

Monday 20th – Friday 24th October

Grosvenor Hall

Ashford, Kent

2025



Change in venue...

- Reduced cost...
- Reduced journey time –allowing for more time at the centre for activities on both Monday and Friday
- Easier journey – one coach
- Larger centre – more facilities
- Updated accommodation and dining room

Important Learning Experiences

- Being with friends
- Making new friends
- Being away from home (no technology, including mobile phones)
- Looking after each other
- Organising themselves
- Trying new experiences
- Taking risks and challenges



GROSVENOR HALL

Kennington, Ashford, Kent,
TN25 4AJ



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| 1 RECEPTION | 5 LEARNING ZONE | 9 HIGH AND LOW ROPES | 13 HENDON SQUARE |
| 2 ACCOMMODATION | 6 KINGSWOOD COURT | 10 ZIPWIRE | 14 ADVENTURE LODGES |
| 3 OUTDOOR LASER | 7 SPORTS HALL AND POOL | 11 ARCHERY | 15 LAKE |
| 4 DINER AND SHOP | 8 AEROBALL | 12 TEAM CHALLENGES | |

At the Centre: Safety

- Specifically set up for educational visits
- Trained staff
- Regularly checked equipment
- No passing traffic
- Fire procedure
- Medical centre
- Locked accommodation at night



At the Centre: Meals

- Three cooked meals a day
- Choice of different food
- Vegetarian options
- Salad bar
- Pork and beef products are on offer
- Halal food is available too
- Everything is labelled



Example daily menu

WEDNESDAY



The Italian Job



BREAKFAST

- Bacon
- Hash brown potato
- Baked beans
- Scrambled eggs
- Selection of cereals
- Fruit compote
- Yoghurt
- Toast
- Seasonal fresh fruit



LUNCH

- Jacket potatoes and filling
- Baguette or wrap
- Soup of the day
- Pasta of the day
- Salad bar



ALLERGENS



DINNER

- Beef lasagne
- Chicken ratatouille
- Vegetable pasta pomme
- Seasonal vegetables
- Garlic bread
- Salad bar



DESSERT

- Ice cream



At the Centre: A typical day

- 08.00 Breakfast
- 09.15 Fencing
- 11.15 Problem solving
- 1.00 Lunch
- 13.45 Bushcraft
- 15.45 Zipwire
- 18.15 Supper
- 20.00 Evening entertainment
- Disco
- 21:30 Lights out



At the Centre: Children's Learning

- Range of exciting, challenging activities e.g.
- Bush craft- survival skills
- Fencing
- Archery
- Orienteering
- Climbing



Team challenges and orienteering



Bushcraft



Archery



Climbing : Jacob's ladder



Fencing



Leap of faith





High ropes



Vast range of activities





Bedrooms



Groups and Accommodation

Activity groups of about 15 children

Single sex rooms

Rooms of 4 children

Ensuite showers and toilets in each room

Children are not allowed in each other's rooms

Teachers' rooms are nearby, along the corridor

Night duty team available

Getting Ready To Go:

Read the white letter carefully

Complete **green** consent form with as much detail as possible

Complete **pink** medical form if your child requires medication (even travel pills or vitamins)

RETURN ALL FORMS BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Getting Ready To Go: Letters and postcards

Letters from parents:

- Please write one letter/card to your child in a sealed labelled envelope. This letter needs to be handed to your class teacher by no later than Friday 26th September

Postcards home:

- Pack a stamped addressed postcard/ paper/ envelope and a pen!



By 26th September

Hand to your child's class teacher:

- All forms completed **FULLY**
- Medicine (in advance)- labelled name and class
- Letter/card written for your child to open on arrival

Getting Ready To Go: What To Wear

You need to pack (blue forms):

3 long sleeved tops (compulsory)
2 sweatshirts
3 pairs jeans/trousers/tracksuit bottoms
5 T-shirts
underwear x 6
Warm coat
waterproof jacket
1 disco outfit
night clothes, dressing gown and slippers
wellingtons (compulsory)
trainers
large bath towel/small hand towel
toiletries – soap/shampoo/toothpaste/deodoant etc
hairbrush/comb
hair ties/bands for long hair
dirty linen bag – large plastic bag
a refillable water bottle
stamped and addressed blank postcard/letter & envelope
a pen



Getting Ready To Go: What To Leave Behind



Please DO NOT pack:

Mobile phones

–ipads

–Any valuables



Getting Ready To Go: Birthdays

- Sweets or chocolate
- Birthday cards
- You can provide birthday treats to share with children in their group (15) or even better with everyone!



Groups (15 children from all 3 classes)

- Children will be asked who they would like to be with for activities (up to 3/4)
- Guaranteed to be with at least one person
- Dormitories organised according groups/needs

Safe Arrival

- I will phone to inform school of safe arrival
- Daily updates on Arbor



Day of Journey



Arrive at school usual time

Parents can wait with children in the hall until we leave (please park sensibly)



Depart school 9.30 ish
Coach to Kent
Arrive at centre-
12.00p.m. in time to eat
our packed lunch

The Day Of The Journey: Travel

- Travel in school top with a logo on it and any trousers
- Bring a snack in a bag to eat at the services
- Bring a packed lunch to eat on arrival at the centre
- No fizzy drinks, chewing gum or nuts
- No need to pack extra food- plenty at centre



At the Centre: Illness

-Pink forms are vital- even for travel pills

(please inform us if your child is likely to get travel sick)

-Calpol/ antihistamine

-Medical centre on site

-We will call home

if illness is more serious



At the Centre: Pocket money



- £10.00

- Gift shop at Centre

To be given to class teacher in advance with
the other forms



The Return Journey

- Pack luggage (all items labelled)
- Depart centre at about 11 a.m.
- Coach journey
- Packed lunch provided by the centre
- Regular updates on e.t.a.
- Arrive at school –1.00 p.m

Parents must be available at any time that day to collect from school in case we are early



Getting Ready To Go: Expectations of behaviour

- We will have regular conversations with the children about how we expect them to behave when we are away
- With each other
- With other adults
- With members of the public
- We will also talk about what happens when someone does not behave appropriately
- We would like you to do the same at home



**READY FOR
TAKE OFF**

Any questions?

