



6 June 2024

Dear Families

Ref: Proposed residential trips to Winmarleigh Hall

I write to inform you of next year's planned Residential Trip to a specialist activity course at PGL Winmarleigh Hall Multi Activity Centre.

We are very fortunate to have secured a booking at this centre, as it is extremely popular with school groups. PGL is a leading residential activity centre provider, welcoming thousands of children every year. The centre provides a rewarding education programme offering many national curriculum-linked modules, combined with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities, with secure and controlled residential accommodation. PGL ensure students have fun, whilst taking part in all sorts of adventurous activities designed to help your child learn and develop new skills.

For many students this may be their first experience of staying away from home without you.

PGL staff and the Abbot's Lea School staff who know your child well, will be on hand throughout to encourage, reassure and help, so that your child returns home even more confident and independent, with a real sense of achievement.

We have chosen to book with PGL because not only do they offer excellent value but they also have a reassuring 60 years of experience organising trips for schools. Their extremely high standards ensure that your child will be in safe hands at all times.

If you wish to find out more about PGL Winmarleigh Hall Multi Activity centre, its ethos, courses, supervisory and safety measures, please visit <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>

We would like to offer this opportunity to the students of the following key stages:

- **Key Stage 2** - Wednesday 5 March 2025 - Friday 7 March 2025
**Approximate Cost: £250 - £280*
- **Key Stage 3** - Wednesday 5 March 2025 - Friday 7 March 2025
**Approximate Cost: £250 - £280*
- **Key Stage 4** - Wednesday 12 March - Friday 14 March
**Approximate Cost: £260 - £290*
- **Key Stage 5** - will either attend the above dates with Key Stage 4 or if we have an increase in numbers, they will attend the following week; Wednesday 19 March - Friday 21 March 2025
**Approximate Cost: £260 - £290*

Please note that, based on this year's experience, we will be amending the way that our youngest students access such fun activities to maximise their joy and reduce challenges.

- Students in Year 2 transitioning to Adapted National Curriculum classrooms in Key Stage 2 will be invited to join the residential next year. This applies to students currently in France class.
- Students in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, along with those enrolled in our Bespoke program, will be offered a customised trip designed to meet their interests and needs. Further details will be provided shortly. This applies to students currently in Italy, Spain, Ireland, Wales and Portugal classes. Families do NOT need to express interest at this time.

Abbot's Lea School aims to subsidise a proportion of the cost, including staffing, coaches hire and specialist support during the trip, in order to make the trip accessible to all students who wish to attend.

This letter is only for expression of interest in the trip to help us estimate families' intentions.

We need to ascertain how many students from each Key Stage would like to attend based on the costings above.

Final details, with confirmed dates and precise costings will be shared before we request a deposit.

Please complete the survey link below:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BLLFT3/>



If you have any questions in the meantime, please email either me - Miss Gibney (Assistant Headteacher – Primary Department) or Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher – Secondary Department) on the following email addresses:

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Yours sincerely

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