



HEADTEACHER: Mr K Ford

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Year 7 Activity Days 2022**  
**Kites: Tuesday 11th October**  
**Hawks: Wednesday 12th October**  
**Eagles: Thursday 13th October**

Dear Parents/Carers

As an introduction to your son/daughter entering year 7 at Great Marlow School, all year 7 students and form tutors will be participating in a team-building activity day at Westhorpe Waterports Centre in Little Marlow. This is an inclusive (no student will be excluded based on any medical/SEN/other needs), extra-curricular and noncompulsory event, and an exciting addition to the school calendar.

**Please make a note of your son/daughter's house/date above.**

The Activity Days are run by 'Operation Encounter' and are delivered to all year 7 students over three separate days. Students will be supervised by Operation Encounter and school staff throughout the event.

Students will leave Great Marlow School by coach at 9am (after registration) on their house's day. They will spend the day at Westhorpe, and will take part in: raft-building, crate-stacking and an assault course. We will return to school by 3pm.

Students will not be required to wear school uniform, but will need to wear suitable clothes for the day:

- Warm top (sweatshirt/fleece)
- T-shirt
- Tracksuit trousers or shorts-depending on the weather (not jeans)
- Waterproofs
- Old trainers
- Wet shoes/soft-soled shoes (no wellies, flip-flops or crocs)
- Towel
- Sun lotion
- Bin liner (to put wet clothes in)
- A complete change of clothes as students may get wet
- Packed lunch/snacks and drinks

The Activity Days are a fantastic opportunity for year 7s to spend time together away from the school environment and also to develop their communication, team and leadership skills. Students will be able to appreciate the great outdoors with their peers and enjoy participating in adventurous activities.

If your son/daughter would like to participate in this trip, please make a voluntary contribution of £23 and provide consent via WisePay. **Please note: Payment and consent are due by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022.** There is no obligation to contribute and no student will be excluded because parents are unwilling or unable to contribute. Please be aware that the visit is likely to be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions.

If you have any queries or additional information regarding your son/daughter's participation in this trip, please do not hesitate to contact: [hmurray@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:hmurray@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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