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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Big School Camp – Year 7 – July 4-5th 2026

We are excited to announce a unique opportunity available to all the children of Year 7 through Big School Camp Ltd, who will be offering our students a fantastic outdoor learning experience on Saturday July 4th and Sunday July 5th here at Prince William School.

All Year 7 students are invited to take part in our 'Big Camp Out'. Students will have the opportunity develop team building skills and put our Prince William School values of Resilience, Ambition and Respect into practice by attempting an exciting range of activities such as Tent Pitching, Fire Lighting, Team Building and many more. These activities will be delivered by our specialist external providers Big School Camp during the school day. You can find out more about them at www.bigschoolcamp.co.uk

We are encouraging all students in the Year group to attend and camp overnight on the school site. All Big School Staff are highly experienced, qualified, all hold an enhanced DBS certificate, and all are first aid trained.

The 'Big Camp Out' will begin at 10 am on Saturday 4th of July and end at 11.45 on Sunday 5th of July. Students will need to be dropped off and collected from school site. Students will be treated to a hot evening meal and then they will be camping out under the stars. Breakfast will be served at 8 am and students will then need to be collected by 11.45am after a full morning of activities.

Prince William School staff will be present throughout the day and overnight. The school staff will oversee all the student's wellbeing as usual, working alongside the Big School Camp staff. All the equipment including the tents will be provided for the children and staff. The students will learn how to pitch a tent in their first activity.

Your child will need to bring a sleeping bag, and packed lunch for the Saturday. We also suggest a roll mat or single air bed, night clothes/ change of clothes, wash kit and hand towel. We will also be sending out a full kit list letter closer to the trip date. One of the aims of the trip is to encourage students to build new skills and 'unplug' from the world around them. In line with this our normal no phone policy will apply for the duration of the 'Big Camp Out'.



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To give you a flavour of what to expect from Big School Camp please find the link for their video [Big School Camp - Promotional Video - YouTube](#). We will also be putting on an information evening for parents closer to the time.

The price for 'The Big Camp Out' is £94.50 per student and there are spaces available for all year 7 students.

If your child is eligible for funding this will be noted on Arbor and there will be no cost for the trip, but you will still need to secure the trip via Arbor by the date below. To secure your child's place please go to the Trips section on the Arbor app where the trip will show for your child.

To secure your child's place on the trip we are requesting a non-refundable deposit of £10 per student payable via Arbor by Monday 15th of December. To confirm your child's place please go to the Trips section on the Arbor app where the trip will show for your child.

A further 2 payments of £42.25 will be due in instalments as below:

- £42.25 due Friday 13th February
- £42.25 due Friday 24th April

Parents who need financial support to enable their child to attend the trip can apply to 'The James Rutterford Trust Fund'. Application forms are available from the Finance Office. The Trust / Bursary does not usually grant the whole cost of the trip and would expect a contribution towards the cost.

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 7 cohort flourish during this experience.

Many Thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Stewart'.

Mrs L Stewart
Deputy Headteacher



Respect



Resilience



Ambition