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Mr T Evans,
Assistant Headteacher.

Friday, 4th February 2022

Year 8 Belonging Week 2022:

Dear Parents/Carer,

We are excited to provide you with details of 'The Value of Character' residential program that is a key component of Belonging Week for Year 8 students.

Year 8 Residential Trip (2 nights)

Dates: 23rd, 24th & 25th May 2022

All students in Year 8 will have the opportunity to take part in a 3-day residential experience. Many of your children will not have participated in a residential of this nature at either primary school or since they joined Reading School. They will look beyond Year 8 with a Combined Cadet Force (CCF) led leadership day on the Thursday and inter-house activities on the Friday. The week will equip students as they look beyond the 'Learn' years of KS4 to KS5 where they take responsibility for their character journey and lead with purpose.

There are 3 residential settings to choose from and information about each is provided below.

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

- Proposed departure date: 23rd May 2022
- Proposed return date: 25th May 2022

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

- **Youlbury** (Scout Adventures, Oxford) [Youlbury | Scouts \(scoutadventures.org.uk\)](https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk)
Indicative cost: £235
Sleeping in Bell Tents in the tented Village; activities include zip wire, Jacobs ladder, team building and archery
- **Rock UK** Summit Centre (Treharris) [Summit Centre, South Wales | Centres | Rock UK](https://www.rockuk.co.uk)
Indicative cost: £211
Sleeping in dormitory rooms; activities include bushcraft, climbing, caving and abseiling.
- **How Stean Gorge** (Harrogate) [Adventure | Outdoor Pursuits | Yorkshire Dales | Nidderdale \(howstean.co.uk\)](https://www.howstean.co.uk)
Indicative cost: £246
Sleeping in tents; Activities include caving, canoeing and gorge walking

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This price includes:

- All meals except for a packed lunch required in day 1
- Return coach travel
- Accommodation
- Excursions, evening activities, entrance fees and guides

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 14th February**.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QKRT3Wr9XkC75IKx5h6C26TQJupfDPpLpFfAOfcXta1UQUc4S0FPTURXWetKNTY5TDIKSE45WIROMy4u>

Places will be allocated and notification will be communicated by Friday 18th February.

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

We would like to add 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 tevans@reading-school.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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