



October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Canoe Expedition

In April 2018, between the 18th and 24th, all Year 8 students have the opportunity to enjoy a two day canoe and camping expedition.

On the first day, students will canoe along a section of canal in Cheshire with the equipment they will need for their two-day trip. In the late afternoon students will arrive at a campsite where they will set up camp, pitching their own tents and cooking their own evening meal on stoves. In the evening, students will take part in a range of activities and games. On the second day, students will make breakfast, pack their camping equipment into the canoes and paddle the second leg of the expedition.

All activities will be lead and supervised by qualified, experienced outdoor instructors and teachers from school; and all specialist equipment will be provided.

We will leave school at 09:00am on the first day and expect to arrive back at school at approximately 3:30pm on the second day. **All students receiving free school meals will receive a packed lunch for the first day, all other students are asked to bring a packed lunch for the day.**

The students will go in tutor groups for two school days with one night camping, between the 18th and 24th. The exact two dates for each tutor group will be confirmed closer to the time, along with a list of clothing /equipment needed.

Our aim is for every student in Year 8 to take part in the expedition, helping to develop team building, communication, and leadership skills. The expedition will also strengthen student confidence and resilience, with the hope that students will then progress onto the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award in Year 9.

A payment plan is available, allowing the cost of the trip to be spread over the months between now and the Canoe Expedition in April. **There is a £30.00 non-refundable deposit to be paid by Friday 20th October 2017. The balance of £55.00 needs to be paid by Wednesday 28th March 2018. Please contact me if you have any questions or queries about the cost of the trip.**

Yours sincerely



Mr J Lacey
Assistant Head teacher

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BLACON HIGH SCHOOL

Year 8 Canoe Expedition April 2018

(Return to Front Office)

Student Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 8 Canoe Expedition, in April, 2018.

Please leave details of **2** contact telephone numbers: _____

I include a deposit of £30 non-refundable deposit towards the cost of the trip. (please tick) (cheques made payable to Cheshire West and Chester Council)

Please detail any medical conditions that your son/daughter has: _____

Signed : _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

