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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 Camp 2026

As part of the school's core offer to Year 7 students, we provide the opportunity for them to attend a residential Summer Camp during July. Summer Camp has been running in a similar format for many years and has consistently received rave reviews from students and positive feedback from parents.

During the residential experience, students will be given the opportunity to take part in a variety of outdoor learning and adventure activities. Activities of this type have been proven to help young people to develop friendships, confidence, and character in a fun and stimulating environment.

For 2026 we are going to The Tile Barn Outdoor Activity Centre in the New Forest National Park. Students will participate in several different outdoor and adventurous activities such as paddling, climbing and bushcraft run by qualified instructors and supported by TPS members of staff. Students will share tents in small groups and be fed by our own dedicated catering team.

Camp Dates

Due to the large number of Year 7 students, we will be running two camps and students will be allocated a camp date based upon their school population.

- Camp 1: Monday 29 June to Wednesday 01 July (A population plus half C population)
- Camp 2: Wednesday 01 to Friday 03 July (B Population plus half of C Population)

Cost

- The full cost of the camp is £195.
- The cost for Pupil Premium (PP) eligible families is £97.50 (50% reduction)
- The cost for Free School Meal (FSM) eligible families is £40 (80% reduction)

Payment

Please pay a non-refundable deposit of £40.00 to 'Year 7 Camp 2026' on Parent Pay by Friday 19 December 2025. The remaining balance of £155 will be due by Friday 01 May 2026. Payments may be made in instalments at your discretion. Payment subsidies will be automatically applied to accounts for PP/FSM eligible families.

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Consent and Medical Form

All parents must complete the online medical and consent form using this link: [Year 7 Camp 2026 Medical & Consent Form – Fill in form](#)

Number of Places

Places on the camp are limited to 108 on Camp 1 and 96 on Camp 2 due to mandated instructor/student ratios. In previous years this has been sufficient to provide a place for everyone that wishes to attend however if oversubscribed then students will be chosen by lottery.

Information Sessions

- Online parent information session: Tuesday 09 December at 6pm on MS Teams. To join the meeting please use this link: [Y7 Camp Parent Information Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)
- Y7 Assembly: TBC
- Pre-departure meeting: TBC

Packing List

I will discuss what to bring at the parent information sessions. However, based on previous experience, below is a guide packing list:

- Roll mat or a single airbed, pillow sleeping bag (no duvets)
- Knife, fork, spoon, tea towel, plate, bowl, cup, water bottle
- Torch with adequate batteries
- Towel and wash bag with appropriate items (All students are required to shower after the canoeing)
- Sun cream, sun hat or cap
- Two black bin bags (for wet and dirty clothes)
- Toilet roll x 1
- Suitable footwear to wear around camp in between activities (wellington boots, crocs, walking boots) as the grass can be wet first thing in the morning
- Warm jumper, trousers/shorts (we suggest no jeans as once wet, very difficult to get dry) enough for your stay on camp
- Old clothes and trainers to get wet during canoeing
- Warm coat/Waterproof

All items will need to be packed in one bag that the student can carry a short distance.

Camp menu

We are fortunate to have our own chef at camp who will provide a balanced and nutritious menu. Menu items will be confirmed closer to the camp. To help us plan this, please indicate any food allergies on the consent and medical form. We will do our best to accommodate food preferences and will have different choices for each meal.

I look forward to seeing as many students as possible at Year 7 Summer Camp 2026. It really is a unique experience where they will get to spend time with friends, learn new skills, develop their self-esteem, and create memories that will stay with them forever.

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Yours sincerely

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