

June 16, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 Activities Week 2022 - Branching Out- Tuesday 28th June 2022

I would like to offer your child a chance to visit **Branching Out- Tuesday 28th June 2022**. This is invaluable for developing positive relationships in the year group moving into KS4 and establishing expectations.

Both students and staff will travel by coach with JG Coaches to Branching Out in Halland. We will be leaving school at 08:45am. Students will participate in activities at Branching Out returning to Ringmer around 3.00pm in time to catch the normal school transport home. If we are delayed, we will arrange to ring you with the information.

https://branchingoutadventures.co.uk/

Students are not required to wear school uniform but we ask that students wear appropriate clothing for the day and should bring with them sun screen and a hat.

A packed lunch, water/ soft drinks (no glass bottles please) should also be brought. Attendance on this visit is dependent on good behaviour from the point the activity has been paid for.

The activities will be led and safety guidance will be applied by trained staff at the centre. Please ensure your son/ daughter has suitable clothing and footwear for climbing on equipment and walking around forest areas.

The cost of the activity is **£29.50** which covers the cost of the activity, travel, administration costs and insurance. This should be paid in full as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 24th June 2022**. Places are limited so we will operate a first come, first served basis. There will be a small surplus of tickets sold to create a paid-up waiting list in case of student absence; this activity will be refunded if the visit is not made.

If you are unwaged or have difficulty in making a voluntary contribution for any other reason, please complete the Financial Assistance form which can be found on the school website and return it to the Finance office.

We will be collecting parental consent and payments online. To make your payment and give consent, please log on to ParentPay https://www.parentpay.com/ and choose the service called **Activities Week 2022 Year 9 – Branching Out**. You will be unable to complete the transaction until you have clicked on the 'consent' box.

Insurance cover for the visit has been obtained from RPA Insurance. Details of the cover provided can be found on the school website.

As a recognised national leader in sustainability, the academy has been successful in reducing its carbon generation by technology and good practice. If you would like to help us to do more, please add a voluntary contribution of £1 to this visit and it will go to improving our own small part of the Caledonian Forest in Scotland.

For further information, please go to the school website and follow the Eco links. http://www.treesforlife.org.uk/index.html

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Paula Peters Visit Leader

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