



Fort Pitt Grammar School



July 2018

Letter to all Parents/Carers of Incoming Year 7 students

Year 7 Challenge Day on Friday 28 September 2018

I am writing to you to tell you about a special Team Building activity day planned for all students in Year 7 early in the new academic year.

It is proposed that we will take Year 7, as well as their House Leaders from Year 13, to Buckmore Park, Chatham. Kent Challenger Troop will be leading activities, assisted by senior students and staff from Fort Pitt. This is an experience we have successfully used in the past to help students work and bond closely together, whilst participating in a carousel of activities such as foraging, field cookery, field craft team building and extending life skills in general. Students will work in small groups within their nominated House, each led by a member of Year 13. There will also be at least 8 members of staff accompanying the group.

Coach travel to the venue is included; students will need to take a packed lunch, drinks and wear suitable clothing for the event, especially rainwear and footwear. More guidance on this, including timings of the day, will be provided nearer the time.

The cost of this visit is £25.50, which needs to be paid by Friday 14 September, (you can pay the amount sooner if you wish). In the interest of security, payments by cheque are preferred, made payable to Fort Pitt Grammar School. Cheques should be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Year 7 Challenge Day', with the student's name and form and handed in to the main office along with the completed reply slip. Alternatively payments can be made to the school bank account, sort code: 08-92-99, account number: 65150432, reference: your daughter's name – Year 7 Challenge Day. Payment is also available through Parent Pay under Trips, Challenge Day Year 7.

If you are in a position of severe financial hardship and feel unable to afford this trip, please contact Mrs A Jeffreys in the school office as soon as possible. We will respect your privacy and deal with any such requests as sensitively as we can. Please also advise us if your daughter is in receipt of free school meals. This trip will be taking place in school time and is crucial for students to facilitate the smooth running of their transition from Year 6 to Year 7. It will give them the opportunity to make new friends and work on challenging activities in small group. We would like to make this a fully inclusive experience for all students in Year 7. If your daughter is in receipt of Free School Meals and would like a packed lunch on the day please indicate on the reply slip.

We hope that this will be an excellent learning experience for your daughter and look forward to seeing her on Friday 31 August. (You might also like to look at the lovely photos taken during Taster Day, linked to the Year 6 section of our website).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V Melhuish'.

Miss V Melhuish
Head of Key Stage 3

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To: Main Office, Fort Pitt Grammar School

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Name:.....
(please print)

Tutor Group

- I would like someone to phone me and discuss ways the school may be able to subsidise the trip for my daughter.
- My daughter is in receipt of free school meals and would like a packed lunch.
- My daughter is in receipt of free school meals and **does not** require a packed lunch.
- I attach a cheque for £25.50
- to the school bank account
- I confirm that I have made a payment using Parent Pay

(Please delete as appropriate)

Should the necessity arise, I agree to the person in charge of the party giving consent on my behalf for an anaesthetic to be administered, or for any other urgent medical treatment to be given. **PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY EXCEPTIONS.**

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent/Carer)

Emergency telephone number for 28 September 2018 _____

Please give below any relevant medical information that may be required: