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Ref: SAR/DA

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

**Re: Year 9, Challenge 2012, Acorn Adventures, Llangorse in the Brecon Beacons in Wales,  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

I am delighted to inform you that we are organising the Year 9 '**Challenge 2012**' trip to **Acorn Adventures, Llangorse in the Brecon Beacons**. The trip will take place from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012**.

As the week is seen as an integral part of the curriculum, the total cost is being subsidised by the school. The cost per student for this trip will be **£315**; this includes the following:

- Full board, transport to and from the centres and insurance
- Enthusiastic and fully qualified staff
- All activities – day and evening entertainment programme

All students will be required to bring their own sleeping bag; a full kit list will be issued closer to the time.

The Year 9 'Challenge' trip was launched in 2008 at Imberhorne in response to increasing recognition of the importance of outdoor learning and in light of government initiatives such as 'Every Child Matters' and the 'Education Outside the Classroom' manifesto. Outdoor adventure programmes focus on developing life skills and cover those areas of the curriculum that can be difficult to reach in the classroom; these include motivation, practical skills, health and fitness, confidence, social awareness and environmental awareness.

Imberhorne has developed a programme that progressively builds students' skills as they go through the school. Each child spent a day at Blacklands Farm in Year 7 learning new skills based on team work and co-operation. Last year they had the opportunity to spend two nights away on 'La Grande Découverte' in France where they developed the team building skills introduced at Blacklands. The next stage is a full week away getting involved in several different adventure training activities; this will support Citizenship, PSHE and P.E. as integral parts of the school curriculum.

As this is part of the overall school curriculum the normal timetable will stop during this period, since we hope that all students will take part in **Challenge 2012**. This being said, a trip of this size needs to be booked a year in advance, so prompt replies are essential to guarantee a place on Challenge 2012.

This trip offers an exciting opportunity to follow an enriching programme where students will face a range of challenging and rewarding activities. They will have the opportunity to try new skills and activities and perhaps develop a new hobby. Students will have an unforgettable 'camping' experience. Most of all they will have fun.

All activities are provided by Acorn Adventure, a recognised Adventure Training Provider and are accredited by the Adventure Activity Licencing Authority; they are also members of the School Travel Forum.

There will be a parents' meeting on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012** with regard to this trip.

A brief report and photographs of last year's trip are available to view on the school website at: [http://www.imberhorne.w-sussex.sch.uk/news/trips\\_and\\_events\\_focus/challenge\\_2010.htm](http://www.imberhorne.w-sussex.sch.uk/news/trips_and_events_focus/challenge_2010.htm)



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### Accommodation

Tents or chalets are grouped in 'villages' around a games area. Each village has an exclusive marquee for meeting and eating. The village is self-contained and provides a safe environment for students to enjoy their time away. All tents and chalets have proper beds and mattresses with a solid wood floor.

### Kit

All students will be required to bring their own sleeping bag. A full kit list will be issued closer to the time.

#### Activities

Students will have a variety of activities on offer including, among others:

Abseiling	Dragon Boating	Fencing	Climbing
Crate Stacking	Archery	Canoeing	Raft building
Challenge course	Mission impossible	Hill walking	Sailing

As some of these activities are based on water it is advisable that students should be able to swim **50m unaided**. If this is not the case, they should still be able to take part in activities to a certain depth, but this is at the discretion of the Adventure Company.

Photographs of students on this trip may be used for display and publicity. If you do not wish photos to be used, please contact me.

Under current legislation I am obliged to point out that the costs associated with the trip must be requested as a voluntary contribution but, I must also inform you, that unless all parents who are able are willing to contribute, the trip may not take place. Limited financial assistance is available in certain cases. Please contact me in confidence if you are unable to contribute so that suitable arrangements can be made.

Please return the slip below along with the enclosed **Medical Questionnaire/ Parent's Consent Form** and your payment/s.

### Payment Options

As this trip is organised through an external tour operator all payments are **non-refundable**, so the standard insurance procedure will apply. There are two payment options available:

#### Option One

Deposit of **£65** to be received by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011**, followed by two payments of **£125** due on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012** and **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012**.

#### Option Two

Deposit of **£65** to be received by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011**, followed by five payments of **£50** (payable by post-dated cheques dated the **27<sup>th</sup>** of the month from **January 2012 to May 2012**).

If you would like your son/daughter to attend, please complete and return the consent slip below, together with a cheque for the chosen payment option made payable to Imberhorne School by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011**. Please remember to write your son's/daughter's name, year group and the trip title on the reverse of your cheque **and on the envelope**. Please address your envelope Mrs S Cook, KS3 Admin Manager at Windmill Lane.

Please also ensure your son/daughter has any medication that they may need, clearly labelled, and that this is given to a member of staff prior to the trip commencing.

Yours faithfully,

**Miss S Arrowsmith**  
Challenge Leader

**Mr C Walsh**  
Head of Key Stage 3

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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012**



I give permission for my son/daughter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_  
to visit **Acorn Adventures**.

Please indicate whether your son/daughter can swim 50m unaided: YES/NO

Please tick the box to indicate your preferred payment option.

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I enclose cash/a cheque for **£\_\_\_\_\_.** made payable to Imberhorne School.

*I understand that, while the school staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the students, unless they are negligent they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my son/daughter arising out of the visit. I have also ensured that my son/daughter has any medication that they may need, clearly labelled so it can be given to a member of staff prior to the trip commencing.*

Please provide two contact numbers that can be used in case of an emergency:

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**Signed** ..... (parent/guardian)

**Date** .....