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Mr T Evans,  
Assistant Headteacher.

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Year 9 Belonging Week 2022:

Dear Parents/Carer,

We are excited to provide you with details of our 'Power to the 9's' residential program that is a key component of Belonging Week for Year 9 students.

Year 9 Residential Trip (2 nights) either 6-8<sup>th</sup> June or 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June dependant on the trip chosen.

Students in Year 9 continue to build on the work undertaken as a part of the Floreat program, which is designed to support them in developing a range of leadership skills and behaviours. Working with compassion to respond to challenge, students will strive to create inclusive and effective teams. A range of activities, settings and challenges have been carefully planned to allow all students the opportunity to flourish.

All students will take part in a three-day residential. They will also complete a day of planning in school and a day walking in the Chilterns, either prior to or after the residential. The day walk will involve periods of remote supervision and will be a progression of previous navigation tasks undertaken in Floreat lessons.

Key details about the trips taking place for 3 days and 2 night(s):

You will need to rank your preference of the 3 locations and residentials:

- **Reach:** Torbay [Home | Reach Outdoors | Outdoor adventure specialists, Devon \(reach-outdoors.com\)](#)  
Indicative cost: £260  
*Sleeping in Bell Tent; activities have a coastal focus but include coastering, paddle boarding and sea kayaking.*
- **Operation Encounter:** Marlow [Operation Encounter – Unique Adventurous Experiences](#)  
Indicative cost: £235  
*Sleeping in bell tents; activities include high ropes, archery, bush craft, water sports and the day long Epic Challenge planned bespoke for our students.*
- **Cloud 9: Reading area:** [Cloud9 Pursuits Ltd | Cloud9 Pursuits Group](#)  
Indicative cost: £200  
*Sleeping in tents by the river the focus of this activity is a three-day canoe expedition.*

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This price includes:

- All meals whilst on residential except for a packed lunch required in day 1
- Return coach travel
- Accommodation

There will be a **minimum of four adults** accompanying each group **led by an experienced trip leader and member of staff**. Our intention is to allocate places based on preference of residential location, however this will not always be possible dependant on demand.

Please complete the below Microsoft Form link by noon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QKRT3Wr9XkC75IKx5h6C24qQC7Nwj5IPtA0dNOsy9aRUOFIEO1ROVnkSEZwVUNkNFVRE5DRjBPQI4u>

Places will be allocated and notification will be communicated by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

A non-refundable deposit of £50 will then be due by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of February to secure your son's place. Payment links will be sent via Evolve with two further instalments due on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Parental contributions are required in order to facilitate these Educational visits. Pupil Premium parents will be expected to pay the deposit only, with the balance of trip costs met by the schools Pupil Premium funds. We are keen to ensure that all students are able to participate so if you or your family are experiencing hardship of any nature, please contact Mr T. Evans ([TEvans@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:TEvans@reading-school.co.uk)) in confidence to discuss how we might support your child.

The Code of Conduct for Educational Visits will be shared in due course and must be adhered to both before and during the visit.

You will appreciate that the school has no control over the activity venue, coach operator and other organisations involved. By reserving a place on the trip you and your son accept that the School has no responsibility for the default of the tour operators or other organisations and that in the event of an Act of God or any other circumstance whether involving health and safety, security, behaviour or otherwise, the School can in its discretion curtail, cancel or revise the tour at any time without recompense.

NB. All of these trips are covered by our insurance with RPA. COVID related cancellations are fully refundable.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [tevens@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:tevens@reading-school.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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