



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear [RecipientTitle] [RecipientSurname]

We are committed to ensuring that we have a rich and broad range of opportunities for all students outside of the academic curriculum. This commitment has led us to revise our personal development curriculum for this year. In addition to the lectures and taught opportunities for personal development in College we have also, as you know, invested significantly in the co-curricular programme. Each year the College runs a number of residential activities for students across year groups, some of which include travel abroad and some within this country. We recognise that there is often a significant fee attached to these trips and this can place a financial burden on parents.

However, there are many benefits of being able to take part in a residential activity, such as developing relationships and friendships, exploring the world in which we live, building confidence and resilience and having fun. We want to ensure, therefore, that all students can attend a residential visit whilst studying at Emmanuel College. I am delighted to share with you our plans for the Year 7 residential programme for 2023 – 2024, which I am also speaking to students about in assembly today.

Year 7 students who have joined the College this year will have the opportunity to attend a residential activity, Camp Emmanuel (3 night residential in Scotland). **We would like all students to attend this activity**, and therefore, this residential will be heavily subsidised by the College to ensure that it is accessible to all.

Camp Emmanuel 2024

On Monday 24 June we will travel by coach to Fordell Firs Scout Centre, near Edinburgh in Scotland. This will be the location of Camp Emmanuel where all students will be able to experience a 3-night residential camping trip. During the trip students will learn how to pitch their tents and set up their camping equipment, take part in a range of activities such as grass-sledging, orienteering, a night walk, caving, climbing etc. As a year group they will work together to set up and then enjoy their camp and develop their skills and virtues. Students will return on Thursday 27 June.

The total cost of the trip per student is £215, however 60% of this will be paid for by the College. This means that students will be able to attend the full 3 day residential for only £125. Camping equipment such as tents and camping mats will all be provided and a small kit list will be published after places are confirmed, which will not require parents to purchase multiple or expensive items, together with further details regarding the programme and essential information for parents. Before we travel, we will also hold a parents information evening in which all aspects of the trip will be covered in detail and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions. These details will be communicated in the new year.

It is our hope that all students in Year 7 attend this trip, however, if you do not want your child to attend there will be provision in College all week for students to work independently on their study. During this week there will be activities taking place with all year groups, therefore, the normal timetable will not be in place.

To confirm your child's place at Camp Emmanuel, please ensure **you pay a non-refundable £50 deposit via [ParentPay](#) and also complete the consent form [here](#)** before Wednesday 31 January 2024. The full amount can be paid at any time by incremental payments once the deposit deadline has passed, by logging on to ParentPay. The remaining balance will need to be paid by Wednesday 1 May 2024.

We will be following up this letter next week with a short video from Miss Walker which will give you and [StudentForename] more information about this outstanding opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Miss B Walker
Head of Year 7