

11th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Gilwell Park Scout Adventures: Year 7 Enterprise and Enrichment Residential Trip – April 2025

Following my recent correspondence, and your completion of the ‘Submission of Interest’ form for the upcoming Year 7 Residential trip between **Thursday 10th April 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025**.

We are excited to offer an unforgettable residential adventure for our Year 7 students at Gilwell Park Scout Adventures, just a short journey from Cheshunt. This trip is designed to provide a unique blend of adventure, personal growth, and team building, all in a comfortable lodge setting. Students will enjoy a range of exciting activities, including archery, bouldering, zip wire, and low ropes, along with an evening around the campfire, ensuring a memorable and enriching experience.

Details of the Trip

Trip Lead: Mr. S Aydin

Destination: Gilwell Park Scout Adventures, Chingford, London

Departure from HT: Thursday 10th April 2025

Arrival back to HT: Friday 11th April 2025

Duration: 2 days/1 night

Spaces Available: 120

Please note that this trip is running during term time. This will take place during the last two days of the Spring half term – 10.4.25 – 11.4.25. Following the end of the trip, the school will be closed for the Easter holidays.

As you have submitted interest in the trip before the date of this letter, you now have a priority-window until 17th January 2025 to reserve your child’s place. If your deposit has not been paid by this date, your child’s space will be offered to whoever is next on the waiting list.

We are only able to bring a maximum of 120 students on this trip, therefore a deposit of £60.00 is required to reserve a child's place; deposits need to be paid by **Friday 17th January 2025**, to ensure your child’s place is secure. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and the school can close the deposit date at an earlier time without notice if spaces fill.

What are the educational benefits?

A visit to Gilwell Park provides a chance to build skills that go beyond the classroom. Aligned with the values of the Enterprise Faculty, the trip focuses on helping students develop self-confidence, teamwork, and responsibility - essential qualities for success in life.

Through activities like archery, bouldering, and low ropes, students challenge themselves, work together, and support each other. They are also expected to keep their lodges tidy, clean up after meals, and respect the environment by avoiding littering. These responsibilities teach them the importance of being ready, respectful, and safe in their actions.



Taking on new challenges helps students become more confident, adaptable, and motivated, which benefits all areas of their lives, including their schoolwork. By working collaboratively and rising to challenges, they gain skills that prepare them to contribute positively to their community and beyond.

Key Information & Trip Overview

Cost

The total cost of the trip is **£120.00**, which is inclusive of transportation, accommodation, activities/entry fees and meals (cooked/cold breakfast/lunch/hot meal for dinner)/ Trip Hoodie, and supervision by our dedicated staff throughout the visit.

Payments are to be made via Parent Pay. Below is the payment schedule for the trip. Please note that as we are using a tour operator, payments must be made by the deadlines below, a late payment may result in a penalty charge or withdrawal from the trip without refund.

Payment Schedule

Year 7 Residential Payment Plan

Balance after payment:

	Amount (£)	Payment Deadline	
Open Balance (Deposit) – Jan 2025	£40.00	Fri 17 th Jan 2025	Open: £120 £80
Payment 2	£40.00	Fri 14 th Feb 2025	£40
Close Balance – Payment 3	£40.00	Mon 14 th Mar 2025	Closed: £0

Using the payment plan outlined above allows parents/carers to spread payments across the year. Using this system ensures that all payments are received and cleared by **Mon 14th March 2025**. Please note, if you opt to make payments via the schedule above, you must ensure you keep in-line with deadlines; failure to make payment/give a late payment may result in a penalty charge or withdrawal from the trip without refund.

Financial Support

Haileybury Turnford is committed to helping as many students as possible take part in the opportunities the school offers. If your child in receipt of **Free School Meals, adopted from care**, a **Young Carer** or if your child is eligible for the **Pupil Premium funding**, then there may be some funding support available. We now also have the **HT Hardship Fund which parents who are on low incomes can apply** for support. Please contact Mr Aydin if you require support with the payment of this trip. Please note that if funding is agreed, you may still be required to pay all (or part) of the deposit yourself (if applicable), in order to secure your place on the trip. The amount of funds issued is limited across the academic year.

Spending Money

There is no need for students to bring spending money as all activities/meals are included. The first meal served is Lunch on the day of arrival, and the last meal served is lunch on day of departure. Students should ensure they have breakfast before arriving to school.



Timing

We will need to leave at an early time to ensure all activities are accessible to us. Please see timings below – subject to change:

Departure from HT - Thursday 10th April 2025 at 8.45am

Arrival back to HT - Friday 11th April 2025 at 3.30pm

Whilst every effort has been made to give the most accurate timings, factors outside of our control such as traffic, weather and unexpected delays may present themselves. Therefore, it is essential students are on time – should we arrive back any earlier/later, an updated ETA will be sent to parents/carers via Class Charts.

What's Included

The cost of this trip includes:*

- 2-days of activities
- Archery/bouldering/zip wire/low ropes.
- Professional guided supervision for each activity.
- A full range of outdoor activities designed for all interests.
- Campfires in the evening.
- Full-board basis.
- All transport via coach.
- A Trip Hoodie (memorabilia).
- Supervision by HT Staff throughout the whole visit.

**This is not an exhaustive list*

Kit List & Requirements – What students need to bring:*

- Large Rucksack, or bag/ hand luggage case.
- Warm sleeping bag & pillow, or duvet & pillow.
- Blanket (optional dependent on weather) – **recommended**.
- Pyjamas/Sleepwear / Tracksuit bottoms/ trousers/ leggings (jeans not recommended).
- T-Shirts / Warm Jumper(s) / Fleece(s) / Suitable amount of underwear and warm socks.
- Walking Boots / Old Trainers.
- Towel/Wash bag (toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel & face wipes) / Hair ties for all with long hair.
- Waterproof coat and warm hat & gloves.
- Water Bottle—labelled with child's name. / A Torch (optional).
- Insect Repellent/ sunscreen.
- Any Medication your child needs – a separate letter RE Medication will follow once the deposit is paid.

**This is recommended from the provider. Pillows/Sleeping bags are essential – these will not be provided to staff/students.*



Student Conduct

All students will be expected to behave appropriately and to follow the school rules and ethos throughout the duration of the trip. We consider our students to be ambassadors for the school at all times.

It will be a very busy and tiring 2 days with many activities included. If students do not behave as we would wish, then they will limit the enjoyment for everybody and cause considerable embarrassment to the school as a whole. As staff, we do not want to impose strict codes of conduct, however if necessary, we will.

All students will have direct responsibility to **Mr. Aydin** who will be checking sleeping areas for tidiness and safety, monitoring behaviour, checking that they have all that they require for the day with them and generally supervising them throughout the visit.

Throughout our time on the trip, all students will be required to attend:

- *Daily briefings with **Mr S Aydin** (Trip leader)*
- *Breakfast, lunch, and evening meal with the whole group*
- *Daily excursions, in their pre-designated groups.*

Any student who appears to have caused damage (intentional/accidental) will be subject to paying the costs. I must emphasise that students intentionally causing damage or causing damage as a result of unsafe behaviour will put the school in a jeopardising position, along with their parent/carer. Correct etiquette is essential.

Any student who persists in causing a disturbance at night/during activities, therefore preventing people in their room from sleeping/partaking, will be considered a risk to the whole group. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken to ensure that this risk is limited as much as possible. This is taken very seriously as students will need to be fully rested for the next day's activities. Students may have their excursions/roam time restricted if a member of staff feels that they are not to be trusted. Further to this, any students to continue to display unsafe behaviour will be sent home – and a parent/carer will be required to arrange collection for them.

If a student is involved in a serious breach of conduct, Mr S Aydin (Trip leader) will contact parents and Mr R Newman (Principal) so that they are fully informed of the incident and outcome.

Expectations

We have high expectations of pupil behaviour on trips. The school reserves the right to withdraw a student from the trip (without refund) if their behaviour in or out of school means that they could not be trusted or would be likely to undermine the safety or success of trip for others. The school will not be in a position to return any monies claimed by the tour operator. Further to this, students must maintain steady attendance, in-line with our policies, to keep their place on the trip. All student behaviour/attendance is judged on an individual basis, considering additional needs/extenuating circumstances.

Any students who receive significant sanctions prior to the trip, such internal/external exclusions may automatically be withdrawn from the trip without refund. We want to ensure all students to have the opportunity to go on this trip, therefore, we will only be monitoring and considering behaviour/attendance from the date of this letter. Previous behaviour will not jeopardise a student from being able to attend and participate.



If a student is withdrawn (either by school or parent) from the trip due to external circumstances, or cannot go – for any reason, any monies paid **will not** be returned – this is a condition of the tour operator, and Haileybury Turnford will not be able to access a refund. Please ensure you are financially able to commit to the payment plans before paying the deposit.

Summary

The travel dates will be **Thursday 10th April 2025 to Friday 11th April 2025** – 2 days/1 night. This trip falls during term time.

Key Contact Information:

Trip Leader: Mr. S Aydin

Year Achievement Coordinator – Year 10 & Co-Careers Lead

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Trip Contact Number: 07853 008616 (students will also be provided with this number)

Deputy Trip Lead: Miss. H Allingham

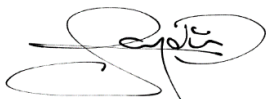
Year Achievement Coordinator – Year 7 & Lead Practitioner for Literacy

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In the instance that you need to contact us ahead of the trip, please contact Mr Aydin on the credentials listed above, if you need to make contact during the trip, Mr Aydin will always be available on email and phone during the visit.

I sincerely hope your child will be able to participate in this trip; it has been a success in previous years. This trip offers a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their 'outdoor' skills and make every-lasting memories. I hope that your child will be excited for it, and that we will see your child in attendance.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Aydin

Trip Lead, Year Achievement Coordinator – Year 10 & Co-Careers Lead

