

Year 6 Camp

June 2027

**Deanfield Studies
Centre**

Where are we going?

- We will have exclusive use of **Deanfield Study Centre**.
No other schools will be staying during our visit.
- Deanfield is situated in Parkend, Lydney, on the edge of the Forest of Dean.
- About 1 hour drive from Golden Valley.



Cost

- The cost of Camp last year was just under £500. The deposit will be £150 and will be due by the end of October.
- This includes all activities, instructors for climbing, canoeing etc., travel, insurance, food and accommodation for 5 days.
- Financial support is available – please ask the Office Staff for guidance.
- More details will be sent.



Who's going?

- Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Turner, another member of SLT and at least 3 more members of staff will be going.
- This excellent pupil : staff ratio allows us to organise the children into 6 groups of 10 during day time activities, with additional staff to provide flexible support.

How do we get there?

The children travel by coach accompanied by school staff.

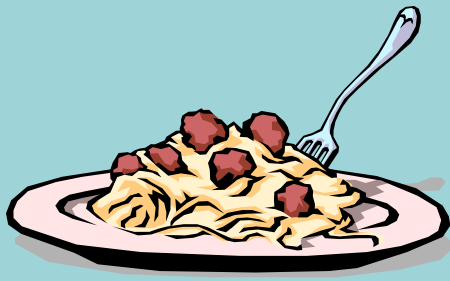


At least one adult will take their own car in case of emergencies.

Accommodation

- We stay in a large house which is set over 4 floors.
- Girls' rooms are on one large floor and the boys' rooms are over two floors.
- Ground floor has the dining room, boys' showers and drying room.
- First Floor has lounge, showers and bedrooms.
- Second and third floors have bedrooms and toilets.
- Across the courtyard there is a games room.
- There will be at least 1 member of staff on each floor.
- All bedding is provided.
- The centre is locked and secured at night.
- We will be the only school staying there during that week.





Meals



- All meals are taken at the centre.
- Good home-cooked food and plenty of it!
- Breakfast: cereals, toast, juice, milk and fruit.
- Lunch: filled rolls (cheese, ham, egg, tuna), fruit, crisps and chocolate bar!
- Tea: e.g. chicken bites, roast dinner, fish fingers, pasta bolognese, sausages etc.

Meal Times at Deanfield



What if my child has special food needs?

- The centre kitchen staff are amazing. We notify them in advance of any special dietary requirements so that these can be catered for. There will be a form to complete before we depart.
- We will ask you about religious or cultural observance, allergies and intolerance. We will not ask about likes and dislikes – and generally find that the children are willing to try anything on camp!

Activities

- During the day, children will be in groups of 10, with 1 adult from school as their leader. These groups are thoughtfully balanced with input from all school staff. They will not be announced until we arrive at camp – a system which has always worked well.
- Most activities are led by fully trained centre staff, with GV staff supporting.
- All activities have an up to date risk assessment.
- Evening activities are led by Golden Valley staff.
- There are 2 activities in the daytime and 1 in the evening.



Day time Programme

- Zip Wire
- Problem Solving
- Canoeing
- Stream Study
- Tunnels and Shelter Building
- Jacob's Ladder & the Leap of Faith
- Low ropes course and challenge
- Bush Craft, Archery and Axe Throwing

Evening Programme

We plan several activities and choose from them while we're there, weather and cricket permitting!

For example:

- Forest Walk
- Sports and games at the field
- Air Hockey Tournament
- Camp fire



Sleeping Arrangements

- The number of children in each room ranges from 3 to 8. Again, these groups are carefully balanced with input from school and centre staff and will not be announced until we arrive at camp.
- There are members of staff on each floor, with their rooms clearly labelled.
- The windows have safety locks, corridors are well lit and we practise the emergency evacuation drill on arrival.
- Children are expected to keep their rooms tidy, with daily room inspections!

Keeping Clean!

- There are plenty of shower cubicles and hot water that the children can access at any time. Please give them advice about actually using the shower gel/shampoo you provide. Previously, some children have assumed that hot water alone will do the job!
- No aerosol sprays are to be brought or used (very sensitive smoke detectors).
- The children cannot bring make-up or hairdryers.

We will get wet (very!)

- Children will be able to hang wet clothes from activities in the drying room, but there are no clothes washing facilities. **Please teach them how to wring out and hang wet clothes on an airer. Also how to stuff wet wellies with newspaper to speed up the drying process.**
- We recommend the children use the heavy duty waterproof trousers and top provided by Deanfield. Bring own wellies if you have them (but don't buy them specially).
- A large, strong, plastic bag for muddy, wet things at the end of the week is required!

Please make sure all belongings are named.

GV Hoodies!

- It has now become a tradition that all Y6 children have a Team GV Hoodie to wear on camp.
- Mr Riordan is happy for the children to have these hoodies earlier in the year.
- The colour will be **bottle green (school colour)** in order for the children to wear it to school as part of their uniform.
- Over the last couple of years, a group of parents have co-ordinated the ordering of hoodies....

What to bring:

- Nothing expensive – **everything named!**
- We recommend that you **do not** buy new clothes especially for camp. Clothes get muddy and sometimes a little torn!
- All specialist equipment is provided at the Centre, including.

All pupils and staff borrow waterproofs from Deanfield, as they are heavy duty and we don't have to take or bring them home!

A full kit list is provided nearer the date.

Anything else?

- No make-up
- No phones or electrical items
- No cameras – we take lots of photos for keepsakes



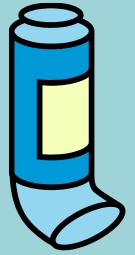
Tuck Shop!

- Pocket Money – up to £10 in change (50ps/£1s)





Medication



- A member of GV staff will be in charge of the administration of any medication.
- We take Calpol and anti-histamine and will give these when necessary with your permission.
- All centre staff are qualified first-aiders.
- Children should carry their own blue inhalers but provide a spare to hand in to staff for emergencies.



- Please email any questions to us via the Office and we will compile a FAQ
- Letter coming home – non-refundable deposit of £150 required.