



Year 9 Outdoor Education Courses

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been a great year in the Outdoor Education Department seeing so many students achieve awards, taking part in activities for the first time but most importantly learning different skills outside the class room which develops student's social skills, team work and confidence for the future.

I am happy to say that Outdoor Education doesn't stop when students are in Year 9. I would like let you know about a few of our very exciting and rewarding outdoor education courses coming up for Year 9 students.

It is a key part of King's Norton Boys' School to enable all of our students to access various forms of outdoor activities. The benefit that the students gain from the social and leisure pursuits on our outdoor education courses is long lasting and unique to the school.

Year 9 Outdoor Education Days

Every Year 9 student has the opportunity to pick two outdoor education activities from the list below. Each activity gives students the chance to gain and develop personal skills like team work, confidence building and self-esteem along with national awards to show their achievement in their chosen activity.

I have seen a lot of skill, commitment and keen interest in many of the activities from students whilst in Years 7 & 8, so in Year 9 it's a chance to extend that knowledge and further their skills in one of the activities.



Canoeing



Dinghy Sailing



Mountain Biking



Rock Climbing

All safety and activity kit is provided, all students will need to bring is a packed lunch, spare clothes and a sense of adventure.

To maintain this wonderful opportunity for our students, it is essential we have contributions from families. A contribution of £20 per student (£15 for students in receipt of pupil premium funding) goes towards equipment hires costs, maintenance of equipment and repairs for all activities.

Contributions are to be made via ParentPay to the 'Outdoor Education Programme' item.



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If your son would like to take this opportunity, please fill out the attached reply slip, then return it to myself via the school office before **Friday 28th June 2019**.

Once I have received the reply slips, students will be assigned a date and sent a confirmation letter with more details next academic year. Letters will be sent closer to the time of their chosen activity. Activities happen roughly at the following times:

Dinghy Sailing – September / October / June / July

Canoeing - April / May

Rock Climbing – February / March

Mountain Biking – November / December / January

(These times may change depending the amount of students wanting to do each activity.)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Launched October 2019

Every year the school offers students the opportunity of taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The award offers young people the chance to develop individually as well as team building and social skills. It also gives the participant a chance to offer individual talents or commitment to the community. As such, it is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers.

The award revolves around four key areas (*five at gold*): physical recreation, skill, volunteering and training for expeditions.

More information about the award can be found on the D of E web site www.dofe.org. I strongly recommend visiting the web site for further information.



The cost for the whole Bronze package is £200 (TBC). This includes the registration with the official body, the D of E members pack, and discount card for outdoor clothing shops, expedition training and expeditions.

More details and joining packs will be sent out in October 2019 along with an invitation to a D of E launch meeting for parents and students to talk more about the award.

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Year 9 Residential, South France – Launched September 2019

I'm very excited to run a Year 9 residential for students, it's a great time to celebrate the student's achievements of lower school and the journey ahead to upper school. This trip runs in May (TBC) and is being organised in conjunction with Rockley Adventure, whose activity centres are recognised by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and are licensed in the UK by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA).



We will be staying at a 5-star campsite on the shores of Étang de Cazaux et de Sanguinet in the South West of France, in chalet-style tents. The tents sleep on average 6 students, each have electric lights, metal frame beds, mattresses and curtains.

The cost of the trip is £570 (TBC) which includes travel to and from the campsite in an executive coach, both ferry crossings, travel insurance, meals, all Rockley activities and evening entertainment.

We are located next to a fresh water lake fringed by sandy beaches in the Landes region of south-west France and is famous for its pine forests and spectacular Atlantic coastline stretching from Arcachon in the north to Biarritz in the south.



The programme of activities organised by Rockley Adventure will include dinghy sailing, catamaran sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, kayaking and mountain biking, as well as visits to Dune du Pyla (the largest sand dune in Europe), and Arcachon, a nearby seaside resort. In the evening there is a full programme of activities – for instance beach Olympics, a French night, volleyball, etc.

More details will be sent out in September 2019.

If you have any questions about any of the trips or activities, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

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Year 9 Outdoor Education choices

My son..... form..... Would like to take part in the following experience day next year in year 9 (please circle one):

Dinghy Sailing

Rock Climbing

Canoeing

Mountain Biking

Please make payments to the 'Outdoor Education Programme' item via ParentPay.

Name.....

Signed.....

Relation.....

Date.....

Please return to Mr Julian via the school office in an envelope addressed 'Mr Julian, Year 9 Outdoor Education choices'

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