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## **Year 7/8 Finland Arctic Adventure**

### **January/February 2024**

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 at the beginning of the Lent term in 2024.

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 adventures on the edge of the Arctic Circle.

We anticipate that we will run more than one trip to Finland from early January to the end of February 2024.

Students will participate in a range of activities including igloo building, cross country skiing, ice skating, as well as participating in some outdoor cooking and learning about those all important survival skills!

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 7 and 8. The trip is an opportunity for students to begin their journey through our Character Education programme.

We have received an overwhelming response in previous years to this trip and it is not always possible to accommodate all those who are interested. In the event of oversubscription, a randomised ballot will take place.

#### **EXPEDITION OUTLINE:**

- 7 days, 6 nights
- Experience an array of adventurous activities in the Arctic supported by a highly skilled team.
- A full programme of activities during the day followed by fun evening adventures – who knows the northern lights may even appear as they have on some previous trips!

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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 £1400, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and a non-refundable deposit of £400 by the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 based on the offer of a place.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JW2n9JT5Hw>

Parental contributions are required in order to facilitate these educational visits. Students in receipt of the Pupil Premium will be able to meet the majority of the cost of this trip with school support. 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 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](mailto:tevans@reading-school.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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