



October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The Young People's Forest Tree Planting Experience

On Thursday 4 November 2021, all Year 8 students have been invited to participate in activities with The Woodland Trust.

The Woodland Trust is continuing to develop a young person's forest. The forest is being created on the site of a former open-cast coal mine, adjacent to Shipley Country Park, creating a new woodland of over a quarter of a million trees!

On the day, there will be a range of activities including tree planting, orienteering and a workshop in communicating thoughts and feelings in a mature way. Students will be supervised at all times by school staff whilst working with the trust.

Students will need to arrive at school at the usual time and will return by 2.55pm. They will need to bring a packed lunch (no nuts) and dress appropriately for cold/wet/windy weather (including a coat and outdoor shoes), as they will be walking to and from Shipley Park (school uniform does not need to be worn). If your child is in receipt of free school meals and requires a packed lunch on the day, please email lisawaterfall@heanorgatespencer.com to order one, by Tuesday 2 November 2021.

It is expected that all Year 8 students will participate in this activity. If you do not wish your child to participate, please email amandamcleod@heanorgatespencer.com by Monday 11 October 2021. Any students not participating will be expected in school as normal.

We will use the contact/medical information we currently have on record for your child, should we need to contact you on the day. Please inform us of any recent changes.

Yours sincerely

Mr John Cooper
Teacher of DTVA