



January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Activity Days – 15 and 16 July 2026

As you are aware, the last week of the Summer term includes two activity days and we have planned the following exciting activities for Year 7.

Wednesday 15 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). Students will complete a guided 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 are 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 and buy lunch.

Thursday 16 July – Taskmaster and Kite Challenge

Students should register in their form rooms as normal in the morning. They 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 also advisable. Normal break and lunch arrangements will apply. 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!

Costs and Payment Information

The total cost for both activities is **£13.50**, which includes travel, insurance. Payment should be made via **ParentPay** by **Thursday 30 April 2026** at the latest.

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

Additional Information

I understand that the cost of these activity days may create additional expenses for families, particularly for those with multiple children at Ashlyns. However, these activities have been selected I have arranged these activities because they provide students with:

- Increased confidence
- Opportunities to identify leadership potential
- Lasting memories
- Strengthened friendships

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 **27 February 2026** at the latest.

Please note that the school rules regarding mobile phones apply as normal: phones must be locked in pouches for the duration of both days.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'H Bjornsgaard', written over a grid pattern.

Miss H Bjornsgaard
Head of Year 7