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Dear Parents and Carers,

As Year 7 Leader, I am excited to inform you that we will be organising a Year 7 trip to Whitemoor Lakes Adventure Centre in Lichfield, Staffordshire. Outdoor adventure school residential trips are an excellent way to enhance learning and build upon foundations learnt in the classroom, developing a wider skill set.

Students will take part in a range of activities, including Open Canoeing, Raft Building, Zip Wire and Archery plus evening events. These activities are led by Whitemoor's own team of qualified instructors. Each activity has its own risk assessment. Our aim is for the students to have fun, learn new skills, become more motivated as individuals, to take part in new and enriching experiences, discover more about themselves and their capabilities and to learn to support value and celebrate each other's success.

Overcoming new challenges and working collectively as a team can help improve students' relationships with their peers and foster better relations with teaching staff. Spending time away from home in an unfamiliar environment can bolster self-confidence and help instil problem solving skills and a sense of independence.

The trip will take place from **21st April – 23rd April 2023**. I anticipate that we will leave the school site at 2pm on Friday 21st April and we will aim to leave Whitemoor Lakes at approximately 1pm on Sunday 23rd April, returning to school for around 2.30pm. Please be aware that in order for the trip to run we do require a minimum number of students, and in the unlikely event we do not hit this figure it may not be feasible to run the trip.

The total cost per pupil contribution is £185.00 payable via ParentPay (www.ParentPay.co.uk). A deposit of £50 is required to secure your child's place and this will need to be paid by *Wednesday 14th December 2022*. In order for your child to attend you need to give permission, by completing all the required the details via ParentPay. (www.parentpay.co.uk), also by *Wednesday 14 December 2022*.

Subsequent payments of £70 and £65 will need to be paid by *Friday 17th February 2023* and *Wednesday 31st March 2023* respectively. These funds are payable via ParentPay (www.ParentPay.co.uk) and can be as one single payment if this is preferential. Please note that once you have committed to a trip all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

I will be arranging an evening event next term, to share some important information specific to the trip. I will inform all parents and carers of this event in due course.

Educational offsite visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found and in this instance a refund will be issued minus any deposit paid.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

I am also excited to let you know a Sports Writing Club has been added to our extra curricular offering and is available for all students in Year 7, each Wednesday after school. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their new and existing writing skills with their peers and experience sports writing through a diverse range of forms such as articles, match-reports, interviews, and fictional pieces. Information regarding all our extra-curricular activities is available on the website [extra-curricular-activities](#)

Finally the latest November online safety newsletter is available for you to read [November Online Safety Newsletter](#)

Yours faithfully,

J Foxon (Year 7 Leader)