



18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 Bushcraft Camping Trip to Penshurst Place, Kent, 14 June - 16 June 2027

In the summer term of Year 7, an exciting camping trip is organised for all Year 7 pupils. The purpose of the trip is to support the development of social skills, improve physical health and wellbeing, increase confidence and resilience together with a greater appreciation for the natural world. It will also build new and stronger relationships as they prepare to look towards their second year at Borlase.

The trip has been organised by the school. The company we are using is [the bushcraft company](#). They are a leading provider of outdoor education, offering a range of real outdoor adventures to schools across the country. Activities will include wilderness first aid, fire lighting, SOS scenarios, trap making, camouflage and concealment and other bushcraft challenges. There will be shelter building, foraging and bushtucker trials!

The camp will be based at [Penshurst Place](#), in Kent. Our camp will consist of a large yurt and a cosy campfire for mealtimes and talks, its own field kitchen and safari-style bell tents to sleep in. All transport, meals (from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 3) and pastoral care will be provided for the entirety of the stay. Please provide your child with a packed lunch for the journey on the first day. We will depart school around 08.00 on 14 June and return to Marlow at approximately 17.00 on 16 June 2027.

Please take a look at [this Youtube link](#) to get a sense of the trip.

The total cost of the trip, which includes a charge for board and lodgings as well as a voluntary contribution towards travel and other activities, will be approximately **£280**, depending on the final number travelling. Please note if the trip is not viable due to insufficient funding we will let you know in good time and refund any payments made. To secure a place for your child on this trip, **please pay an initial deposit of £100 by 9am Friday 2 October** via [Parentpay](#). If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay please email parentpay@swbgs.com. Once numbers have been confirmed we will provide you with a payment schedule to spread the final cost of the trip.

In line with the school's charging policy, parents are reminded that financial support may be available to assist families whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their child from participating. Applications must be made in writing to bursar@swbgs.com, outlining the reasons why support is required, as soon as possible and latest **by 1 October 2026**.

Please note that the deposit is a commitment to pay the full cost of the trip. If your child withdraws from the trip, we will endeavour to find a replacement to take their place, otherwise you will be required to pay the full cost. If your child is unable to travel once full payment has been made, a refund of recoverable costs will be made.

The school's behaviour policy will apply at all times on the visit (including free time). This is a Category C trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy and as such it is imperative that students follow instructions from teaching staff and the specialist Bushcraft staff. Mobile phones or other electronic items will not be permitted on the trip. We will provide parents with a contact number should there be an emergency and we will, of course, contact parents should we need to do so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via parents@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CAR' followed by a stylized flourish.

Mr C A Robertson
Head of Year 7