



November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Yr 7 – Enrichment Activities 26th – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Having informed and taken payments from you, for your child to take part in a residential activity at Gilwell Park, we sincerely regret to inform you that following lengthy negotiations and discussions, we are now unable to use their facility, this is in no part the fault of Chesterton Community College, but has entirely been caused by an error at Gilwell Park.

We have however managed to secure an **alternative venue**, accommodation and in our opinion better quality activities for our students. **Fairthorne Manor** is run by the YMCA and is situated on the banks of the River Hamble in Hampshire, a short drive from Southampton. Fairthorne Manor offers a range of similar activities but with the addition of Paddle Boarding, Sailing, X-stream (water based obstacle course), Archery, Bushcraft, Survival Skills, Raft Building, Boat Trips and many more, including evening team building activities. Students will take part in eight activities over the three days. For further information on the venue please see: <http://www.ymca-fg.org>

We have managed to secure accommodation for all students at Fairthorne Manor for the two nights, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, however this trip will now need to depart from Chesterton at 8am on Monday and will not return until 5pm on Wednesday, students will now be required to have their own sleeping bag and pillow.

Unfortunately due to increased transport costs, we regret that it is necessary to increase the cost of this visit by £15 to a total cost of £215.00. We are of course able to extend the payment plan to accommodate this extra payment to Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish for your child to take part in this re-arranged activity there is no need to contact us, deposits and any payments made will automatically be transferred. However if you wish to withdraw your child, please could you contact Mrs Coppin ([hcoppin@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:hcoppin@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk)) in the finance office to arrange a refund before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, after this time we will assume you wish to transfer to the new venue.

**Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this has caused, this is in no way the fault of the college, and we sincerely hope that all students will transfer to the alternative venue.**

If you would like to discuss other arrangements for payment, or require further details, then please contact Ms Hayley Coppin, by email [hcoppin@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:hcoppin@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk) or by telephone 01223 712150 ext 159.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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