

Year 4 residential adventure trip – May 2019

Dear Parents

Every summer term, Bedford Prep School gives its Year 4 boys the opportunity to go on a residential adventure trip. The purposes and benefits of the trip are various, but they include the deepening of positive relationships among the boys, improved personal resilience, self-confidence and team work, the chance to experience some new, fun activities, and lots of sense of achievement. We find this to be a great age for the boys to take on this sort of adventure; it is always a real highlight of the year and even of a boy's whole Prep School career.

Dates

The trip will take place from **the morning of Wednesday 8th May through to the afternoon of Friday 10th May 2019** (getting back to school in time for the normal end of school day).

Location

In a change to recent years, in 2019 we will be going to **Grafham Water Centre**. We believe that this location offers us a greater choice and quality of activities and a more professional and personal service than ever before, the centre is closer to Bedford and it's at a cheaper price. It is where our sister school, Bedford Girls' School, takes their Year 4 girls on their own residential trip and they recommend it extremely highly. More information about the centre is available on its website at www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk

Activities

The programme will include a variety of water and, mainly, land based activities. The exact combination of activities will be confirmed nearer the time but it will include the likes of climbing, archery, orienteering, bushcraft, mountain biking, a high ropes course, problem solving, raft building, kayaking and paddle boarding. There should be something for everyone! The activities are designed to foster team spirit and self-confidence in a non-competitive environment. Safety is to the highest standard and the boys will be closely supervised at all times by both highly experienced and trained Grafham Water instructors and members of our own teaching staff (including all three Year 4 form tutors) who will be present for the duration of the trip.

Accommodation and meals

Accommodation will be in secure dormitories with a maximum of eight boys in a dorm (though most boys will be in smaller dorms than this). The Centre provides well-balanced meals which are designed to please even the fussiest of eaters. Special dietary requirements will be catered for.

Cost

The total cost of the trip, including all activities, accommodation, meals, insurance and return transport by coach, will be **£245** per boy.

If you would like your son to take part in the trip, please complete the online [form](#) and make the deposit payment of £120 by no later than **Tuesday 4th December 2018** via [Wisepay](#). You will need your username and password to use Wisepay, which were sent out to parents in September. Please contact accounts@bedfordschool.org.uk if you have trouble logging in.

By signing your son up to the trip you are agreeing to the following:

I/we and my/our son agree he will abide by the [Code of Conduct](#) and we accept the rules, regulations, terms and conditions set out by Bedford School and any external organiser or agency involved for the trip.

I/we agree that he may take part in any of the activities which form part of the trip and that he will follow the instructions of members of staff or other adult supervisors and instructors.

I/we also agree to my/our son receiving medication, emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment including anaesthetic, operation or blood transfusion as considered necessary by the organiser or senior member of staff present

Payment of the balance of £125 will be due in the second half of the spring term; a reminder letter will be sent to you. Please note, should a pupil withdraw their booking, all monies paid are non-refundable.

It is the hope that, as has been the case in recent years, every boy in the year group will come on the trip and have the most wonderful time.

Yours sincerely

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