



September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of your children for starting their time at Maidenhill School in such a positive and mature way; thank you for your support with this and for supporting us at Maidenhill.

As many of you may be aware, we have our Year 7 Team Building trip taking place this term for the whole year group at the **Dean Field Studies Centre, based at Parkend in the Forest of Dean**. This will be a great opportunity for your child to develop friendships, try new things and get to know their peers and some staff in a non-academic environment. The day will consist of several outdoor activities; some led by our staff, and some led by their instructors. The students will complete activities such as problem solving, orienteering in the forest and Jacob's ladder. They will also have the chance to develop their communication and social skills. It is our expectations that ALL year 7 students will attend this trip.

The cost for this trip is **£30** which covers transport, insurance and all activities/tuition for the day. **If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, there is a reduced cost of £5.** Payment should be made via ParentPay, where you will also be able to provide consent and other essential information on your child. If you have any issues with your ParentPay account and require assistance, please contact the finance office by telephone or email: finance@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk.

First installment	£15- by the 23rd September 2024
Second installment	£15- by the 7th October 2024

The dates for your child to attend are dependent on their tutor group and are as follows:

7EP, 7HS, and 7JL	Monday 14th October 2024, 8.40am - 5.30pm
7DM, 7PS and 7SA	Tuesday 15th October 2024, 8.40am - 5.30pm

As you can see, the times for the day differ from the usual school day. It is paramount that students are on site as they should be every day by 8.40am to enable us to arrive at The Dean Field Studies Centre promptly and to ensure all students get the chance to complete all activities. We appreciate many students get the bus into school and as such, parents and carers must make alternative arrangements for their safe return home when they arrive back to Maidenhill at approximately 5.30pm

On the day your child will need to wear appropriate clothing for the weather as we are outside all day. The Forest can be habitually wet so they will need a waterproof top and preferably waterproof trousers. It is also recommended that they wear old tracksuit

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bottoms, trainers (no crocs), T-shirt and a fleece/hoodie. Loose fitting or stretchy clothing is best (no jeans). If the weather is forecast as warm, please also ensure they bring a hat and sun cream.

The students will require a packed lunch and drink unless they receive free school meals, in which case this will be provided. We would also like students to leave all valuables and mobile phones at home to avoid any loss or damage during the trip. Staff attending will have the school mobiles and student emergency numbers should any issues arise.

You need to be aware that we have high expectations regarding students' behaviour, attitude to learning, attendance and punctuality. A place on a visit organised by school is a privilege and students/parents need to understand that if a student makes poor choices regarding behaviour/attitude, or if their attendance is poor without good reason, they may not be allocated a place. In addition, should the school have concerns about any of the above prior to the visit taking place, their place may be withdrawn. If a student's place were to be withdrawn there would be no reimbursement of any payments made.

If they are unwell on the day of the visit, you should contact the school in the normal way via the office on: (01453) 822469.

If you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me on: clegge@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Legge
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