



King's Academy **Easthampstead Park**

It takes a whole community to raise a child.

13 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Trip, Oxfordshire Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th June 2025

The pastoral team is running a Bushcraft three-day residential trip from Thursday 26th June to Saturday 28th June 2025 with an organisation called The Bushcraft Company in Oxfordshire - www.thebushcraftcompany.com.

This three-day residential course involves students in a range of hands-on activities, giving them the chance to really get to grips with life in the outdoors and providing them with a unique environment in which to learn and interact. The students will stay in large bell tents or shelters they have made in single sex groups. There will also be five members of staff from the school supervising the students.

Whether they are following animal tracks through the forest or sharing haunches of roast venison around the fire, the students will be buzzing from the adventure of living in the wild and return to school with new energy and confidence. The course is structured so that activities alternate between group lectures and practical activities. There is a structured itinerary which includes activities such as:

- Making fires
- Outdoor First Aid
- Building Shelters
- Stalking and tracking woodland animals
- Navigation and orienteering
- Night camouflage and concealment exercise
- Archery and using tools
- BBQ on the final day

The Bushcraft Company has a positive Health and Safety culture that permeates every level of the company. It is thorough and organised in design and practical in application.

We will leave King's Academy Easthampstead Park via coach on Thursday 26th June at approx. 8am, and return to school Saturday 28th June at approx. 4pm. Details will be confirmed and shared closer to the time.

This is being offered to our Year 7 students. **The cost for the 3 day residential trip is £290. Payments are to be made on ParentPay and the non-refundable deposit is to be paid by 1st February 2025.**

- ***Non-refundable deposit £100 - to be paid by 1 February 2025**
- ***Second payment £100 - to be paid by Thursday 1st March 2025**
- ***Third Payment £90 – to be paid by Friday 1st April 2025**

*Please note cancellation charges will be incurred if you cancel your child's place; this will be in line with the company's cancellation guidelines and may also include any additional costs incurred by the school. We would try to fill any cancelled places.

The trip will be closed as soon as all places have been taken therefore you are encouraged to secure a place via ParentPay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment for your child. We will then open up a reserve list. Please make payment via ParentPay and complete the emergency contact and medical details sections on your ParentPay account. You are also asked if you agree to your child being photographed/recorded which may be used on social media.



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Your commitment for your child to attend is non-refundable, regardless of reason (unless covered by insurance) or unless a replacement student can be found for them which we would endeavour to do. This is because non-refundable spaces will be purchased specifically and travel and associated trip costs will be spread across the expected cohort.

Any queries please email me at richard.lake@kgaeasthampstead.uk.

Should you need to activate your ParentPay account please email finance@kgaeasthampstead.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lake', with a small period at the end.

Mr R Lake
Assistant Headteacher