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Year 7 Activity Days 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Next week, all year 7 students and their form tutors will be participating in their team-building activity day at Westhorpe Farm in Little Marlow. This is an inclusive, extra-curricular and non-compulsory event and an exciting part of our school calendar.

What does the activity day involve?

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 register in their form group at 8.30am
- Students will leave Great Marlow School by coach at 9 am (after registration) on their house's day
- When the coach arrives at the centre coach park, there is a short 5 minute walk to the centre itself.
- The students will spend the day at Westhorpe and will take part in the following three activities on rotation: raft-building, crate-stacking and archery tag.
- We aim to return to school by 3 pm in time for the school buses.

A reminder of the key dates:

- **Kites - Tuesday 10th October**
- **Hawks - Wednesday 11th October**
- **Eagles - Thursday 12th October**

What do they need to bring?

Students will not be required to wear school uniform on the day of their trip 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
- Spare shoes: ideally wet shoes OR 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
- Any medication that they need (already shared by you with school)- including their inhaler or EpiPen

The year 7 tutor team are very excited for the activity days. I wanted to share with you that the use of mobile phones on the trip will be in line with usual school expectations (e.g switched off and in their bags). I also wanted to ask for your support in reinforcing the need for sensible behaviour and compliance with staff instructions (both GMS staff and the Level Up centre staff) at all times.

If you have any queries regarding your child's participation in this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me:
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Yours faithfully

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