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# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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November 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## **Year 9 - Challenge 2019**

As part of the Year 9 curriculum, Imberhorne organises an annual four-night residential adventurous activities trip called Challenge. The trip provides invaluable opportunities for outdoor adventure, which focus on developing life skills such as motivation, confidence, social awareness, environmental awareness and teamwork.

Imberhorne has developed a programme that progressively builds students' skills as they go through the school. Each child has the opportunity to spend a day at Blacklands Farm in Year 7 learning new skills based on teamwork and cooperation. 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 Challenge.

As this is part of the overall school curriculum, the normal school timetable will be suspended during this week as we anticipate most Year 9 students will take part in Challenge 2019. Those students opting not to attend Challenge will instead be involved in Activities Week based at school.

The Challenge trip offers an exciting opportunity to follow an enriching programme where students will face a range of challenging and rewarding activities. They will be able 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.

### **Dates and Location**

This trip will take place from **Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2019** inclusive. The location is Llangorse in the Brecon Beacons, Wales.

### **Accommodation**

Students will be accommodated in tents and wooden camping pods. The site is self-contained and provides a safe environment for students to enjoy their time away.

### **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 participate in a full programme of water-based and land-based activities including raft building, target sports, stand up paddle-boarding, high-ropes, zip-wire, bush-craft, climbing and abseiling. 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 provider, Acorn Adventure.

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### **Cost**

The cost per student for this trip is **£375.00**. Our aim is for as many of Year 9 as possible to benefit from this outdoor educational experience. The cost includes coach transport, four nights' accommodation with meals, a full and varied activities programme and insurance.

### **Payment Plan**

As this trip is organised through an external provider, all payments are non-refundable, so the standard insurance procedure will apply.

A deposit of **£100.00** must be received by **Friday 30th November 2018**, with the remaining balance of £275.00 payable in instalments as follows:

- December 2018 payment of £39.00
- January 2019 payment of £39.00
- February 2019 payment of £39.00
- March 2019 payment of £39.00
- April 2019 payment of £39.00
- May 2019 payment of £39.00
- June 2019 payment of £41.00

I must respectfully ask, that all payments are made by these deadlines to allow us to pay for transport and accommodation etc. Please note that we only accept payments for school trips via ParentPay.

We require parental consent in order to take students off-site on trips or to attend events. Parental consent is considered to have been given once the trip or event is paid for on ParentPay. Please ensure you have completed the required acceptance on ParentPay.

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.

Under current legislation I am obliged to point out that the costs associated with this trip must be requested as a voluntary contribution but I must 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 Mrs Botting, Bursar on [jbotting@imberhorne.co.uk](mailto:jbotting@imberhorne.co.uk), in confidence if you are unable to contribute so that suitable arrangements can be made, or if you have any queries or difficulties regarding the on-line payment system.

### **Acorn Adventure**

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

### **Parents' Briefing Evening**

There will be a Parents' Briefing Evening on **Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 6.00pm** with regard to this trip.

I must make you aware that unless the deposit is received by **Friday 30th November 2018** we may not be able to secure a place on this trip for your son/daughter and they may instead be allocated a reserve place.

Yours faithfully

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Mr Monckton  
Trip Co-ordinator