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Year 7 Activity Days 2023 Kites - Tuesday 10th October Hawks - Wednesday 11th October Eagles - Thursday 12th October

Dear Parents/Carers

As an introduction to your child 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 Farm in Little Marlow. This is an inclusive (no student will be excluded based on any medical/SEN/other need), extra-curricular and non-compulsory event and an exciting part of our school calendar.

The Activity Days are run by 'Level Up Outdoors' and are delivered to all year 7 students in their houses over three separate days. Each student house will attend **one** of the Activity Days. Students will be supervised by Level Up Outdoors and school staff throughout the event. Students will leave Great Marlow School by coach at 9 am (after registration) on their house's day. They will spend the day at Westhorpe, and will take part in: raft-building, crate-stacking and archery tag. We aim to return to school by 3 pm in time for the school buses. Students will not be required to wear school uniform, but will need to wear suitable clothes:

- 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 school 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.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £23. There is no obligation to contribute and no student will be excluded because parents / carers are unwilling or unable to contribute. However, please be aware that the visit is likely to be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions. All parents / carers will also need to complete an MS Consent Form for the trip.

If your son / daughter would like to participate, you will need to set up a WisePay account. You should already have received an email about how to do this. Both voluntary contributions and the MS Consent Form can be completed through WisePay. The deadline for this is **Friday 15**th **September.**

If you have any queries regarding your child's participation in this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me on: amiles@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Miss Antonia Miles Director of Learning – Year 7