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Mr T Evans,  
Assistant Headteacher.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Year 11 / 12 Finland Trip

### Summer 2023:

Dear Parents/carer

We are excited to provide you with details of an exciting opportunity that we have been planning with our partners in Finland the end of the summer term.

We have been working with Adventure Apes for a number of years and our students have had the most incredible adventures and learning experiences in Finland. Their approach to outdoor learning, adventure and leadership is very much aligned with our school's vision and this expedition is a chance for our students to collaborate and contribute to a team that will experience the challenge of a canoeing expedition in pristine wilderness on the edge of the Arctic Circle.

The program takes place from the 12<sup>th</sup> of July for seven days, and full details of the week are included.

Using small shelters and wild camping, students will be taking a lead from the beginning, preparing and cooking all meals and demonstrating their ability to enable and sustain a climate of collaboration and culture of contribution.

It is important that students recognise the nature of this challenge and our open to working with any and all students and we have intentionally made this experience available to those in both Year 11 and 12, as this trip is an opportunity for students to demonstrate the leadership and character that the Sixth Form Character Education programme values.

All students that are keen to take part will complete a short leadership themed task in groups and receive feedback on their contributions. If there are still too many applicants for the places available, a randomised ballot will take place.

#### EXPEDITION OUTLINE:

- 7 days, 6 nights
- Experience the best of the Arctic summer as you paddle across a beautiful freshwater lake in Finnish Lapland.
- Canoe by day and camp in remote camping sites by night.
- Complete some charity work for the hiking area and enjoy the arctic summer nights in the wild.

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## **BASIC DETAILS:**

- Fully guided five day canoeing adventure
- 52 km (32.3 miles) of canoeing & 16 km (9.9 miles) of hiking
- All meals and ground transportation included
- All canoeing & camping gear included, accommodation in tents

We recognise that this is an expensive trip, in part due to the nature of the environment that we are operating in and the cost of licenses and camping permits, but we also want our senior students to have access to the most exciting of opportunities.

The current estimated cost for this trip is £1672, this cannot be confirmed until our flights have been booked based on the levels of interest.

An initial expression of interest is due by the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, and selection of places will take place after Easter, with places allocated and notification of deposits communicated by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Please complete this link to register your interest: <https://forms.office.com/e/FaHz4fMMaE>

A non-refundable deposit of £400 will then be due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of April to secure your son's place. Payment links will be sent via Evolve with two further instalments due on the 31<sup>st</sup> of April and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.

Parental contributions are required in order to facilitate these educational visits. Students in receipt of the Pupil Premium in Year 11 or the Bursary in Year 12, will be able to meet the majority of the cost of the trip with school support; with parents will be expected to pay the deposit only, spread across three instalments with the balance of trip costs met by the school's Pupil Premium / Bursary 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 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 activity, 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

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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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