



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Team Building Days – September 2023

We are delighted to be able to offer our new students in Year 7 the opportunity to participate in a team building day. This will take place at Willen Lake in Milton Keynes.

If your child is in either **7D, 7I, 7S, 7C**, they will be at Willen Lake, Milton Keynes on **Tuesday 26 September 2023**.

If your child is in either **7O, 7V, 7E, 7R**, they will be at Willen Lake, Milton Keynes on **Wednesday 27 September 2023**.

The day will enable students to get to know their new Year 7 peers as well as some staff members at The Grange. They will need to work in teams and set themselves challenges and may even do an activity they have never done before. Students will do 3 x 90-minute activities throughout the day, including a mixture of wet and dry activities e.g. raft building, treetop team building, kayaking and stand-up paddle-boarding.

Students will require two full changes of clothes, an additional pair of shoes and a towel. There will be a break at 11.00 am and lunch at 1.00 pm, unfortunately food is not included. Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch and plenty to drink. If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided for them by the school canteen.

Students should arrive on the main playground at 8.00 am. We aim to leave The Grange at 8.15 am via coach to Willen Lake. Their first activity starts at 9.30 am. The last activity finishes at 3.30 pm and we aim to leave Willen Lake at 4.00 pm, arriving back at The Grange school at approximately 5.00 pm.

We are very keen for every student to be able to attend this team building day, so we have taken the decision to subsidise the cost of this activity by 40%. As a result, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £35.00. This includes all activities at Willen Lake, as well as the coach travel to and from The Grange School. Payments for trips and visits are normally made online through School Gateway. However, accounts cannot be activated until your child starts at The Grange School in September, therefore as a one-off alternative, you can pay online via this link:

<https://i.paydit.to/tgs-willenlake2023>

It is vitally important you enter yours and your child's name as well as their form group in the message box so that we know you have paid.

I would like to advise you that the school reserves the right to remove a student from the visit at any stage. If a student is removed from the visit due to behavioural issues, there will be no refund of monies paid. Also, if a student breaks the behaviour code on the visit, parents/carers may be required to come and collect their child. In addition, if a student is not dressed appropriately for the activities or arrives without necessary medication stated on their medical form, they may have to be removed from the trip at short notice.

This is an exciting venture. Students who have previously been to Willen Lake speak highly of the experience and remark upon it as a memorable event when transitioning to The Grange School.

If you have any further questions regarding this teambuilding event, please do not hesitate to contact us at transition@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Miss Nicola Glenister
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