

14th October 2024

Year 7 Camp – 14th July to 18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the huge success of our first Y7 Camp in 2024, we are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity for our current Y7s as part of their Character Passport in July 2025. Our Character Passport is a pledge from us to provide all students at Downlands the opportunity to attend a selection of visits during their time with us that will enable them to develop their own sense of self.

Year 7 Camp will take place at YMCA Fairthorne Manor in Botley near Southampton. Each student will stay for two nights in a semi-permanent tent and take part in a range of different activities designed to build their resilience and to work together as a community. These are likely to include activities such as kayaking, climbing, abseiling, high ropes and other team games. There will also be a programme of evening activities including a campfire and team sports. The year group will be split in half, see details of the split below.

	Monday 14 th July	Tuesday 15 th July	Wednesday 16 th July	Thursday 17 th July	Friday 18 th July
Group A 7DJ, 7DW, 7HM & 7JBR	Year 7 Camp <i>(depart from Downlands at 9am)</i>	Year 7 Camp	Year 7 Camp <i>(return to Downlands at approx. 1.30pm)</i>	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL
Group B 7IL, 7JM, 7MV & 7RDL	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL	Year 7 Camp <i>(depart from Downlands at 9am)</i>	Year 7 Camp	Year 7 Camp <i>(return to Downlands at approx. 1.30pm)</i>

The total cost of this trip will be **£250 per child**, this includes two nights accommodation, all meals, activities, coach travel and all necessary insurance. We will also be offering a different price for all pupil premium students, with the school subsidising 75% of the trip, the cost for these students will be £62.50.

We would love for all students to attend this trip so if your child is not pupil premium, but you would like to discuss the financial implications of this trip, please contact myself in confidence on msmith@downlands.org.

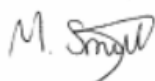
To confirm your child's place on this trip, please pay a non-refundable deposit of £50 (or £15 for pupil premium students) by 9am on Monday 11th November via SCOPAY. We will then write to all parents following this to confirm places and give a payment plan for the remaining cost.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself on msmith@downlands.org

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Smith

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Trips & Character Passport Coordinator

Head of Year 7