

Dear Parent/Guardian

09/06/26

Year 7 camp (Monday 13th – Friday 17th July 2026): Final details & kit requirements

Please see the final details for camp below. Please read carefully with your child as there are items prohibited on this trip. If this letter is lost before the trip, copies of all correspondence can be found on the school website and parents emails.

Bedding. A small forward party is travelling to Youlbury the day before the students to set up. We will need to take **all** the students' bedding in the van as it will not fit on the students' coaches. You therefore need to ensure that all bedding is brought to the school sports hall on the morning of **Thursday 9th July**. All bedding needs to be put into a suitable bag. Many use bin liners, but please ensure you use the **heavy duty** ones as the others split far too easily and then bedding can end up wet and dirty. Bags need to be clearly labelled with your son / daughters name so they can easily find theirs from a pile of 120 other bags. Please pack a **spare** labelled bag for the return journey.

Medication Medication should be in its original packaging and must be clearly labelled with student names on the packaging. All medication must have instructions and be placed in a clear plastic bag, again with the student's name on. Written permission must be given for the use of any medication not previously mentioned on the online medical form. **Students must NOT self-medicate.** Please leave time to hand all medication to Mrs. Davies on the day of departure.

Day of departure from Langtree (Monday 13th July)

It does take some time to load the two coaches so please can your child arrive in the school car park at **9:30am on Monday 13th July**; we will depart at **10:00am**. There is no parking on site due to the busy start to a school day, so if you could please park near the village hall and walk the rest of the way, this would be much appreciated. Also please drop your child off and leave as soon as possible to reduce traffic congestion, please do not wait around to wave the coaches off. **Please give your child a packed lunch.**

Day of arrival back at Langtree (Friday 17th July)

Traffic permitting, please come and collect your child at **13:30 on Fri 17th July**. If we are held up, then a message will be sent to you by the staff in school by text and/or email and/or Satchel. This is a normal school day so the car park will already be full and there will be coaches for the other year groups. **Please do not park in the school, use the village hall car park and walk to the school.**

Date	Time	Description
Thu 9 th July	8.20am – 8.40am	Take bedding into the school sports hall. Please do not drop off outside.
Mon 13 th July	9:30 am (for departure at 10:00 am)	Please have your child and baggage in the school car park ready to go. Any medication needs to be given to Mrs Taylor-Lane. Please do not park in the school grounds. Please bring a packed lunch in a travel bag.
Fri 17 th July	13:30 pm	Arrival back at Langtree Please do not park in the school grounds.

Thank you

Mr M Vitty
Trip Leader

Year 7 Camp Kit List – Youlbury Scout Activity Centre

We have tried to book fantastic weather for the week away, but with the best will in the world the British weather is worse than unpredictable. So we have written a kit list to cover all activities and eventualities with the weather. Please take note that we have split the list into optional, essential and banned.

Banned

Mobile phones - For some students this will be their first substantial time away from home. This in itself is a learning curve and a hurdle that we accept some students struggle with. In our experience having constant contact with home does not help. In the past mobiles have been used to phone home the moment something is challenging or goes wrong, which only instils unnecessary worry and stress on parents and can interfere with more serious issues on camp when parents are trying to make contact. There is more than adequate support available from Langtree and Centre staff. We insist that the student's first point of contact is to be a member of Langtree staff. If we see fit, we will happily contact home.

Personal Entertainment Systems – The main aim of this week is for Year 7 to become closer through socialising, working together and being active in the great outdoors. We have found with the growing number of affordable tablets, portable games systems and mobile phones that socialisation between students is reducing on school visits. There are also added security and safety issues as well as a health and safety issues when students are listening to such devices rather than concentrating on important instructions aimed to keep students safe during activities. **Please ensure you see that tablets and other devices are still sitting on the kitchen table before your child leaves for this trip, despite this warning, devices were found a few years ago and one expensive Ipad was broken.**

Large Inflatable Beds (e.g. Aero Beds) – Over the years air beds have grown to be longer, wider and higher. Unfortunately, the scout patrol tents that the students live in for a week have not grown with them. So please can you organise a camping roll or self inflating mat rather than large inflatable beds. Otherwise bags, clothing and even pupils end up spilling out into the rain at night!

Pen knives and Fire flints – Although seen as indispensable by the Swiss and the likes of Bear Grylls in the interest of safety please ensure that pen or sheaf knives and fire starting flints are not brought to camp.

Essential – Try to pack everything into a smallish non-rigid bag. They have to fit in the tents with the pupils. Students are only away from Monday to Friday!!!

<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Sleeping bag & Pillow (Thu 9th July)o Roll Mat or small self inflating camping mat (NO large Aero Beds) (Thu 9th July)o Small rucksack - For carrying belongings during the day.o Training shoes - Shoes suitable for walking in.o Suitable walking & camp clotheso Spare underwearo Several pairs of sockso Nightwear - layers to help with temperature change over nighto Waterproof coat with hood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Warm sweater – at least one.o One towelo Toiletries – Nothing electrical please.o Knife, fork, spoon, teaspoon, cup, plate, bowl, tea towel all in a named drawstring bag – We advise that these are labelled individually; nail varnish or permanent marker tends to work the best. Please pop in a small drawstring bag.o Water bottleo Torch & spare batterieso Sun tan cream & After suno Sun hat or capo Packed Lunch for the Monday
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Optional

Pocket money. There is very little to buy at Youlbury, all food is provided.

Reading book & travel games (not electronic gaming products)

Eye mask and ear plugs really help everyone sleep longer!

Note: All personal equipment to be clearly named. Please try to bring personal equipment in one small bag, holdall or rucksack. There is a short walk from the coach to the campsite. Please do not bring any items of value as we cannot guarantee their safety and security in a camping environment.