

To Parents of Children in Year 7

March 2023

Year 7: Team-building/Problem-solving Exercise
Monday 26th June / Tuesday 27th June

Dear Parents,

A key element of what we offer at Windlesham involves giving pupils the opportunity to show and develop their leadership qualities. With this in mind, on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th June we will be holding two days of team-building and problem-solving activities in and around the school grounds for all pupils in year 7. We would expect all members of the year 7s to participate including day pupils; it has proven to be a great year-bonding experience in the past. The course includes an exciting night spent under canvas in a number of locations just off the school site, with the kind agreement of the landowner, a former Windlesham parent.

The courses have been designed and will be administered largely by staff from Wilderness Expertise, a leadership development organisation. The Wilderness Expertise staff will work alongside members of our own staff to further develop the key skills which all future leaders require: teamwork, communication, time management and responsibility. The course will begin at 1000 hrs on Monday morning, day children can come into school in practical weekend clothes but will need a change of school clothes for after the event on Tuesday. It will end at approximately 1230 hrs on Tuesday with a debrief as to how the lessons learned can be applied to school life.

The pupils will be briefed thoroughly by ourselves prior to the weekend in terms of what the course entails, and how they can best prepare for it. In terms of equipment, much will be provided by the school or by Wilderness Expertise (tents, sleeping bags, cooking equipment etc), but there are several items that your child will need to have in school for that weekend. We would be grateful if parents could provide these to come into school after the long weekend at the beginning of May.

To wear during the day

T Shirt
Tracksuit bottoms* (Shorts depending on weather)
Warm jumper /fleece*
Trainers (sports not fashion)
Thick socks
Water bottle
Sunhat*
Waterproofs* (not sports jackets)
Day rucksack to carry kit
Large black bin bag to act as waterproof liner or dry bag

For overnight camp

Spare set of dry clothes
Torch (with fresh batteries)
Small wash kit (Tooth brush etc.)
Woollen hat, scarf/snood, gloves
Suntan lotion (school will provide)
Thick socks (2nd pair)

NB: NO Knives / Matches / Food / Electrical Devices are permitted

If you cannot provide some of the equipment mentioned on the list, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can arrange it for you. Boots will not be essential, as the distances pupils will be walking will not be great, so training shoes, or wellingtons if wet, will suffice.

Please do not hesitate to contact either one of us by email (addresses below) if there is any further information which you require.

Yours sincerely,

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