

The Gilbert School

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November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Danbury Camp – July 2026

Our 2026 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 13th July through to Thursday 16th 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 experience last long after the camp has ended.

Final details will be available early in 2026, 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 **£235.00**.

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 £85.00** will be required by **Friday, 28th November 2025**. We will then require the following instalments to be paid by the dates indicated below:

£50	Friday, 30 th January 2026
£50	Friday, 27 th February 2026
£50	Friday, 27 th March 2026

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. Please do not leave this until the March deadline, instead please contact us immediately and we will endeavour to work out a solution.

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

- Please complete the Consent, Medical and Personal Details form by Friday, 28th November 2025 by clicking here: [Danbury Camp 2026 Consent and Medical Details Form](#)
- 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, 27th March 2026 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 2026 at the school, (students are not required to attend) when 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

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