



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Re: Year 7 Residential Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

As we are approaching the dates for this year's residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes I have included some information about our stay.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> I would like all students to arrive promptly at school for 9.45am and report to the sports hall for registration. The later arrival will allow the school to manage congestion on this day and staff will then organise luggage and groups in time for our departure at 10.30am. After leaving school we will head straight to Whitemoor Lakes.

Accompanying this letter is a suggested kit list for the boys so that they come fully prepared for what is on offer. It is important that boys do have a change of clothes and spare plastic bags in case they become wet or dirty during specific activities but please be mindful and sensible with the quantity of clothing they bring as it is only three days of activity! It is also very important that boys have appropriate protection against the elements if we are fortunate enough to have good weather.

I hope the boys will enjoy their stay and understand the importance of mature and sensible behaviour at all times when taking part in outdoor and adventurous activities. Boys have been warned that failure to comply with on-site rules or persistent bad behaviour will result in them leaving the centre. I would also like to highlight that if boys choose to bring electronic items or items of value, the school or the Centre will not be held responsible for them. Phones will not be allowed to be used during the day but a time slot to make or receive calls will be allowed during 'down time' in the evening. Any improper use of technology will result in serious sanctions.

After some morning activities followed by lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> we will make our way back to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School for approximately 2.15pm. If I could ask all parents or guardians to be punctual when collecting the children please.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Doughty

Head of Year 7

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## Suggested Kit List



Please make sure all the items on the list are clearly labelled. The idea of the list is to keep you comfortable during your stay. If you don't have something, try and borrow it. You don't have to buy everything new just because it is on the list.

Pocket money does not have to be lavish (£5 or £10). Some small change is useful for the pool table, vending machines, shop or for a pre-planned telephone call home.

We will be arriving at the centre at approximately 11.45am so please bring a packed lunch to eat in the dining room.

**Clothing:** SEVERAL complete changes of clothes, including warm jerseys/sweat shirts, gloves, shorts, some t-shirts and enough socks and underwear for everyday. **Waterproofs** are important but not essential although we do recommend a light waterproof **top** and waterproof trousers - it is also quite windy here. Jeans and leggings are not suitable for activities but are ok for free time. Please bring jogging bottoms for the challenge courses. When packing please bear in mind the weather forecasts and adjust your clothing accordingly.

**Footwear:** A variety of shoes. Old trainers or wellies for mud and wet, something for indoors and something for games. Walking boots are not necessary but may be useful.

### **ALL BED LINEN IS PROVIDED**

**Two towels:** one large and one small.

### **Nightwear / PJ's**

**Washing bag:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, comb/brush, shower products. Please don't bring perfumed sprays as some people with asthma may be affected by them. Please note, our fire detectors in the bedrooms are extremely sensitive and will be triggered by spray deodorants.

**Suitcase/soft holdall** for your main kit – easier to keep tidy than rucksacks.

**Small plastic bin liners:** for dirty washing etc.

**Optional:** Books and quiet games such as cards. If bringing electronic hand-held games/ radios/ mobile devices etc the school will not be liable for damage or loss of personal property. Board games and other group activities are great!

**Hot weather:** In the heat you should bring a screw topped, plastic drink container. Press on lids are more likely to leak. Suncream and a sunhat – just in case!

**From Spring through to Autumn:** Insect repellent is highly recommended as we are next to a lake.