

February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**'Outposts' team building and adventure activity day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

As part of the school's enrichment week programme in the summer, we are taking Y12 to an outdoor education centre in the Quantock hills. The centre is called 'Outposts' which is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Broomfield, near Taunton.

We took a small number of students along in November to have a look at what they provide at 'Outposts' and all were extremely impressed with the site and provision. The day will include coach travel from school and back, a wide range of fun and exciting challenges. You can see these on their website <https://www.outposts.co.uk/>. Expert coaches will work alongside the students throughout the day, ensuring they each get the very best instruction, safety and enjoyment.

During the day, our students who visited the site said they would like the day to have an element of competition, with a good variety of physical tasks and cerebral challenges to appeal to all individuals. In addition, it has also been agreed that the activities are to allow a leadership element with reviews given by our staff, to enhance the learning.

The centre is organised such that every student will have the chance to develop personal, leadership and team building skills, much of which they will be able to reference in future applications. We will leave school at 8.00am. A BBQ by the fire will conclude the day's activities, and we anticipate to return to school by 7.30 pm.

The cost per student is **£39.00**, which includes the transport, facilities, BBQ and expertise at the centre. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this valuable visit please return a deposit of **£10.00**. Our preferred method of payment, using a credit/debit card over the Internet, is via SCOPAY. Please contact the Finance Office if you have not managed to create your SCOPAY account. Alternatively, please return payment (cheques made payable to The Blue School with your child's name, tutor group and trip/event on the reverse) to the Finance Office at break only, 11.10am-11.30am, **by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The remaining balance will be due by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

For any student who does not wish to attend, we will be co-ordinating a day of volunteering/community action, which will run in line with the timings of a normal school day. More details of this will follow.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Pearson  
Pastoral Team Leader – Year 12

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To: Finance Office (between 11.10-11.30) before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

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**Name**..... **Tutor Group**.....

As parent/carer of the above student, I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with details supplied about the above mentioned activities and agree to my daughter/son taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why s/he should not participate.

- The school has Activities Insurance for students for all trips and activities on and off the school site. Details of the key benefits are available from the Finance Office.
- Parents/Carers should consider taking out additional insurance cover for their child if they require benefits above those provided by the school.
- The School only provides cover at the School against proven or agreed negligence by the School and its employees.

**Signature of Parent/Carer**.....**Date**.....