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September 2026

Year 7 Visit to Court Hill Centre, Wantage

As part of our Year 7 induction programme we have arranged a day visit for all Year 7 students to the Court Hill Centre near Wantage. The visit will be at a purpose-built outdoor centre set in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside overlooking the Ridgeway.

Tutor groups will visit Court Hill on the following dates:

Monday 14 September – 7AJ and 7AME

Tuesday 15 September – 7AT and 7DT

Thursday 17 September – 7BP and 7MF

Friday 18 September – 7ABA

The aim of the visit is to continue the 'settling in' process and facilitate the building of strong and lasting relationships between staff and students, offering an opportunity for students to get to know each other in a less formal setting. The activities will take place outside, and have been included to develop personal, social and learning based skill. They will provide opportunities for team building, problem solving and leadership while having fun. It is expected that all Year 7 students will attend as this is an important part of our induction programme to secondary school.

The value of giving children the opportunity to experience new activities and develop new skills cannot be underestimated. Coming together with a range of physical and academic abilities, everyone learns to respect and value each other. Educational visits offer new and exciting challenges and by spending time with their peers and working together in a team environment, students can develop greater independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way.

The cost of the visit is £20.00 . Payment is available via your MCAS app.

As all students will be attending the activity, you do not need to give consent. However, if you do not want your child to attend or if you need to make me aware of medical or dietary needs, please email evc@fcc.cambrianlt.org

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Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents in support of activities for which the school has to pay. However, there is no legal obligation on parents to contribute, and children will be treated the same whether parents are able or choose not to contribute. However, if not enough contributions are made, the activity may have to be cancelled.

Financial assistance is available if you are in financial hardship and by special arrangement with the school. Please

Travelling by coach, the group will leave FCC at 8.40am and will return at 3pm. Your child will spend the day predominantly outside and should wear appropriate outdoor clothes including sensible footwear and bring a waterproof coat. They will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch with them. Students with medication that may be required during these hours such as Epi Pens, will need to bring these items with them, and these will be checked in on arrival.

It is now widely accepted that this active learning – doing by experience – is one of the best ways for students to learn, and I do hope that you will feel able to encourage your child to take part in this valuable experience.

Yours sincerely

Miss Julia Nicholls
Head of Year 7



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