

## Discover and Learn in the Heart of England

Dear Discover and Learn Student,

Thank you for choosing a Discover and Learn course this summer. We have a great programme planned for you which will allow you to see different aspects of a very beautiful part of England and give you a great chance to improve your English. This information should help you to prepare for your course and to have a really great time while you are in Banbury.

### Things to Bring

- ❑ Even in the summer, the weather in Britain can change very quickly. Please bring a **light waterproof** jacket and carry it with you all the time!
- ❑ You will need a rucksack which is big enough to contain your lunch, an A4 file and your waterproof jacket.
- ❑ Discover and Learn is an outdoor course. You will be spending lots of time walking, playing sports and enjoying the lovely countryside, so please bring **comfortable** shoes and clothes.
- ❑ We will give you your Discover and Learn pack and worksheets. Please bring a pen and pencil, scissors and coloured pens as you may want to draw some of the amazing places you visit. Remember to put scissors in your suitcase and not your hand luggage if you are flying to the UK.
- ❑ The sun can be surprisingly hot in July and August. Please bring **sun cream** to protect your skin.
- ❑ Please remember to bring the details of your insurance policy. If you are from an EU country, you should also have an EHIC which will help you to get free care from a doctor or hospital in the United Kingdom.

### While you are in England.

**Discover and Learn is a non-smoking programme.** You will not be permitted to smoke at any time during activities and excursions.

**Switch off your mobile phones** before you enter the Discovery Centre in the morning. You should not switch them on again until the day is finished unless there is an emergency. If your family need to contact you during an activity, they can call The Student Reservation Office on 0044 (0)1843 227700. We will have a mobile number for each of our educational leaders and can contact them.

**On the first Monday** of your course, you will be told which group you are joining and introduced to your educational leaders. You will leave for your first activity at around 11:00.

Your educational leader will give you the worksheets that you need each week. Don't forget that these are a very important part of your course and remember to bring them every day. Try to complete the worksheets as carefully as possible. When you go home, these will be your record of your time here so please move them to your folder and keep them safe.

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**Listen carefully** to the instructions your educational leader gives to you and make sure that you know when and where you should meet the group if you lose them at any time. When you are travelling, stay with the group at all times.

## Homestay

On the first Monday of your programme, your homestay hosts will bring you to the Discovery Centre at Cherwell College for 09.30.

For the rest of your stay, you will be able to walk to and from the Centre. Parents, please note that your children will not be supervised during this time.

Your homestay family will give you breakfast and an evening meal every day. They will also provide you with a packed lunch. Please tell them if there are any foods which you really don't like and don't forget to take your lunch with you to the Discovery Centre.

You may have a private room or be sharing with another student. It is important that you keep the room tidy, make your bed every day and put your clothes away.

The homestay family will wash your clothes for you each week. Please ask them where you should put your dirty clothes.

## Transport

You will travel by train and bus. Your educational leader will organise and pay for all transport tickets on weekday trips.

## London

On your Saturday London days, you will work in larger groups. There are no entrance fees included in the price of the London days. Please allow around £6.00 for any tube or bus tickets which you may need to purchase during the day.

## Pocket Money

All meals, weekday transport and entrance fees are included in the Discover and Learn Programme. You will need pocket money to buy any drinks, snacks and souvenirs. You will also need money if you would like to enter any paying tourist attractions in London and for transport within London. We would recommend a minimum of **£30-£40** per week.

We look forward to seeing you this summer on Discover and Learn!