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Mr D McGall,  
Assistant Headteacher

Friday 24 February 2023

## Year 7 Belonging Week 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to confirm details of the Year 7 'Boys That Bond': House activities and curriculum enrichment week that will take place from the 6 of June and will involve all students in Year 7 for 5 days of activities.

This exciting program has been planned to provide an array of activities building on the success of the Elective program, including elements of choice in the Language Olympiad and creative collaborations.

Year 7 students will be camping on the school field as they create and shape a 'Festival of Belonging' on Thursday 9 of June, and camp together in bell tents, taking part in activities both within their houses and with other students.

Day 1 & 2: Over the first two days students will all take part in two trips, 75 students on each activity per day.

Trip 1: Operation Encounter activity centre where they will take part in activities such as raft building, archery, crate stacking and other collaborative tasks

Trip 2: History Explorers: Students will take part in a day of historical research working with the history department to explore the hidden historical depths of Reading.

Day 3: Linguistic Olympiad – all students will take part in a carousel of language-based activities on the school site.

Day 4: Creative collaborations – all students will take part in at least one creative project that will culminate in a range of performances at the end of the day. These will include music, sculpture, drama, creative writing, poetry and street dance.

From 16:00 students will start setting up Bell tents on the school field and take part in a range of evening activities and a BBQ. Staff will supervise overnight and students will sleep in groups of around 6-8 students per tent.

Day 5: From 07:00 students will be served full cooked breakfast in the school canteen, before completing a final challenge in their tent groups.

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Once the tents are down, they will prepare for inter-house cricket and finish the week together.

The indicative contributions, including trip costs, transport, activities and food on the evening of day 4 and morning of day 5 is £100 per student.

**Next steps:**

A non-refundable deposit of £33 will be due by Friday 10 March to secure your child's place.

Payment links will be sent via Evolve with two further instalments due on 10 April and 10 May.

Parental contributions are required in order to facilitate these educational visits. Pupil Premium parents will be expected to pay the deposit only, spread across the 3 instalments 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; if you or your family are experiencing hardship of any nature, please contact Mr T. Evans by emailing [tevens@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:tevens@reading-school.co.uk), in confidence to discuss how we might support your child.

We apologise for the tight deadline requesting the payment on the above trip, which enables us to secure bookings and coach transport.

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 child 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 Mr Tom Evans by emailing [tevens@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:tevens@reading-school.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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