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Dear Parent / Carer

As a celebration of Year 8's transition to Great Marlow School, all Year 8 students and form tutors will be participating in a team-building activity day at Longridge Activity Centre. The activity days are a fantastic opportunity for Year 8s to spend time together away from school and to develop their communication, team and leadership skills also. Students will be able to appreciate the Great Outdoors with their peers and enjoy participating in the adventurous activities.

The trip is not compulsory. Students who choose not to attend it are expected to go to school as normal. We aim for the trip to be inclusive of all students, regardless of need.

The activity days are run by Longridge Activity Centre and will be delivered to all Year 8 students in their houses over three separate days.

Monday 13 th April	Kites	8.30 am – 2.15 pm
Tuesday 14 th April	Hawks	8.30 am – 2.15 pm
Wednesday 15 th April	Eagles	9.00 am – 2.45 pm

Please note the later finish for **Eagles** on the Wednesday. We cannot guarantee being back to school for the buses on this day, so please make alternative arrangements for your child to get home from school. Kites and Hawks are expected to return to school in time for the school buses.

Students will be supervised by both Longridge and school staff throughout the event. Students will travel by coach on their house's day. They will spend the day at Longridge, taking part in a range of activities such as: climbing, crate-stacking, archery, axe throwing, trebuchet, Jacob's ladder and dragon boating.

Students will **not** be required to wear school uniform but will need to wear suitable clothes for the activities. They will be on their feet for most of the day, participating in a range of outdoor physical activities. There will be no opportunity for students to change. Suggested clothing (depending on the weather):

- Warm top (sweatshirt/fleece)
- T-shirt/ long sleeved top – no cropped tops
- Tracksuit trousers, leggings or shorts (not jeans, cycling shorts or Nike Pros)
- Waterproof jacket
- Trainers (no wellies, flip flops or crocs)
- Sun lotion
- Water bottle / packed lunch / snacks and drinks – there is no opportunity to purchase food or drink on site

We also ask students not to bring valuables with them; if they do, their belongings remain their responsibility.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £47.50 which covers coach travel and the staffing for the activities whilst at Longridge. There is no obligation to contribute, and no student will be excluded because parents / carers are unwilling or unable to contribute. However, please be aware that the visit is likely to be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions.

If you wish your child to attend the trip, please log on to WisePay to make any voluntary contribution and also to complete the compulsory MS Consent Form by Tuesday 24th February.

The trip will then be closed and students will not be added to the trip after this date.

As always, the highest standards of conduct are expected from the students during the trip. They will be representing the school at all times and sanctions will apply if these expectations are not met. Due to the nature of the activities, we cannot take students who do not meet our behavioural expectations in school. In that case, students will be removed from the trip and attend school for a normal school day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school on croberts@gms.bucks.sch.uk if you have any queries. I will write to you nearer the time to confirm final arrangements for the day.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Roberts and Miss Aylett-Livesley
Director of Learning and Student Support Officer for Year 8