



10 March 2025

Dear Families

## Outdoor Learning Experience Days – Tuesday 11 and Tuesday 25 March 2025

Following the success of last term's outdoor learning adventure and team-building days, we are delighted to continue offering hands-on, engaging learning opportunities for our students. This term, we have arranged two Outdoor Learning Experience Days that promise to be both educational and enjoyable.

### Tuesday 11 March 2025 – Environmental Conservation at Gravetye Manor

On Tuesday 11 March, we will be collaborating with Gravetye Manor to engage in environmental conservation work on their grounds. Led by Gravetye Manor employees, the activities will include:

- Planting trees
- Building "dead hedges" to support insects and amphibians
- Coppicing hazel woodland for the reintroduction of dormice

### Tuesday 25 March 2025 – Bush Craft at a Local Woodland in East Grinstead

On Tuesday 25 March, students will participate in a bush craft session designed to enhance teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills. Students will learn the principles of basic bush craft and develop practical skills, including:

- Understanding basic wilderness survival (shelter, fire, water)
- Identifying and foraging edible plants
- Building a fire using various methods
- Constructing a simple survival shelter
- Practicing basic navigation skills
- Applying leave-no-trace principles

We believe these activities offer invaluable opportunities for your child to engage in practical outdoor learning, develop new skills, and connect with the environment.

### Travel and Logistics

Students will travel to and from the sites in the school minibus. To accommodate all students, we will organize the Tuesday 11 March Trip day into two groups, students will be notified which group they are in on Monday 10 March:

- **Group 1:** Departing school at 9.00 am and returning by 10.55 am
- **Group 2:** Departing school at 11.20 am and returning by 1.25 pm

Tuesday 25 March Trip students will all be travelling together as one group from period 1 – 4. All students will be back at school in time for lunch. Sackville staff will accompany students throughout the sessions.

### **What to Bring**

Students should be prepared for outdoor activities in all weather conditions. They should bring suitable clothing to change into and their school uniform to change back into after the session. Recommended clothing includes:

- Trousers suitable for outdoor work
- Layers for warmth
- Wellington boots, walking boots, or work boots
- A full set of waterproofs, or at minimum a waterproof jacket

### **Behaviour Expectations**

As we will be working alongside members of the public, it is essential that students demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect for the environment. Any concerns about a student's behaviour may result in their return to school, where they will remain for the rest of the day.

### **Photography Consent**

The William Robinson Gravetye Charity maintains a photographic record of the work done by students, which may also feature in their newsletter. Please complete the accompanying [Google Form](#) to indicate whether you give permission for photographs of your child to be taken.

Thank you for supporting these enriching learning opportunities. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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