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### **Pupils Take Part In Phoenix Project**

Five male pupils from Waingels College and four from Piggott School will be put through their paces on Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service's Phoenix Project this week.

The five-day course runs from 30 June - 4 July at Crowthorne Fire Station and is based around fire service activities, including hose running, breathing apparatus procedures and squad drills. The young people, aged between 13 and 16, will also get involved in team building tasks, take part in discussions about potential consequences of actions and will also be given information about drugs and sexual health issues. In addition, one of the days will be spent at an outward-bound centre, which will test their nerves to the limits as they experience high rope activities!

The week will end on a high note with a passing out parade at the Fire Station on Friday 4 July, where the team will demonstrate the new skills they have learnt to their family and friends. A senior officer from RBFRS will also be on hand to present certificates and awards to the young people. The passing out parade will start at 13.45.

Phoenix Project aims to make teenagers aware of safety issues and risk, while at the same time developing their communication and leadership skills.

Paul Hutt, Phoenix Project team member, said: "Phoenix Project is a challenging course that allows young people to learn new skills outside of their usual educational environment. We hope the group will continue to develop the skills they'll learn during the week and apply them in their everyday lives."

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