



Dear GA Families

We are delighted to confirm the arrangements for our new Year 7 residential team building trip to Viney Hill Adventure Centre. At Gloucester Academy, success is not just measured by academic achievement, but by the character of an individual. Our aim is to make every child in our care the very best version of themselves through nurturing talent, channelling creativity, exposing ambition and competing for excellence. We are thrilled that this opportunity will not only be a fun and exciting few days, but an opportunity to begin their Character Education programme and earn their first character 'Adventure' badge. **At the bottom of this letter it is really important that you complete the online google form for your child to attend as well as the Viney Hill medical form.**

The residential trip is a total of 3 days and 2 nights in the Viney Hill Adventure Centre school lodging house. The residential will begin Monday 19th August- Wednesday 21st August 2024.

On the day of departure your child will arrive at 10:15am at the Cotteswold Road car park. On the arrival date back from Viney Hill you will need to ensure your child is collected from the Cotteswold Road car park at 2.00pm.

Throughout the duration of the residential, students will participate in a range of activities including: biking, low ropes, rock climbing, archery, raft building, bush craft, raft building, night hikes and roasting marshmallows on a campfire.

All students will be sleeping outdoors in big glamping tents, therefore **sleeping bags** are essential. Students also need to pack suitable clothing for the multiple activities each day (sporting clothing recommended) as well as evening clothes suitable for outside (warm clothing). Your child can bring a mobile phone if they have one, however these items are the responsibility of the child and Gloucester Academy will not be liable for any damages, loss or theft (mobiles will not be permitted during the day)

**Please see the list of items required below:**

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Sleeping mat (if you wish)
- Day wear (outdoor / sporting clothing - X3 sets for the 3 days + hat)
- Evening wear (warm - outdoor clothing - X2 evenings)
- Items such as; sport leggings, jogging bottoms, shorts (no jeans)
- T shirts or long-sleeved tops
- Sweatshirt or jumper
- Trainers/outdoor footwear (walking boots are recommended)
- Trainers (happy to get wet and muddy)
- A jacket / coat (water proof)
- Socks (minimum of 4 pairs) & Underwear (minimum of 4 pairs)
- Pyjamas (appropriate - no strappy tops)
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Towel
- Sun Cream / Shower gel / shampoo / conditioner / water bottle
- Any medication (eg. - inhaler / Epi Pen)

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This trip is free of charge for all students, and you will need to complete the following [GOOGLE FORM](#) giving consent for your child to attend as well as agree to all terms and conditions. There is also an attached Medical form from Viney Hill which will need completing.

**Please ensure you log on and complete this form by 29th July 2024.** Should you require any further assistance with the online form please email Miss Roper on [aroper@gloucesteracademy.co.uk](mailto:aroper@gloucesteracademy.co.uk)

We are looking forward to a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely

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