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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 Residential Summer 2023 - Brecon Beacons

We are pleased to confirm that your child has a place on the Year 8 Brecon Beacons Summer Residential. We are very excited that residentials are returning following the pandemic and are looking forward to the wonderful opportunities this will bring for our pupils.

As you will understand a residential is a great privilege and places on this residential are conditional on excellent behaviour at Hartshill Academy. Any pupil who does not meet our expectations for excellent behaviour and conduct will risk losing their place on the residential. We hope this is not the case for any of our pupils but we need to ensure that the pupils who attend will be ready to represent themselves, their families and the school well whilst developing the independence that the residential experience brings.

We have included with this letter the kit list. This is the list provided by Acorn Adventures and it is important that pupils are fully prepared with the items on the list so they can fully participate in the programme.

Please note the date of the residential may have changed for some pupils as we have consolidated both trips for Year 8.

Wednesday 26th April – Friday 28th April 2023

If you have any questions, please contact our Year 8 Pastoral Leader Laura Copson
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Yours Sincerely



Lorraine Taylor
Principal

BRECON BEACONS ADVENTURE KIT LIST

We hope you are looking forward to your Acorn Adventure! Below is a list of items recommend you take with you, along with some important safety notes.

Kit List	
Sleeping bag	Pillow
Toiletries	Towel
Swimwear	Underwear and socks (at least two pairs per day)
Change of clothes for evenings	Nightclothes
Trousers/tracksuits/long shorts	Fleece/warm jumper in case of cold weather
T-shirts (covers shoulders)	Light waterproof jacket for warmer wet weather
Wallet/purse (spending money)	Small day rucksack or bag
High factor sun cream (50+) & insect repellent	Water bottle
Torch & spare batteries	Sun hat/cap
At least 2 pairs of trainers: you will need one for keeping dry, and at least one for activities. Crocs, wellies and sandals are not appropriate for activities.	
Wet Activities	
T-shirt (must cover past shoulder - no vests)	Shorts (Knee-Length)
Full toe protection - old trainers/water shoes you can tighten and have a hard sole. Crocs, wellies, or sandals are not appropriate for wet activities.	
Dry Activities	
Long sleeved t-shirt (must cover past elbow-no vests)	Trousers or long shorts
Full toe protection trainers (plimsolls are ideal)	
Optional	
Single sheet/Mattress cover	Disposable camera
Waterproof Trousers	Own wetsuit/rash vest
Plastic bags for wet/dirty clothes	Pen and notepad

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICES

- Acorn Adventure provides all specialist equipment for activities. Regulatory equipment, such as buoyancy aids and helmets, must be worn when supplied by the instructor. This applies to everyone, regardless of their level of experience.
- To guard against injury, closed shoes e.g. trainers, must be worn for all activities, including those that are water-based. Everyone will need to bring a minimum two pairs of footwear; one for wet and one for dry activities. An old pair of trainers is recommended for the water sports and plimsolls or trainers for land-based activities.
- If your child wears glasses, we advise that a tie on for glasses are necessary for activities.
- Denim clothes, including jeans, may not be worn for water-based activities.
- Jewellery (bracelets/bands/rings/ earrings etc) may cause injury and must therefore not be worn during activity sessions.
- Please note: if you choose to bring valuables – sunglasses, mobile phones, cameras etc. Acorn Adventure cannot be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur.
- Please note if you need an inhaler or EpiPen please bring at least two with you.

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