

Thursday 30th June 2016

The First Hike

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 7 students will be hiking from College to Magpie Bridge, via Drake's Trail on **Monday 11th July**. We will walk through the tunnel at Grenofen and over the stunning Gem Bridge to Magpie Bridge, where we will stop for lunch, before walking back to College. The whole route is about 7 miles.

The hike will be accomplished during the normal school hours and students will walk in their merged Year 8 tutor groups, giving students an opportunity to get to know each other in an informal setting. There will be check points at various places on the route and the College will have first aid cover, toilets and extra water at check points. The College will also have a mini bus available.

Current tutor groups will combine		Year 8 Tutor Group	Year 8 Tutor
07B	07BA	08B	Ms S Pendle
07D	07DA	08D	Mr D Marvin
07F	07FA	08F	Miss J Hayward
07G	07GX	08G	Mrs R Millidge/ Mrs H Stephenson
07BX	07DX	08GA	Mrs T Adams
07T	07TA	08T	Mr N Bentley
07GA	07TX	08TA	Mrs R Doyle/ Mrs R Egan

The expectation is that everyone will do the walk, however, if there is a medical reason why your child cannot participate, please let us know as soon as possible. I enclose a consent form and ask that you note any medical requirements on the form and return it to Ms Cocker in the Central Admin Office or your child's tutor by Wednesday 6th July.

Students should come to school appropriately dressed for a day of walking on uneven surfaces. They will need a small rucksack in which they should carry:

1. **A waterproof coat**
2. **A packed lunch, snacks and plenty of water for the day**
3. **A pair of waterproof leggings if they have them (if rain is predicted)**
4. **A spare warm jumper**
5. **Sun cream**
6. **A torch for the tunnel**

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Students will be briefed about the Country Code and our expectations that they remain in their tutor groups during the walk. We will expect students to either take rubbish home, or leave it in the bin liners provided at Magpie Bridge. I am afraid we cannot allow students to go in the river.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blackmore".

Mrs H Blackmore
Head of Year 7

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

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Dear Parent / Carer

This form relates to the forthcoming activity programme for which you have received details. In order to signify consent for your child to take part in the activity, please complete the following details and return to your child's tutor or Ms Cocker, Year 7 Administrator in the Central Admin Office by **Wednesday 6th July**. Students cannot take part without a completed consent form.

This consent will cover the following activities in this instance.

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SPECIAL DETAILS: Please provide any relevant information concerning your child's health or diet requiring special attention but which does not prevent him/her from taking part in the activity.

1. **I *agree / do not agree** for my son/daughter to take part in the school activities and understand that further details will be available nearer the date of the activity.
2. I consent to any emergency medical treatment, required by my child during the course of the activity.
3. I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider him/her fit to participate.
(* please circle relevant consent)

NAME OF STUDENT:

Please Print

TUTOR GROUP:

Parent / Carer SIGNED:

Print Name:

Date:

Telephone Number:

Home

Work

Mobile

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Please indicate if your child is entitled to and requires a free school meal / packed lunch provided by the College Refectory.