
May 2025

Outdoor Activities trip – Adventure International, Bude 2026
Sunday, 24 May to Friday, 29 May

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to invite your child to attend an activity week in the 2026 May half-term in Cornwall. The week provides an ideal opportunity for students to develop a sense of adventure and to experience and participate in a variety of activities which many may not have encountered before.

Previous activities have included surfing, caving, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, mountain boarding, assault course, high ropes and more.

There will also be a variety of evening activities including a talent night, fancy dress disco, karaoke, beach games, 5-a-side football competition and a disco and presentation of awards night.

Bude provides an ideal setting for the activities offered; the courses provide added stimulus to the work of the classroom and the benefits can have lasting effects for students.

The activities are organised and supervised by a professional group called "Adventure International". All activities sessions are led by a team of qualified instructors who hold the recognised national qualifications in the activities which they instruct.

Accommodation is at the Adventure International Centre in Bude, which is situated on the banks of the canal and overlooks the main surfing beaches. All rooms have shower and toilet facilities, are carpeted throughout and drying facilities are available on each floor. The food is fully inclusive, with three meals a day provided.

The total cost of the trip will be approximately £500. This will be dependent on the number of pupils who will attend the trip as well as the new season prices which will be confirmed in the summer/September.

- Coach travel to and from the centre in Bude
- 5 nights' accommodation and meals for the duration of the stay
- Main activity sessions run by fully qualified staff
- Evening activity sessions run by fully qualified staff
- Evening entertainment sessions
- Morning run or swim sessions
- Tuition and use of all specialist equipment required for all activities
- Full public liability insurance

It should be stressed that the programme will be strenuous at times, although highly enjoyable, and we hope that all students who take part in this trip will find it both challenging and rewarding.

Please note that it is necessary for every student participating to be able to swim at least 50 metres. If there is space in other groups, we may be able to switch them for the sea-based activities. Please contact me if you have any questions around this.

Adventure Bude will do its utmost to provide all of the arrangements that have been confirmed, but must reserve the right to alter or cancel any activities, accommodation or other arrangements, if operational, weather or other considerations so dictate. If this circumstance should arise, we will do our best to offer suitable alternatives.

All personal property is the owner's responsibility at all times, and we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property unless due to our negligence or failure to carry out our responsibility.

The Centre has rules, which they expect all students to abide by. **Failure to do so may result in your son/daughter being sent home by the Centre and you, or a responsible adult nominated by you, would be expected to collect your child.**

The rules are:

1. No anti-social behaviour
2. No bringing or using mobile phones on to the premises
3. No leaving the Centre unsupervised
4. No girls in boy's room or vice versa
5. No students allowed in other schools allocated areas

Mobile phones will be collected when we arrive. We will aim to plan evening activities where we can give the mobile phones back to pupils to use, when we are off-site whilst on the trip.

Students taking part in trips are representing Goldington Academy, and we therefore expect the highest standards of behaviour whilst they are out of school. For this reason, if the behaviour of a student gives us cause for concern in school prior to the trip taking place, we reserve the right not to accept them on the trip and any money paid might not be refunded.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please **make the deposit payment of £90 on Parent mail online by the deadline of Thursday, 10 July 2025.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office if you need any assistance with doing this or if there are any issues with this payment by the deadline. A payment schedule will then be set up when prices are confirmed for the new season. This is likely to be approximately £70 a month. If the trip price exceeds £520, we will be in contact before any

deposit is paid. All cancellations must be confirmed in writing, and if written confirmation of a cancellation is received up to 63 days prior to the commencement of your trip, you will only be charged your deposit payment. Cancellations received after this time will incur a higher cancellation charge.

There may be a limited number of places. In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, names will be drawn randomly.

Please note that if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding (Free School Meals at present or Free School Meals within the last 6 years or Previously/Looked After Child), you may be able to receive Pupil Premium funding towards the cost of school trips. Please contact Miss Andrews to discuss this further (andrewsv@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

If you require any further information about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

M Lincoln
Head of Year Nine

lincolnm@goldington.beds.sch.uk