

## **Finland Wilderness (For students in Years 9 & 10 from September 2024)**

We are excited to provide you with details of an opportunity that we have been planning with our partners in Finland for later this year. 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 wilderness expedition in pristine conditions on the edge of the Arctic Circle.

The focus is on survival skills and bushcraft and students could face a range of challenges dependent on the prevailing conditions, which could be as cold as -15 or as warm as the UK! Students will also participate in a range of activities in a local National Park and will include hiking, possibly using snow shoes while carrying all their kit, as well as camping (weather dependent). They will eat well, work hard and experience togetherness and satisfaction, termed 'SISU' by the Finnish.

The planned programme is set to take place from 16th to 21st October 2024 and 23rd to 28th October 2024. Students will plan and lead their expedition group in wilderness areas on the edge of the Arctic Circle.

The indicative cost of the trip at this stage is £1579. However, the final cost will be calculated once the school has confirmed the number of participants and the bookings have been confirmed by our travel intermediary.

**Please be aware that we are unable to accept individual date requests and your child must be available to travel on either date.**

Please complete the [expression of interest form](#) by 24th June and trip deposit payments will be required by 5th July to reserve your child's place on the trip.

In the event of oversubscription, a randomised ballot will take place.