

5 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Residential Visit – The Bushcraft Company Outdoor Learning Experience, Castle Howard, North Yorkshire - Thursday 9 October – Friday 10 October 2025

We are delighted to invite your child to take part in an exciting two-day, one-night residential with **The Bushcraft Company**, a nationally recognised provider of outdoor learning experiences.

The visit will take place on **Thursday 9 October 2025**, departing from Philips High School at **8:30am**, and we will return on **Friday 10 October 2025 at approximately 4:00pm**.

All **travel, accommodation, activities and meals** will be fully covered by school – there is no cost to families.

This residential provides an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop teamwork, resilience and independence in a safe and structured environment. Activities will be led by trained outdoor instructors alongside Philips High staff.

Should your child's behaviour in school be a cause of concern and/or attendance not be at least 96% (unless medical evidence is provided) your child may not be permitted on the residential trip.

Important Information for the trip

- **Medication:**
 - Pupils with asthma must carry their own inhaler at all times AND a spare inhaler must also be provided to staff.
 - Any other medication must be clearly labelled and handed to staff prior to departure.
- **Behaviour:**
 - High standards of behaviour and respect are expected from all pupils at all times.
 - By signing up for the trip, you agree that your child will follow instructions, show respect to staff, instructors and peers, and represent Philips High positively.
- **Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices:**
 - The trip is designed to encourage teamwork, independence and outdoor adventure.
 - If you child takes any mobile phone/online devices, they will only be permitted to use these whilst within their tent accommodation and will not be allowed to take these out to activities/social times/meals etc.
 - Devices can be easily **lost, damaged, or stolen** in this environment and Philips High School and/or Bushcraft Company accepts **no responsibility** for any electronic/online devices brought on the trip.

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• **Kit List:**

- A full kit list is below. Please ensure your child is appropriately equipped for outdoor activities in October weather.

If you have any questions about the visit, please do not hesitate to contact school. We are very much looking forward to sharing this exciting experience with our Year 7 pupils.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C H Hibbert Headteacher Philips High School



DAY BACKPACK

(To carry the essentials)

- ☐ Jumper or fleece
- ☐ Waterproof Jacket
- ☐ Medications (labelled with clear instructions on the application/use and dosage required)
- ☐ Water bottles or hydration system
- ☐ Alcohol hand gel
- ☐ Torch (with fresh batteries) – a head torch is ideal
- ☐ Sun cream (weather dependant)
- ☐ Sun hat (weather dependant)



MAIN LUGGAGE

(Transported to camp on a trailer)

- ☐ Warm sleeping bag (Season 3 recommended)
- ☐ Roll mat
- ☐ Tracksuit of hardwearing trousers
- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Waterproof trousers
- ☐ Socks and underwear
- ☐ 2x pairs of footwear (e.g. walking boots and old trainers)
- ☐ Wash bag including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and face wipers
- ☐ Towel(s)
- ☐ Wellington Boots (weather dependant)
- ☐ Warm hat, scarf and gloves (weather dependant)
- ☐ Thermal layers (weather dependant)

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO PACK

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag liner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow and pillowcase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags for dirty/wet clothing/footwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Rucksack liner |

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Please don't bring food. To avoid the risk of expensive items being lost or damaged, please do not bring electrical equipment or other expensive technology with you. The Bushcraft Company is not responsible for any items lost on camp. We will endeavour to locate any missing items however we are not liable if the item is not found. Lost items found on camp after your departure will be sent back to Head Office and kept for 3 months.

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Reply Slip – To be returned by Monday 15 September 2025

Year 7 Bushcraft Residential (9–10 October 2025)

Pupil Name: _____

Form: _____

☐ My year 7 child WILL BE attending the Bushcraft residential

OR

☐ My year 7 child WILL NOT be attending the residential trip and will attend school as normal.

Dietary Requirements (including allergies/medical needs):

Medication (including spare inhaler if applicable):

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent Contact Number _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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