

Year 7 residential

7-9th July 2025



George Eliot Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

It's time to get excited about your trip!

Here's a taster!



**Outdoor
Learning &
Adventure**



Agenda

Why Kingswood?

Why are residential trips so important?

Your chosen centre

Your programme

Our team

Home away from home and Packing List

Safety first and Conduct

Questions



Why Kingswood?

We're experienced

Providing life changing adventures for 40 years!

We're specialists

We've run over 1 million confidence-building activity sessions in the last year!

We're award winning

'The Best Residential Experience' at the School Travel Organiser Awards' two years running!

We're innovative

Our brand-new Impact Questionnaire will give you measurable results in areas such as resilience

We're safe

We're founding members of the British Activity Providers Association (BAPA), holders of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge and many more

We care

Our mission is to provide life changing experiences and we are proud of our hugely passionate and committed team who will make sure you have the best residential yet!



Why is a residential so important?

- Builds lasting relationships (between children and with teachers) which foster a sense of pride and belonging.
- Boosts self-confidence and creativity which supports academic learning.
- Creates resilience – the capability to deal with set-backs, “bounce-back ability” and adapt to new challenges, “bounce-beyond ability”.
- Health-giving benefits, physical fitness and psychological wellbeing.
- Allows cross-curricular opportunities – builds bridges between real life experiences in the outdoors to learning subjects in the classroom.
- Challenges are matched to abilities which create a real sense of personal accomplishment.
- Experience greenspaces and nature, appreciation and care for the environment.

“In essence, outdoor adventure residential programmes represent an essential rite of passage for young people; building experiences, skill-sets and friendships that can last a lifetime.”

Dr John Allan



Learning journey

We use...

Play Exploring Adrenaline
Discovery Challenging Reflection

...to deliver...

Mental & Physical Wellbeing Environmental Awareness
Curriculum Links Improved Attainment

...and achieve our learning outcomes.

CONFIDENCE! **LIFE SKILLS** ⚙️ **RESILIENCE** ➡️



Example programme - Adventure

3 Days		Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4		Evening
Day 1					Arrival/Settle in & Safety Talk	Aero Ball	Dinner	Movie Night
Day 2	Breakfast	Zipwire	Obstacle Course	Lunch	Leap of Faith	Bushcraft	Dinner	Campfire
Day 3	Breakfast	Jacobs Ladder	Archery	Lunch & Depart				

Our team is your team

We are passionate about providing the perfect environment to develop positive mind-sets, improve wellbeing and encourage self-belief. Plus, there is always a lot of laughter!

Your dedicated Course Director will be there when you arrive and throughout your stay, ensuring your trip is a fantastic learning experience that achieves your objectives.



Our centre: Inspiring Learning Dearne Valley

Location:

Originally a millennium commission project, this site is one of our most environmentally sustainable and is situated in beautiful South Yorkshire.

Highlights:

- High and low ropes courses with zipwire
- Raft building, kayaking and canoeing
- Fencing and archery
- Indoor sports hall for climbing and teambuilding activities
- Laser zone
- Indoor/outdoor classrooms and outdoor amphitheatre



Accommodation:

Dormitories



Home away from home

- All our accommodation is clean, comfortable and secure.
- Unlike many providers, with us, **bedding is provided.**
- Our varied menu can cater **for all dietary requirements** and always includes a fresh salad bar.
- Our friendly, caring team are on hand to answer any questions or to provide any reassurance needed.
- Evening entertainment is also included – a time to relax and enjoy together.
- Reception areas are covered 24/7 for your peace of mind.



Packing List

Do's

- Pack older clothing
- Bring spare clothes
- Waterproofs are essential
- Sensible waterproof shoes
- Bring pyjamas



Safety first

We know how daunting it can be letting your child go on a residential visit, so we do everything we can to make it a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Our policies and procedures ensure that the highest safety standards are always maintained including:

- Ongoing safety and first aid training for all our teams
- Equipment checks before every session
- Qualified first-aiders on centre 24/7
- All our staff are fully DBS checked

We create a warm, supportive environment so children quickly feel at home. All our activities are progressive, allowing them to join in at whatever level they're comfortable with.

We've found the best way to help children cope with being away from home is to keep them busy, having fun from dawn 'til dusk!



Conduct



- Students will be required to meet the same expectations that they do during their lessons and in school.
- Students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on the residential.
- Information will be shared on Social Media and contact can be made with school throughout the whole trip.
- If students are not able to follow the site or school expectations, you may be asked to collect them from the residential.

Your Next Steps

1. Complete the consent form with all needed information.
2. Ensure all payments are paid to WEDUC on schedule.
3. Check the packing list and make sure you are prepared!
4. Any questions please email Miss Marsden!



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