responsibility for their own medication</b>			yes / no
Detail of medication and dose:			
<b>Does s/he have any mobility difficulties?</b>			yes / no
If yes give details			
<b>Does s/he have any special dietary needs?</b>			yes / no
If yes give details			

<b>Non Prescription Treatments</b>		
In accordance with the guidance contained on / in the packet		
	May s/he take paracetamol under supervision	yes / no
	May s/he take allergy relief tablets under supervision	yes / no
	May s/he take / use DEET insect repellent	yes / no
	May s/he use sun cream	yes / no
<b>Medical Consent</b>		
In the event of an emergency I give permission for him / her to receive medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I hereby give my general consent to any necessary medical treatment and authorise the trip leader to sign any document required by the hospital authorities.		
Signed:		Date:
Print Name:		