



18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Round Square  
"The Bushcraft Odyssey"  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

As I am sure you are aware, we are in the very lucky position of being part of the Round Square organisation. The Round Square is an international network of schools from 50 countries across six continents. This gives us the amazing opportunity to connect with staff and students from all over the world.

From Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 the Samworth Church Academy is hosting an international conference with the theme of "The Bushcraft Odyssey". Currently there are 13 schools from around the world including Peru, The USA, Bangladesh, India alongside a number from across Europe participating in the conference. As an academy we believe strongly that students can push themselves further than they expect, and this should be true of this conference.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May the conference will begin at the academy with the arrival of all the delegates. We will have a welcome meal together then split off into barazza groups where some of our 6th form leadership team will lead icebreaking activities and discussions about the environment, nature and the role of technology in everyday life. In the evening we will travel to The Bushcraft Company's Castle Howard site where "The Bushcraft Odyssey" will really begin. From Thursday evening until Saturday lunch time we will be living in bell tents, taking part in activities such as shelter building, camouflage and concealment, outdoor cooking, fire making and making traps. Along with making new friends from around the world.

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May we will return to the academy where we will have a final meal together, there will be some fun activities to bring the whole experience together before ending the conference on the morning of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

There are 6 places available for our students to attend this conference. The cost will be £50 for the trip, which will include food, transport, accommodation and activities during the conference. If your Year 8 child would like to be considered for a place on the trip, they will need to write a short essay of no more than 500 words, on why they would like to attend the trip and what benefit attending the trip would have for them, their family and the academy. This application needs to be emailed to [cbury@tscacademy.org.uk](mailto:cbury@tscacademy.org.uk) by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. I will inform the 6 successful students by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

If you have any queries about the application process, the trip or funding please do not hesitate to contact me on the email above.

Your faithfully,

Chris Bury  
Teacher of PE  
Round Square Representative  
CCF Contingent Commander