

13 February 2025

## Year 7 Fitzactive Camp

Dear Parents/Carers

In the summer term we organise a 'Fitzactive Week' where all students are off timetable in order to experience a wealth of opportunities to develop their personal attributes. All of the Year 7 students attend a 3-day compulsory residential camp at Youlbury to challenge themselves and improve their personal and social skills within a small team.

Details of this year's trip can be found below:

<b>Location</b>	Youlbury Scout Activity Centre and Farmoor Reservoir
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July 2025 Arrive at Fitzharrys School normal time on the Wednesday and return for 3.15pm on the Friday
<b>Travel arrangements</b>	Students will walk to or from the campsite at Youlbury. They will also travel in coaches between activity sites and school.
<b>Activities</b>	Students will take part in a selection of the following activities: <b>Activities at Youlbury</b> 3G swing, Abseiling, Climbing Wall, Tomahawk, Jacobs Ladder, Crate Stacking, Aerial Trek, Zip line, Archery <b>Watersports at Farmoor reservoir</b> Sailing, Standup paddleboarding, Raft building
<b>Other details</b>	Students will need to be able to pack their belongings in to <b>one rucksack that they must be able to carry themselves</b> for the 3 mile walk to or from the campsite.  Sleeping bags and tents should be clearly named and will be transported by vehicle to the campsite.  Food is being provided by the Fitzharrys catering team and is factored into the price. This includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.
<b>Tent details</b>	Students who have their own waterproof tents for 3-4 people are encouraged to bring them. The school have a number of tents that can be hired for the school camp for £1 per person.  <b>Please contact the Year 7 team BEFORE buying a tent for this residential.</b>

The cost of the trip will be £150 per student which can be paid in 4 instalments at the end of January, February, March and April. Payments will be taken via parent mail on the following dates:

Date	Instalment
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	£35
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	£35
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	£35
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	£45

This cost will cover campsite fees, transport, food, a camp t-shirt and the cost of all activities. I am sure that you will appreciate that we can only run this visit with parental contributions from everyone. However, if you are unable to pay this entire sum for financial reasons, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Clarke - [tclarke@fitzharrys.school](mailto:tclarke@fitzharrys.school)

You will find a **kit list** at the end of this letter. The school have some items which can be borrowed for the camp. In May we will hold a parent meeting where we will go through the itinerary for the camp and take any questions you may have. All consent forms will be electronic and sent to you closer to the time.

We choose a location close to Abingdon to ensure that we can accommodate the needs of all students. If you have any preliminary questions, wish to discuss any problems you may have with paying for the trip or any other issues please do not hesitate to contact the Year 7 team [tclarke@fitzharrys.school](mailto:tclarke@fitzharrys.school)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Clarke  
Student wellbeing manager

Mrs Sharman  
Head of Year 7 and Transition

Mrs Wintle – Gregory  
Head of Year 7 and Transition



## **Kit list for Year 7 Camp**

As 180 students will be going on this trip it is vital that all items are clearly named.

### **PERSONAL RUCKSACK ITEMS**

All students must have a rucksack for carrying their clothing, toiletries and miscellaneous this bag must be comfortable to carry for the 3 mile walk

#### **Clothing**

- Underwear X 3
- Socks X 4
- T shirt or light shirt X 2
- Swimsuit/ swim shorts
- 1 pair trousers (no jeans)
- 1 pair shorts (no Nike Pro style shorts)
- Warm pyjamas
- Warm jumper
- Waterproof coat
- 1 pair of dry, comfortable trainers for campsite
- 1 pair of water activity shoes/ trainers (lightweight)

#### **Hygiene**

- Toiletries (shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Towel
- Ladies sanitary items if required

#### **Eating equipment**

- Packed lunch in plastic box for Wednesday
- A refillable water bottle to be used everyday
- Plate, bowl and mug - plastic if possible
- Knife, fork, spoon

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Torch
- Plastic bags to separate clean and dirty clothes
- Sun cream
- Sun hat

#### **Large items to be carried in a Bag for Life**

- Sleeping mat
- Sleeping bag
- Tent (To accommodate 3 students). These will be shared with 2 other students in the form group and will be organised by the form tutor in May/June 2025

#### **No mobile phones or electronic games**

