



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

May 2019

Dear Parents / Carer

Year 7 Residential Trip to Castle Howard from Wednesday 2 October to Friday 4 October 2019

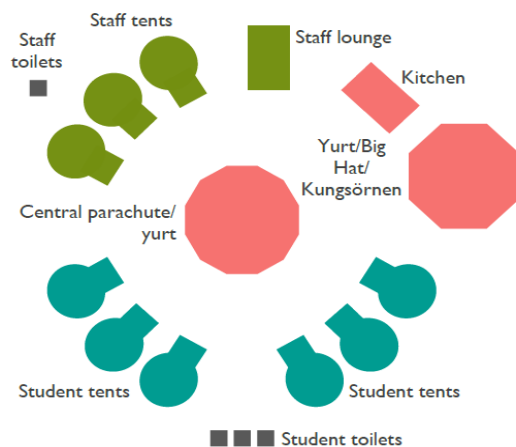
I am looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to St Aidan's Church of England High School in September. As a school, we see extra-curricular activities and residential trips as being of immense value and we would like all students to have the opportunity to take part in them.

Every year at the start of Year 7, we take all students on a three-day/two-night residential to provide students with the opportunity of getting to know each other better develop their qualities and to learn more about the ethos and origins of our school. This year we will be going on an adventure with a difference, taking students into the wild and experiencing back-to-nature activities that they will never forget.

We will be staying in a 'Bushcraft Camp' in the grounds of Castle Howard. The Bushcraft Company is very experienced at running camps of this nature and their instructors have received extensive in-house training and nationally recognised qualifications for specialised activities. Our own staff will also be with the children at all times.

We will leave school around 09:00 on Wednesday 2 October 2019 by coach, which will take all the children to their camp where they will be living in the wild, sleeping under canvas and cooking over open fires. We will return to school by 15:30 on Friday 4 October 2019.

On arrival at Castle Howard, we will walk to camp and the students will be divided into 'tribes'. Each tribe will be accompanied by a St Aidan's member of staff who will encourage students to reflect on how they work together and will also explain how we expect St Aidan's students to conduct themselves on trips. Students and staff will stay in single-sex safari style bells tents, which will sleep between 10-12 students and an example of the camp-layout is below.



Activities include:

- Shelter Building and Camp Craft
- Wilderness First Aid Workshop
- Camouflage and Concealment Exercises
- Wild Food Workshop
- Bushcraft Tournament
- Scenarios SOS
- Cutting Tools Workshop
- Fire Workshop
- Leave No Trace Procedures

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We are holding a Parents' Meeting on **Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 18:00 in Constance Green Hall** and invite all parents and students to attend. A member of the Bushcraft Company will give a presentation and explain how the trip will run and there will be the opportunity for questions. A kit list will be also be provided at the meeting.

The cost of the trip is **£138.00**, which includes transport by coach, accommodation, food and all activities.

Please make payment either:

- in full by Friday 6 September 2019 or
- in two equal instalments of £69.00 by Friday 8 August 2019 and Friday 6 September 2019.

Payment is by ParentPay and details of how to register are enclosed. Please note that all payments are **non-refundable**.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's High School. Outdoor learning provides wonderful opportunities to build on essential skills that help children grow into confident, independent and successful adults.

When accompanying children on a school trip, staff are acting in '*loco parentis*' just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. Please help us by reinforcing to your child our expectations on behaviour in order that every child can gain the maximum out of the trip.

Please contact Mrs Collins, the Trips Administrator, on 01423 818527 if you need any further information regarding the trip or the Finance Office if you have any difficulties with payment or need help with ParentPay.

I look forward to meeting you at 18:00 on Wednesday 3 July 2019.

Regards

Mr S Taylor
Head of Year 7

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YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT RESIDENTIAL TRIP

- I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Trip 2019 as outlined in the letter dated May 2019
- I have paid £69.00 deposit on ParentPay and will pay the remaining balance of £69.00 by Friday 6 September 2019
- OR
- I have paid the full amount of £138.00
- I understand that all payments are **non-refundable unless a replacement student can be found**

Name of Pupil Form

Medical and Dietary Information will be taken from the information you supply to school. If you would like any further information added, please write this below:

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Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date

**Please return by Friday 6 September 2019 and hand into
Main Reception at St Aidan's High School**

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