

13 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 7 Camp 2026

We are excited to write with details of our Year 7 Camp, which will take place in Cranham, Gloucestershire, in September. The aim of the trip is to provide an opportunity for students to work together, experience a range of different activities and form a tutor group identity. During their time away, there is something provided for all interests, with students able to take part in a wide range of activities, such as: rifle shooting, orienteering, problem solving, a mini assault course and a nature trail. Students will also enjoy a BBQ and an evening around a campfire. All students and staff will spend the night in tents provided by the school. We will support students alongside tutors, other members of staff, Sixth Form volunteers and Year 11 Prefects.

Students in 7LB, 7LG, 7LO, 7LR on the left side of the year group will leave school on **Monday 14 September at 09:00 and return for 16:30 on Tuesday 15 September 2026.**

Students in 7RB, 7RG, 7RO, 7RR on the right side of the year group will leave school on **Wednesday 16 September at 9.00am and return for 16:30 on Thursday 17 September 2026.**

The cost of the trip is £65.00, which is payable via ParentPay. This includes all of the activities, accommodation, food, and transport to and from Cranham. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, their costs will be covered. You will still need to confirm their attendance through a separate form.

The school is not able to provide any further financial support for such visits, hence the necessity to seek the voluntary contribution of £65.00 towards the trip. We regret to say that if insufficient funds are received, the camp will have to be cancelled. We must also state that we will be unable to return any monies as a consequence of the late withdrawal of a student after money has been paid, unless the withdrawal is due to illness.

If you would like your child to attend the Year 7 camp, payment should be made online via ParentPay **by Tuesday 1 September 2026**. If you have any difficulties using ParentPay, please email the Finance Dept for assistance finance@sheldonschool.co.uk. If your child's medical or dietary needs have changed and you need to update their school records, please email firstaid@sheldonschool.co.uk.

We sincerely hope that all Year 7 students will be able to join us, making it a successful, rewarding and memorable camping experience for everyone. If you have any queries concerning the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Salter, Mr Scourfield or Miss Barr directly. Alternatively, you can contact your child's tutor.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of PE Faculty
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KIT LIST:

- ☐ Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for day one. Sheldon will provide a BBQ for the evening meal on Day One, and then breakfast and lunch on Day Two.
- ☐ Large day bag, rucksack or sports bag
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Sleeping bag and small pillow (optional roll mat). If this doesn't fit into your rucksack, please bring it in a plastic bag to keep it dry.
- ☐ Torch
- ☐ **Two full sets of clothes which are warm and students can walk/ run about in. NO JEANS** as when wet they are cold and heavy and not suitable for camping. Jogging bottoms and fleeces are perfect! Pupils will need at least two layers under their fleece/ jumper on their top half each day which can be removed if the weather is warm. Pupils can always leave layers in their tent if it's warm but it's good to be prepared! Pupils will be in the woods and fields for the two days so it's important that they wear either walking boots or trainers they don't mind getting dirty.
- ☐ **ESSENTIAL:** Waterproof rain coat—we will continue all activities in the rain!
- ☐ Sun-cream (weather dependent)
- ☐ Plastic bowl, mug, plate, spoon, knife and fork
- ☐ Pyjamas (if pupils are cold at night, they could also wear their day 2 jogging bottoms and fleece in addition)
- ☐ 2 sturdy plastic bags to put any wet clothes in
- ☐ Toiletries. There are showers available for pupils to use. As we are only going for two days, we do not enforce showers, but pupils are welcome to shower if they wish.
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste

Mobile Phones – **ARE NOT** allowed at camp due to the social nature of the activities and getting to know other pupils and staff. We feel that mobile phones can deter from the aims of the two days so would appreciate them being left at home. We have a school mobile that we will share the number with for nearer the day. If a pupil feels they need to make contact with home, a member of staff will organise that with the school mobile as we will have your contact details.

We do not have space on the coaches for suitcases! Please ensure pupils fit their kit into a large day bag / sports bag.