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Principal: James Tickle

Dear Parent

### Year 7 Bushcraft Residential: Final Details

Final details for the Bushcraft Residential are as follows:

Meet: **7.45am, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, in the car park opposite the school  
Depart: 8.00am  
Return: **Approx 5pm, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, in the car park opposite the school  
If we are likely to be severely delayed by traffic then we will endeavour to send a message to parents informing you of our estimated return time

We will be staying on the **Cornbury Park Estate** in Oxfordshire, camping in large tents in amongst the woodland. This is a private estate with no other access to the public. All camping equipment, activities and food are provided by **The Bushcraft Company** who are specialists in delivering this type of residential. Roundhill Academy staff will accompany students on all activities to provide additional support and pastoral care to students and will camp nearby to students, as will The Bushcraft Company staff who provide 24/7 support.

Students will be working in small 'tribes' undertaking activities such as fire lighting, shelter building, wilderness first aid and many others, and will essentially be outdoors for the whole time, so please ensure your son / daughter is equipped with plenty of clothing to suit their needs. A kit list from The Bushcraft Company is attached with this letter. Please do not feel the need to go out and buy lots of equipment for this trip, as long as students have lots of warm clothing that they don't mind getting dirty they will be fine. Please be aware that clothing and footwear will get muddy!

Please pay particular attention to the recommendation that students do not bring any electronic devices with them to the woods. There will be no facilities for charging any device and the school, nor The Bushcraft Company takes any responsibility for items lost or damaged. Part of the ethos of living in the woods is to help students to learn to interact with others away from the distractions of the everyday world and to give them a chance to feel connected to the landscape rather than a handheld device. Due to the remote nature of the environment it is likely that you will receive no communication, either from your son / daughter or from the school. Remember no news is good news! For parents who want to keep in touch we will try and post regular photos and messages to the school's twitter account: @TheRoundhillAc (reception permitting)

Here's looking forward to rain-free three days!

Yours Sincerely,

David Snowden  
Enrichment Coordinator