

Harpurhey Alternative Provision School

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YEAR 11 RESIDENTIAL TRIP – Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th March 2025

GCSE Examination Preparation – ‘The Final Push, climbing our own personal mountains’

February 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the culmination of your son/daughter's time in school we are getting ready to sit the biggest challenge – GCSE exams. This is the most exciting time for students at HAPS. For all our students preparing for their GCSE's they have already show significant courage, determination and effort to navigate and overcome their own personal mountains.

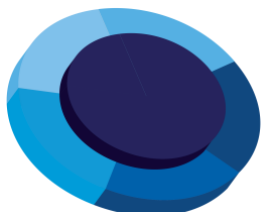
To support all our year 11 students we have booked a residential at Edale youth hostel and activity centre. HAPS has met all the costs of this residential. The plan is:

Monday 17 th March	Arrive at school at 1145 Arrive at Edale 1400	Travel to Edale
Tuesday 18 th March	Activities	
Wednesday 19 th March	1230 leave Edale 1500 leave HAPS and return home	Travel to HAPS

Students and staff will be staying in the youth hostel overnight on Monday and Tuesday. The accommodation is comprised of multi-bed dormitory style rooms of, with shared shower and toilet facilities. Rooms are split by gender and age as appropriate.

The hostel serve up a groups' menu offering a range of quality, nutritious dishes with both vegetarian and vegan options. They cater for a range of dietary requirements. If there are any allergy sufferers, please let us know. For breakfast there's a choice of a hot and cold buffet. At lunch its packed lunches to take away to the activities. And in the evening, there is a menu of main courses with desserts.

We will be taking part in activities that inspire, motivate, challenge and deliver real outdoor adventure. Developed with the support of industry experts, the packages have been tailored to fulfil our specific needs and meet the skill levels of everyone in preparation for their GCSE exams.



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We have already conducted a pre-stay site visit to get to know hostel facilities. We have discussed risk assessments, health and safety and safeguarding arrangements. YHA has a safeguarding framework which is written, implemented and reviewed by their Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in consultation with the NSPCC and YHA Safeguarding Panel. All staff have enhanced DBS checks.

The contact details for the Edale youth hostel are:

YHA Edale Activity Centre, Rowland Cote, Netherbooth, Edale, HOPE VALLEY S33 7ZH

01433 670302

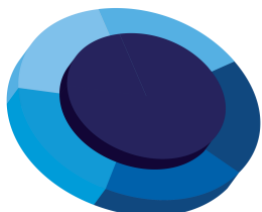
edale@yha.org.uk

As always, if you have any questions about this activity please don't hesitate to contact us either by phone, or drop in for a brew if you like.

Kindest regards

Michael Hill

Headteacher



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KIT LIST

All specialist clothing and equipment is provided by the centre

As a guide, all group members should bring the following:

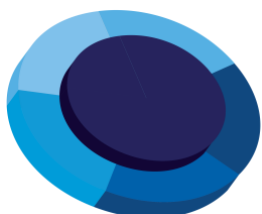
- Warm hat and gloves
- Several old T-shirts
- 2 or 3 pairs of old trousers or tracksuit, **not jeans**
- 2 or 3 jumpers or warm tops
- A Warm and Waterproof coat with hood and waterproof trousers.
 - (The centre has some waterproofs but generally participants feel more comfortable in their own).
- 1 pair of old trainers for use on wet/muddy activities
- 1 pair of wellies
- 1 pair of walking boots
 - (we have both walking boots and wellies for groups to use but their own shoes are usually a better fit)
- 1 pair of shoes/trainers for use in the centre
- Several pairs of socks, including 1 thick pair if you have them
- Several changes of underwear
- Pyjamas (and slippers dressing gown?)
- 1 slightly smarter set of clothes for meals and wearing in the centre
- Wash kit and towel
- 1 water bottle
- Torch & spare battery; important for anyone participating in evening outdoor activities
- A bag for separating clean and dirty clothing is a good idea.

Please note that there is a strong possibility that participants will get wet and muddy during their stay, new and expensive items of clothing are best left at home.

There is zero mobile phone signal at YHA Edale and outdoor activities are the ideal please to break or lose expensive technology. It is strongly recommended participants **do not bring expensive smart phones**. There is a payphone for customers onsite as well as a landline for emergency use.

All medication should be handed into the HAPS group leader with a note stating what it is, what it is for and the method and frequency of use. Medication must not be left in the bunkrooms or around the centre.

All valuables should be kept on your person or handed in at reception or to a HAPS member of staff. Participants should be encouraged not to bring valuables with them and to keep any pocket money to a reasonable level, in small denominations.



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