



# *Adventure and Skills Academy*

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents of children in Years 5, 6 and 7

I am writing to invite you to apply for a place for your child in our Adventure and Skills Academy (ASA) for the coming academic year. ASA allows children to access a wide, varied range of activities and includes a camping trip for each year group. These activities are listed on the following page, though please note there may be changes as the year progresses. Year 7 children will work towards gaining the Sports Leaders UK Playmaker award, the first award on the Sports Leaders UK scheme. This will be a stepping stone towards qualifications such as Sports Leader level One and Two and Duke of Edinburgh's awards, qualifications that many children will follow in their chosen senior schools.

The sessions are held on **selected** Friday evenings from 4:05pm until 5:30pm during the Autumn and Spring Terms (they do not take place in the Summer Term). Timetables will be sent home via parentmail, displayed on the ASA board in the Dearnaley building and on the school website. The timetable has been designed taking into account the ever increasing demands on our children with matches, rehearsals and performances. It is possible that your child may not be able to participate in some sessions due to representing the school in other activities and matches. Each group will participate in approximately 8 sessions during the Autumn Term and 6 sessions during the Spring Term with the camping trip taking place in the Summer Term.

Pupils will be expected to attend regularly and to behave appropriately, meeting the expectations and code of conduct of the school. Children will be registered and behaviour noted throughout. Please note that in the unlikely event of any pupil not meeting expectations, they will be asked to leave the scheme.

The cost of the scheme this year is **£90** and includes a new Academy T-shirt and Fleece for year 5 pupils, Replacement t-shirt and fleece for those in years 6 and 7 who have outgrown their old ones, camping trip and all resources and sessions. Those of you who have had children in the ASA before will note the price has stayed the same as last year. I am sure you will agree that it is still exceptional value for such a range of activities.

For each session children are expected to wear their Academy T-shirt, tracksuit or jogging bottoms (or sports shorts if the weather is good), fleece and trainers. This is to ensure that the children are dressed appropriately for the activities in which they are participating. Additional t-shirts will be available to purchase if required.

If you would like your child to participate in the scheme, please return the reply slip and cheque for **£90** (made payable to 'Town Close Educational Trust LTD' and 'ASA' and your child's name written on the back) to the school office. The deadline for reply slips will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. You will then receive a timetable for the Autumn Term with sessions starting on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.



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I hope that your child will be able to participate in this stimulating and rewarding scheme with its exciting and varied selection of activities provided by our dedicated staff.

Yours sincerely

Mr. M. Woods  
Head of Physical Education and Activities

|                        | <b>Activities (subject to change)</b> |                        |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>Year 5</u></b>   | <b><u>Year 6</u></b>                  | <b><u>Year 7</u></b>   |
| Fire Building          | First Aid                             | Debating               |
| Cooking                | Cooking                               | Tranjer Cooking        |
| Zen Doodle             | Orienteering                          | Ripstik Street Surfing |
| Archery                | Silver Service                        | S L UK Playmaker Award |
| Community Project      | Map Reading                           | Zen Doodle             |
| Camp Craft             | Camp Craft                            | Camp Craft             |
| Bread Making           | Archery                               |                        |
| Swimming               | Open Fire Cooking                     |                        |
| Ripstik Street Surfing | Zen Doodle                            |                        |
| First Aid              |                                       |                        |

Please return this slip via the school office by **Wednesday 13th September**.



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I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name in block capitals)

Class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in The Adventure and Skills Academy this academic year and have enclosed a cheque for £90 made payable to Town Close Educational Trust Limited.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_