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# Viking Longhouse Residential 2022

# Aims:

- ▶ To immerse the children in the world of the Vikings;
- ▶ To explore life in the ancient world;
- ▶ To develop their independence and problem-solving skills;
- ▶ To have a really fun time!





# Starting the day:

- ▶ We will arrive by 11am, so pupils can be dropped at school at the normal time.
- ▶ One arrival, each child and adult will be given an outfit consisting of a cloak, tunic, hat/headscarf and belt for the duration of their stay, which they will wear on top of their modern clothes.
- ▶ They will be given a safety briefing (fire, tools, animals etc).
- ▶ They will then be fed a 'picnic style' lunch (21<sup>st</sup> Century!)



# After lunch:

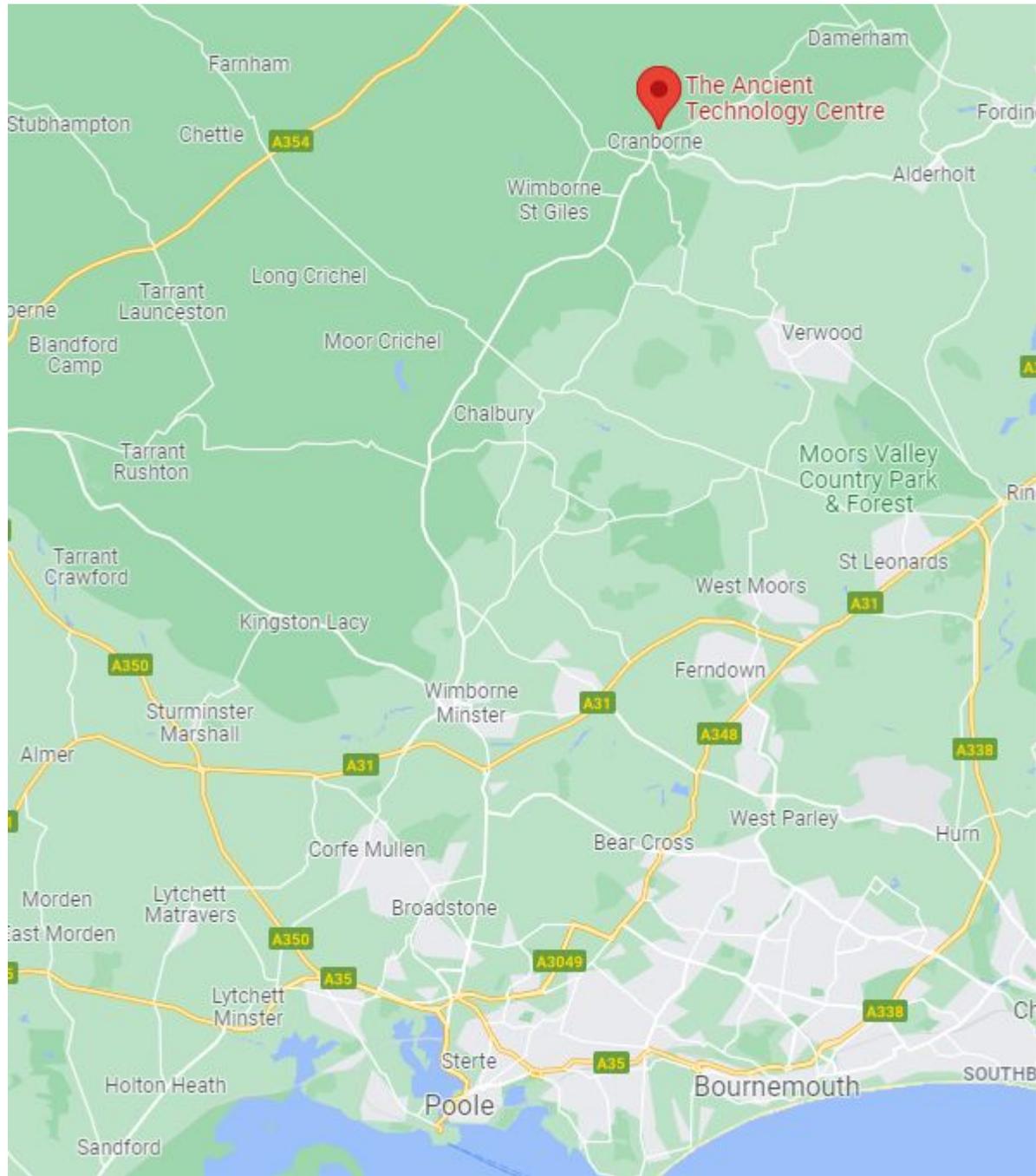
- ▶ Pupils will take part in a variety of tasks, both farm and longhouse based.
- ▶ Some possible tasks:
  - ▶ Grinding the wheat to make flour that will produce bread for mealtimes.
  - ▶ Making butter from cream, and soft cheese from cows milk.
  - ▶ Preparing vegetables and meat to produce the lunchtime and evening meal.
  - ▶ Longhouse chores such as floor burnishing, beating the sheepskins etc.
  - ▶ A whole group task of traditional fire-making to enable cooking to take place.
  - ▶ Ploughing using ancient ards, sowing seed, harvesting, weeding and tending crops, gathering and using wild foods, storage of harvested foods, irrigation of fields and vegetable gardens.
  - ▶ Gathering, processing and storing wood, to be used in the construction of fires.
  - ▶ Traditional farm maintenance will be required at times and may include fence building, repair/construction of buildings, maintaining defences such as ditches etc.
  - ▶ Using animal products including hide scraping and tanning, butchery of meat, use of tendons and sinew for cordage, and washing/carding/spinning/weaving of fleece.
  - ▶ Whole group activity based on the knowledge of animals; looking at the live animals on site, looking at different animal hides and the ritual and symbolism behind ancient animal use.



# Dinner and sleeping arrangements

- ▶ Dinner will have been made by the pupils during that day and will be traditional Viking stew.
- ▶ Pupils will be sleeping on the long, wooden benches on either side of the wall of the longhouse.
- ▶ There are no mattresses, but each child will be given a sheepskin rug to sleep on (a Viking camping mat!)
- ▶ They will also need to bring a sleeping bag and a pillow for the night.
- ▶ The fire will be lit during the day, which will warm the house for the night's sleep, but will be extinguished before bedtime and a fire alarm set.
- ▶ Teaching staff will be sleeping in the 2 separate rooms at the end of the longhouse, so will be easily reachable at night.





# In the morning:

- ▶ A continental breakfast will be served (back to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!)
- ▶ Pupils will pack their bags and be collected for a return to school by 12pm.
- ▶ This will mean they can enjoy lunch at school as normal (please either drop a **named** lunch box to school on this day or order a hot school dinner) and an afternoon of relaxing, Viking activities!
- ▶ They can then be collected from school at 3:20 pm as normal.
- ▶ During the three days the residential is held on, anytime your child is not on the residential they will be taking part in a variety of Viking activities in school.

# What to bring:

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Sleeping-bag	
Pillow/travel cushion	
Toiletries (only hand basins available)	
Small torch	
Thick pyjamas/sweatshirt & sweatpants	
Warm hat (to wear at night)	
A pair of thick socks (to wear at night)	
Sturdy shoes/wellingtons. No sandals.	
1 pair of long trousers (ticks on site)	
2 medium/thin layer tops	
1 fleece top (cloaks will take the place of coats)	
No modern games! Ancient games will be provided!	

And a change of clothes for their return to school!

# Any Questions?

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

**OR**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Duration:** 1 day, 1 night.

**Cost:** £46.

**Payments:** £23 x 2 months (30<sup>th</sup> of November and 28<sup>th</sup> February)  
to be made on **School Money**.

All payments are non-refundable, unless a replacement pupil can be found for your child's 'spot'.