

**Year 8 Bushcraft Residential**

**April 2021**

**14 – 15 June 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to offer our Y8 students a place on a school trip planned for Monday 14th – Tuesday 15th June 2021. It is a 2-day, 1-night residential trip based in Boughton Woods, near Kettering and will be run by The Bushcraft Company.

Unfortunately, last year's Y8 boys missed out on going on the Bushcraft trip due to lockdown, but previous years have enjoyed the experience immensely and we are hopeful that this year's Y8 cohort will be able to go. Most of the trip takes place outside, where the risk of transmission is lowest, and the company have responded to the pandemic by introducing new measures such as one way systems, following guidelines on tent capacity, increased hand washing opportunities and organising bubbles who eat and sleep together. They will also screen all participants and staff on arrival with a questionnaire. Please do take a look at the company's website <http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com> and the [Information Pack](#) and [Itinerary](#) they have put together for our trip.

Activities covered will range from fire lighting, campfire cooking, shelter building, team games, archery, camouflage and concealment, to name but a few. All meals are provided, and students will be sleeping in shelters/bell tents. This is a great opportunity for the boys to have fun outdoors and get away from all their 'tech' for a few days. It will encourage both independence and team work and give them a feel for the outdoor life.

The total cost of the trip will be **£142** which covers the 2 days plus transport by coach to and from the school to the site. If your son would like to take part, please complete the form [here](#) and make the payment via [wisePAY](#) by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. If you have any problems logging into your wisePAY account, please email [accounts@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:accounts@bedfordschool.org.uk). **The company have assured us that if the trip does need to be cancelled due to a further lockdown, then all monies will be refunded in full.**

There will also be a **Virtual Information Evening** run by The Bushcraft Company on **Monday 10th May at 5pm**. You will need to register before attending via the link below [Bushcraft Information Evening](#)

In the meantime, do take a look at the fantastic school videos of the previous two Year 8 trips on Youtube – Bedford Prep Bushcraft 2019 and Bedford school Bushcraft trip 2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdW-K-FGo8>

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Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions regarding the trip.

Kind regards

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