

# The Gilbert School

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October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Danbury Camp – July 2025

Our 2025 school camp visit has been arranged at Danbury Park (an Essex County Council camp site) near Chelmsford. The dates reserved for the school are Monday 14th July through to Thursday 17th July inclusive. It is expected that all Year 7 students will attend.

Taking part in such a camp has proved over many years to be not only an excellent opportunity to do work on a scale not possible in school, but also to provide an experience in living and working as part of a large community. The benefits of such an experience last long after the camp has ended.

Final details will be available early in 2025, but we wanted to take the opportunity to provide general information to parents/carers, together with important forms for you to complete and return.

The residential camp is considered a value-added activity rather than specifically curriculum-linked. Parents/carers are therefore expected to meet the cost of the activity for their child.

The total cost of the trip will be **£230.00**. In the unlikely event that the trip must be cancelled completely, please be aware that if we have already incurred any non-recoverable charges, we may not be able to provide a full refund.

Costs include:

- Transport to and from the camp
- Transport as part of some of the activities at camp
- All camp fees
- All activity, instruction, and material costs
- All meals whilst on camp except lunch on the first day

In order to confirm your child's place on the trip, a non-refundable deposit of £80.00 will be required by Thursday 31st October 2024.

A following £50.00 will be required by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, £50.00 by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and the final £50.00 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**It is imperative that payment is made in accordance with the instalment deadlines.**

If you anticipate any problems or, in cases of financial hardship, please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible to discuss.

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The following information is also important and should be noted for future reference:

- Please complete the [MS Consent, Medical and Personal Details form](#) by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024
- The initial non-refundable deposit should be paid via the school's ParentPay system. If you do not currently have ParentPay, please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible.
- Final payment is to be made by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February as numbers need to be confirmed with the camp. Any students who have not paid in full by this date will unfortunately be unable to attend.

Should you wish to discuss any other issues associated with the activity, please contact Mr Auton.

There will be a Danbury Camp Parents Evening, in June/July 2025 at the school, (students are not required to attend) where all relevant, finalised information will be made available. The exact date of this will be confirmed nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully

Mr Auton  
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