

3rd February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 8 Outdoor Adventure Opportunity

Since the start of the academic year, we have made some small but important changes to the Year 8 curriculum, to both support COVID recovery and accommodate the growing number of students in the year group. Some of these changes are listed below.

- The English curriculum has changed to 'Ark Mastery' [English Mastery Secondary \(arkcurriculumplus.org.uk\)](https://arkcurriculumplus.org.uk).
- Reading lessons have increased to 2 lessons a fortnight with the introduction of Reading Plus alongside our current Accelerated Reader programme.
- Phonics interventions have started for selected students.
- Additional Reading Plus is now in place for certain students during tutor time.
- The number of groups has increased from 4 to 5 in English, Humanities, Spanish and Art.
- A 'Math's Mastery' Intervention group has been introduced during Math's lessons.
- The number of PE groups has increased from 4 to 5 with significant investment in new equipment.
- There is a significant increase in our extracurricular offer.

We would now like to offer students the chance to take part in an outdoor adventure opportunity, as part of their curriculum. Students selected will be given the chance to access a 6-week course, split between lessons at Oak and time at Butchers Coppice, during their technology lessons. After the course students will return and complete their technology options as planned.

The course will be free of charge but spaces available are limited. We will only be able to accommodate 3 groups of 16 students across the rest of the academic year. We appreciate that some students may have no interest in this opportunity, however we believe it is likely that demand will be greater than the spaces available. With this in mind, it is important to know that attendance and behaviour will likely be factors considered when deciding final groups.

The first course is due to start next week and I would ask that if your child is interested that they complete this short form so that I am aware they would like to be considered. Some students have already done this at the end of their assembly today and therefore will not need to complete again.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3X9xXsVUbm>

If you have any questions please contact me at hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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