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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 7 Adventure Week 2 – 6 July 2018

For many years now Cotham School has taken Year 7 students on a five day summer camp. Next summer we are going to JCA Croft Farm Waterpark in Gloucestershire. This adventurous activities week for Year 7 is considered to be one of the highlights of the first year at Cotham. All Year 7 students have the opportunity to take part and we hope that everyone will go. Student responses are always very positive and they talk about their memories of the Adventure Week for the rest of their time at Cotham. In addition, there is a huge social benefit to the students with lots of group activities and a chance for them all to get to know each other better.

Adventure Week is an important experience and is key to your child's social development. The focus of the week will be on building a Growth Mindset approach to learning, where the students will develop character, grit and resilience in taking part in challenging activities. JCA is an Outdoor Adventurous Activities company with an excellent record in providing tailor-made activity programmes for schools. The accommodation consists of dormitory-style rooms and bathroom facilities; students will be able to share accommodation with friends they have chosen within their tutor group. Good quality meals are provided and the week centres on a wide range of outdoor activities supervised by fully qualified staff, who meet strict health and safety guidelines. We organise the activities around tutor groups, but students will also take part in activities working as a whole year group. In the evening the focus will be on tutor team-building activities.

The cost of a place for this residential week is £332, which includes; food, accommodation, insurance, transport, and all activities. For a place to be secured on the visit it must be fully funded. If you would like your son / daughter to take part please log onto your account in WISEPAY via the school's website, under Trips and Visits and make your payment. Payment can be made in full or in instalments as shown. If insufficient contributions are received unfortunately the visit will be cancelled and all contributions that have been received will be refunded in full.

If your child is registered to receive a Free School Meal, Pupil Premium funding or is adopted or in care, the school will provide a subsidy of £85 towards the cost of this visit. If you are unsure if your child is eligible for the subsidy please contact the school Admin Office on 0117 9198054 or email strachanm@cotham.bristol.sch.uk

Payment schedule:

Deposit	by	21 October	£50
Instalment 1	by	30 November	£75
Instalment 2	by	31 January	£85 – not payable if entitled to the subsidy
Instalment 3	by	28 February	£62
Instalment 4	by	31 March	£60

Please ensure that your payments are made in accordance with the schedule above, as we are committed to paying the holiday company on a similar timescale.

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If you would like your child to take part in this residential week but are concerned that you may have difficulty meeting the cost, please contact Mrs Moore moorem@cotham.bristol.sch.uk in confidence.

We will produce a booklet in the final weeks which will give additional information about the camp, the items your child will need to pack, the structure of the week and other important information. However if you have any questions at present about the week please do contact Mrs Moore (Learning Coordinator for Year 7).

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Moore
Learning Co-ordinator Year 7

Mrs A Goddard-Jones
Assistant Headteacher



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