



February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Activity Days – 16 and 17 July 2025

The last week of the Summer term includes two activity days and we have planned the following exciting activities for Year 7:

Wednesday 16 July – Taskmaster and Kite Challenge

Students will spend half a day making and decorating their own kites. For the second half of the day they will be engaged in a carousel of challenges. We will also have a local ice cream van visiting from which all students will receive an ice cream. Students should arrive in school wearing PE kit that is appropriate for the summer weather. A hat and sunscreen is advisable. Normal break and lunch arrangements will apply, although timings might be slightly different. Students may wish to bring their own materials to decorate the kites, e.g. felt tips, coloured crayons, gel pens, stickers, etc. however this is not compulsory. Please note that glitter is not permitted. We are hoping that there will be some wind so that students can experience flying their kites, either successfully or unsuccessfully!

Thursday 17 July – Walk from Tring to Berkhamsted

Students will enjoy the Hertfordshire countryside on a walk from Tring station back to Berkhamsted, via the Ashridge estate (taking in a picnic lunch on the way). They will work in small groups on a treasure hunt, gathering specific items along the way. Students will walk from Ashlyns to Berkhamsted Station, and then travel by train to Tring. We will leave school at 8.50am (students should arrive at 8.30am to register) and return at approximately 3.00pm for the end of the school day. Students will be expected to wear a sensible pair of walking shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Students should bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. There will be no opportunities to spend any money.

The total cost for these activities will be **£10.00** per student. This includes travel, insurance, train fare, ice-cream and a kite construction kit. Payment should be made by ParentPay by **Wednesday 30 April 2025**. Payments are non-refundable.

A full risk assessment has been undertaken for the above activities and appropriate control measures are in place.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary but if these are insufficient the trip/activities may have to be cancelled. In cases of genuine hardship please contact Ms Stringer in the Finance Office, in confidence, by Friday **28 February 2025** at the latest.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 7