

1 July 2021



Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers,

Ralph Allen School

We hope you and your families are well.

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Our Ralph Allen students have continued to demonstrate resilience and positivity despite the many challenges of the last 16 months. We are very proud of our young people.

Although we are unable to run our normal offer of trips and residentials, due to covid restrictions, we are organising some free, fun activities to end the year positively in the week beginning 12 July 2021.

All year groups will be participating in a variety of events and workshops, alongside their normal timetable and we will end the week, on Friday 16 July, with the whole school Sponsored Walk along our famous Bath Skyline to raise money for our urban outdoor gym equipment. You will receive a separate letter from Ms Hetenyi outlining the programme for the Sponsored Walk day and the permission slips required.

Year 7 Cabinet of Compassion:

During the week we are delighted to be welcoming Bath Mind into school with their installation, designed by local artists, 'The Cabinet of Compassion'. All year 7 students will be given the opportunity to visit the Cabinet throughout the week and complete activities which encourage our school values of kindness, compassion and friendship.

Year 7 - King Arthur Rainbow Woods Adventure:

At Ralph Allen School we are always looking for ways in which to enhance the teaching and learning opportunities for the students in our care. As an extension of their English work on King Arthur we are offering Year 7 classes a free visit to Rainbow Woods. Using a private part of the National Trust woodlands, students will tackle group creative challenges, sit round a campfire, try marshmallows/popcorn and have fun. All year 7 students will take part in a two-hour workshop in the woods led by the English department and Ralph Allen staff in the week beginning 12 July. Please see below for details on when your son/daughter is attending the workshop.

Information for the Trip:

Dates: 12-15 July
Venue: Rainbow Wood on Bath Skyline Walk, Claverton Down
Cost: None
Timings:

Date and Time	Year 7 Learning Group
12 July - Periods 1 & 2	LG3
12 July - Periods 3 & 4	LG5
13 July - Periods 1 & 2	LG7
13 July - Periods 3 & 4	LG2
14 July - Periods 1 & 2	LG1
14 July - Periods 3 & 4	LG4
15 July - Periods 1 & 2	LG6

Transport: Students to walk to Rainbow Wood using the Skyline route.
Dress: Students do not need to wear school uniform on the day of their workshop. Please ensure they wear long sleeves and trousers, stout boots/shoes with ankle support for woodland walking/exploring plus a suitable outdoor coat or a hat and sun cream as needed.
Equipment: A small backpack for water and equipment they need for the rest of the day in school.
Mobile phones: Mobile phones are not needed. Staff will carry mobile phones for emergency.
Food/Drink: Students will toast marshmallows and make popcorn over the fire. Students will need to bring their own water bottle and fill it before we leave the school site.

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The students may be allowed time during the visit when they will not be under the direct supervision of staff. Members of staff will, of course, be easily accessible if needed. This is in line with the Bath & North East Somerset Council guidelines. Students will be expected to conduct themselves at all times in a safe, responsible and courteous way.

Students are expected to act on instructions given by staff immediately and without question. Under these conditions all decisions by members of staff are final, binding and without question. Students who fail to comply with staff instructions must anticipate that they will be banned from future trips and visits. Whilst on the trip staff will be 'in loco parentis' of all the students. This is in line with B&NES and DfE legislation.

Please note that past behaviour in school determines whether your son/daughter is allowed on the visit; this is in line with the B&NES Health and Safety Policy. I must therefore alert parents to the fact that any student who applies for a place, who has in the past a history of not complying with staff instructions, or is currently on the Governors Disciplinary Procedure (GDP), may well be ineligible for the trip. Applications received from students who have a history of not obeying staff instructions, or are currently on the GDP will be carefully considered and parents/students will be informed of the position as to whether or not they will be eligible to accompany the visit.

If your child has any medical issues please alert staff, e.g. asthma, hay fever.

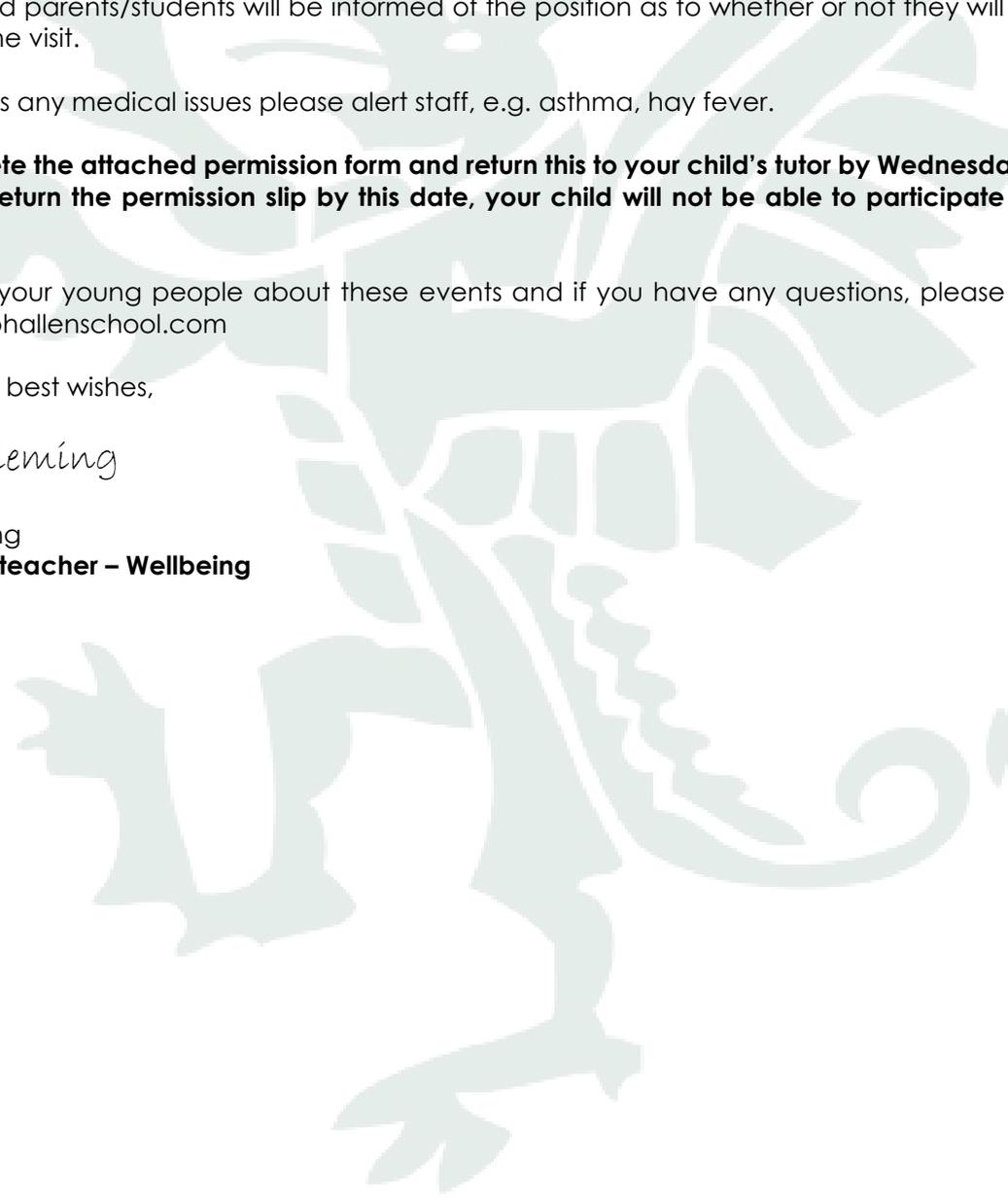
Please complete the attached permission form and return this to your child's tutor by Wednesday 7 July 2021. If you do not return the permission slip by this date, your child will not be able to participate in the above activity.

Please talk to your young people about these events and if you have any questions, please email me on h.fleming@ralphallenschool.com

Take care and best wishes,

Hannah Fleming

Hannah Fleming
Assistant Headteacher – Wellbeing



PERMISSION SLIPS TO BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILDS TUTOR BY Wednesday 7 July 2021

King Arthur Rainbow Woods Adventure

Name:Tutor Group:

Declaration

- I/we have read the details and I/we agree that my child may participate in the King Arthur Rainbow Woods Adventure during the week commencing 12 July 2021.
- I/we confirm that my child does not suffer from any medical condition that would stop them from participating in this activity. I/we undertake to inform the school immediately if there is any change in this position. I/we give my permission for any medical treatment to be administered in the event of an accident.
- I/we confirm that whilst our son/daughter is on the trip as outlined above I/we are happy that the staff team will be in 'loco parentis' of my/our child. This is in line with B&NES legislation and under these conditions all decisions by members of staff are final, binding and without question.
- I/We understand that I/we will be expected to complete the standard 'essential information forms' and all medical/health details on the consent form (below), required for school trips before the group leaves.
- I/We agree to comply with all Health & Safety requirements as specified in 'Health & Safety of pupils on Educational visits' HSPV2 document, (details available on request).

Photo Permission	
I am happy for my son/daughter to be photographed on this trip for school publication purposes	
I am not happy for my son/daughter to be photographed on this trip	

Please ✓ as appropriate

SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL VISITS - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name:

Home Telephone No:

Emergency Contact No:

Medical Information

Name of Doctor and Surgery:
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Date of Last Tetanus Injection:

Any Allergies:

Any Special Medical Treatment:
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(written medical instructions must be provided if your child needs medication)

Any Significant Medical/Personal Information:
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Signed _____ Parent/Carer

Date _____

Signed _____ Student

Date _____