



19 July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Youlbury Camp

As you will be aware we are planning to take the whole of the Year 8 cohort to visit Youlbury Scout Camp in September. We have had feedback from some parents/carers that they/their children are not prepared to stay overnight and camp. We have therefore put together a backup plan for these families below:

Overnight Plan: Year 8 Youlbury Camp is for all students camping overnight and partaking in the activities at Youlbury:

- Prior to the trip, during school time, students will plan their route from Cheney School to Youlbury Scout Camp and be taught basic map reading skills
- On the day of the trip students will meet at Cheney and, with staff, walk from Cheney School to Youlbury Scout Camp (approximately 7 miles). There will be a minibus to support and all student kit will be driven to the camp. Students will carry a small backpack with a drink, lunch and a waterproof.
- Once at Youlbury, students will take part in an activity run by the centre such as archery or aerial trekking. Students will also be instructed in putting up/taking down a tent and given some basic camping skills. In the evening there will be an evening meal, campfire and games. Students and staff will spend one night in the tented village at Youlbury. The next morning there will be breakfast and another activity run by the centre. Students and staff, in groups, will then walk back to Cheney School, arriving back for the afternoon.

Day Only Plan: Year 8 Youlbury Walk is for all other students who are not going to stay over at Youlbury:

- Prior to the trip, during school time, students will plan their route from Cheney School to Youlbury Scout Camp and be taught basic map reading skills
- On the day of the trip students will meet at Cheney and, with staff, walk from Cheney school to Youlbury Scout Camp (approximately 7 miles). There will be a minibus to support and all student kit will be driven to the camp. Students will carry a small backpack with a drink, lunch and a waterproof.
- Once at Youlbury, students will be instructed in putting up/taking down a tent and provided with some basic woodcraft skills. These students will then be bussed back to Cheney for approximately 4pm.

Instructions:

1. If you have already signed up to the **Year 8 Youlbury Camp** nothing more is required except for the balance payment please
2. If you have not signed up and wish your child to participate in the Overnight Plan then please make the payment on ParentPay to **Year 8 Youlbury Camp**
3. If you have not signed up and wish your child to participate in Day Only Plan then please make payment on ParentPay to **Year 8 Youlbury Hike**. The cost of this is £20.

Students who are Pupil Premium or who receive Free School Meals (FSM) are entitled to a **50% reduction** as long as the attached consent slip, medical consent form and behaviour contract are completed. The school can provide additional financial support at the discretion of the school. If this trip will cause you financial hardship, please contact Mrs Beesley jby@cheney.oxon.sch.uk to discuss.

If you have any concerns, please contact Mr Fieldwick.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Moreton
Head Teacher