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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 7 Visit to Court Hill Centre, Wantage

As part of our Year 7 induction programme we have arranged a day visit for all Year 7 students to the Court Hill Centre near Wantage. The visit will be at a purpose-built outdoor centre set in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside overlooking the Ridgeway.

Tutor groups will visit Court Hill on the following dates:

Monday 16 September – 7LSU & 7RB

Tuesday 17 September – 7TMC

Wednesday 18 September – 7MBA & 7SMC

Thursday 19 September – 7EJA & 7STE

Friday 20 September – 7LSW & 7MBV

The aim of the visit is to continue the 'settling in' process and facilitate the building of strong and lasting relationships between staff and students, offering an opportunity for students to get to know each other in a less formal setting. The activities will take place outside, and have been included to develop personal, social and learning based skill. They will provide opportunities for team building, problem solving and leadership while having fun. **It is expected that all Year 7 students will attend as this is an important part of our induction programme to secondary school.**

The value of giving children the opportunity to experience new activities and develop new skills cannot be underestimated. Coming together with a range of physical and academic abilities, everyone learns to respect and value each other. Educational visits offer new and exciting challenges and by spending time with their peers and working together in a team environment, students can develop greater independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way.

The cost of the visit is **£20.00**

As all students will be attending the activity, you do not need to give consent. However, if you do not want your child to attend, please email evc@fcc.faringdon.academy

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Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents in support of activities for which the school has to pay. However, there is no legal obligation on parents to contribute and children will be treated the same whether or not parents are able, or choose not to contribute. However, if not enough contributions are made, the activity may have to be cancelled.

Financial assistance is available if you are in financial hardship and by special arrangement with the school. Please indicate of the consent for if you require financial assistance.

Travelling by coach, the group will leave FCC at 8.40am and will return at 3pm. Your child will spend the day predominantly outside and should wear appropriate outdoor clothes including sensible footwear and bring a waterproof coat. They will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch with them. Students with medication that may be required during these hours such as Epi Pens, will need to bring these items with them and these will be checked in on arrival.

It is now widely accepted that this active learning – doing by experience – is one of the best ways for students to learn and I do hope that you will feel able to encourage your child to take part in this valuable experience.

Yours sincerely

Julia Nichols
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