

# AN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER...

Oswald Road Primary School

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2017 – Kingswood Colomendy

# AGENDA

- An introduction to Kingswood
- Learning Outside the Classroom
- Inspiring Learning Outcomes
- Your Centre
- Your Programme
- See it for yourself!
- Your Centre team
- Home away from home
- A Typical day with Kingswood
- Safety and Wellbeing





# An Introduction to Kingswood

We are raising the bar to provide the very best outdoor learning experiences.

## WE ARE EXPERIENCED

Founded over 30 years ago!

## WE ARE SPECIALISTS

We now welcome over 165,000 young people from more 3,500 schools each year.

## WE ARE SAFE

Founding members of the British Activity Providers Association (BAPA) and have all the expected accreditations.



# The benefits of outdoor learning

LEARNING

AWAY

“ Learning Away has shown that a residential learning experience provides opportunities, benefits and impacts that cannot be achieved in any other educational context or setting. ”

– Learning Away Final Evaluation Report, York Consulting 2015



In long-term follow-up surveys, **79%** of KS2 pupils said, because of the trip, they knew their teachers better.



**78%** of staff involved felt that Learning Away had a 'significant' or 'transformative' impact on their understanding of their students' strengths and limitations.



In long-term follow-up surveys, **71%** of KS2 pupils said that because of the residential, they get on better with the other pupils in the class.

# Fun and adventure

Every Kingswood visit is unique. But one thing is for sure: fun, excitement and an exhilarating activity-packed programme come as standard. On top of that, we'll work with you to tailor your adventure and design your personalised programme around your objectives and desired learning outcomes.





# Inspiring Learning Outcomes

We strongly believe that learning is most effective when it's fun! We can tailor your programme to meet your objectives for your group around ten learning outcomes.



## Teamwork

Developing the ability to work constructively as a team member.



## Communication

Enhancing speaking and listening skills, plus non-verbal communication.



## Resilience

Finding positive opportunities for learning through exposure to failures or setbacks.



## Leading and supporting

Thriving in both roles through reflection, communication and building positive relationships.



## Challenge and risk

Understanding the challenges and consequences of controlled and healthy risk-taking.

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## Environmental awareness

Understanding how the human footprint affects the environment, both locally and globally.



## Self-confidence

Finding personal strengths, identifying opportunities for reflection, and boosting group engagement.



## Motivation

Inspiring learners in a supportive setting to be the best that they can be.



## Learning a skill

Exploring how individuals learn through the inspiring development of practical skills.



## Problem solving

Learning is applied in layers through continued cycles of plan, do, review.



# YOUR CENTRE





# COLOMENDY: CENTRE FACTS

Loggerheads, Nr Mold, Denbighshire, Wales, CH7 5LB

NEW  
FOR 2017!

High V – our brand  
new high ropes  
activity!



**Location:** Set within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Site of Special Scientific Interest in beautiful woodland with views of Moel Famau.

**Outdoor highlights:** Activities integrated into the stunning woodland, including a high ropes course woven amongst the trees, and an exceptionally realistic caving system built into a natural rock seam.

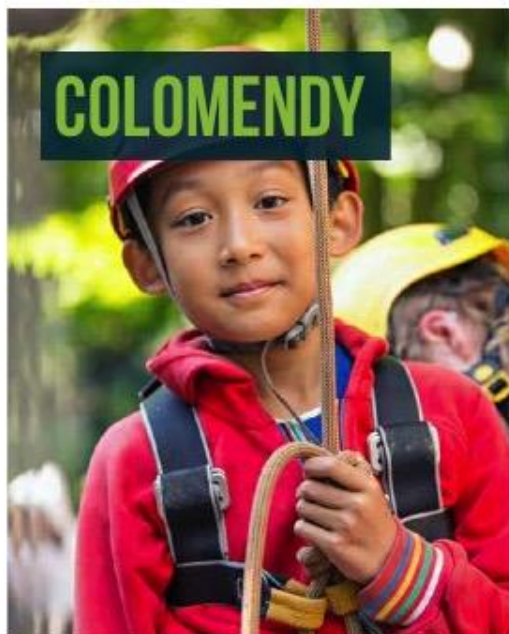
**Indoor highlights:** Spacious sports hall for team games, fencing and recreational activities.

**TOTAL BEDS: 571**



438 in standard rooms  
(sleeping 4–16 in each room)

133 in Adventure lodges  
(sleeping 11–19 in each lodge)



### Activity categories:



Challenge



Go explore



Get active



In the air



Evening activities

**BEST FOR:**



Older primary pupils looking for  
an immersive outdoor adventure.

### Programmes available:



Young  
Explorers



Adventure  
Choice



Life Skills



Transition and  
Team Building



Wild  
Adventurer



Reward



OUR CUSTOMERS  
GAVE OUR STAFF A  
FEEDBACK SCORE OF: **99%**



**1** RECEPTION

**2** ACCOMMODATION

**3** DINER AND LAUNDRY

**4** AEROBALL

**5** ZIPWIRE

**6** CLIMBING AND ABSEILING

**7** HIGH AND LOW ROPES

**8** PROBLEM SOLVING

**9** AERIAL WALKWAY

**10** ARCHERY

**11** LAKE

**12** ADVENTURE LODGES

# YOUR PROGRAMME





# Adventure Choice

*The original Kingswood experience*



**Ages:**  
8 to 11

## Learning outcomes



Challenge and risk



Teamwork



Problem solving

- Combining a variety of activity sessions, from aerial adventures to fun problem solving initiatives.
- Programme of adventure experiences which encourage your pupils to bond and work together as a team.
- We'll work closely with you to build you a tailored programme from our range of physically and mentally challenging activities to create memorable outdoor adventure!



# Adventure Choice

*The original Kingswood experience*

**Upgrade your Adventure Choice programme with:**

## **Watersports**

From canoeing to raft building, a 5 day Adventure Choice with watersports experience will normally include 2 double sessions on the water.



## **Bushcraft**

Add a bushcraft upgrade for a taste of life in the wild, building shelters, foraging for food and lighting campfires in the great outdoors, challenging their perception of the natural world. We recommend combining this with an Adventure Lodge stay.





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## Adventure Choice sample programme

	Breakfast	Session 1	Session 2	Lunch	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Dinner	Session 6	Evening
Example timings	8 am	9.30 am	10.45 am	12 pm	1 pm	2.20 pm	3.40 pm	5 pm	6.15 pm	7.45 pm
Monday	Arrive					Site tour and dorming	Caving	Laser zone	Dinner	Scrapheap challenge
Tuesday	Breakfast	3G swing	Leap of faith	Lunch	Team tech	Problem solving	Archery	Low ropes	Dinner	Night walk
Wednesday	Breakfast	Abseiling	Zipwire	Lunch	Jacob's ladder	Construct	Nightline	Bouldering	Dinner	Beach games
Thursday	Breakfast	Bushcraft		Lunch	Aeroball	Raft building		Balance beam	Dinner	Mini Olympics
Friday	Breakfast	Fencing	Orienteering	Lunch and departure						

**SEE IT FOR YOURSELF!**





# Your centre team



## Customer Services Team

Our team helps to assist with every aspect of your trip so that your group has a great time. They are friendly and approachable and value all feedback you might have about your trip because they enjoy knowing that they are assisting you to have the best possible experience.



## Centre Managers

Leading the team on centre, our managers ensure that the whole staff team is focused on what is 'best for guests'. They also manage the adventure activity programme on centre and are very accessible during your adventure, happy to answer any questions guests may have.



## Activity Leaders

We think this is the best job on centre! Our leaders are here to encourage you through every activity and challenge that you participate in at Kingswood, helping you and your group to work together and focus on achieving your objectives while having plenty of fun.

# Home away from home

Alongside a full and varied programme tailored to your group's aims and objectives, including evening activities and expert instruction from our enthusiastic, highly trained staff, your Kingswood experience also includes:

- ✓ All dormitories are warm, comfortable and 100% secure.
- ✓ Girls and boys sleep in separate areas and teachers rooms are located close by to allow for plenty of close supervision.
- ✓ All bedding is provided on centre – one of the very first tasks for all students is making up their own beds!
- ✓ Separate showers and toilet facilities are available for girls and boys.
- ✓ Chill out zone for older students.

## BREAKFAST

Pork sausage, vegetarian sausage, baked beans and grilled fresh tomato

Yoghurt and fresh fruit

Toast with jams and marmalade

Cereals

## LUNCH

Home made soup with crusty bread

Jacket potato

Pasta

Freshly prepared salads with sauces and dips

Selection of fresh fruit

## DINNER

Chicken and sweetcorn pie

Vegetable frittata

Selection of vegetables and potatoes

Selection of freshly prepared salads with sauces and dips

Yoghurt and fresh fruit





# A day full of fun

## A typical day at Kingswood runs as follows:

- Breakfast is served between 7.30am and 9am
- First activities start around 9.30am
- 10 minute refreshment break
- Lunch time allocation between 12pm and 2.30pm
- A full afternoon of activities
- 10 minute refreshment break
- Evening meal time allocation between 5pm and 7pm
- Evening entertainment from 7.45pm
- Lights out by 10:15pm



Kingswood will create a programme to meet specific objectives, needs and learning outcomes.

- 6 activity sessions per full day plus one final evening session.
- Fully qualified Kingswood activity instructors lead all activities
- Students are encouraged and praised during activities but are NEVER forced to take part if they are not comfortable doing so.

While other groups will also be present on centre during our stay, all programmes and activities are conducted separately, unless otherwise stated.

# Safety and wellbeing

**We know how daunting it can be letting your child go on a residential visit, so we do everything we can to make it a safe and enjoyable experience for all.**

Our policies and procedures are designed to make sure we adhere to the highest safety standards at all times:

- Continual safety and first aid training for all staff
- Regular checks on equipment before and after every activity session
- Qualified First-Aider on centre 24/7
- All staff are fully DBS checked.

We create a warm, supportive environment for students so they quickly feel at home. All our activities are progressive, allowing students to join in at whatever level they're comfortable with.

We have found the best way to help children cope with being away from home is to keep them busy, having fun from dawn 'til dusk.

Kingswood cannot guarantee 100% safety for personal items brought onto centre and they will not be covered by insurance. It is therefore advisable to leave valuables – cameras, mobiles, iPods, MP3 players, computer games, jewellery - at home. A clearly named disposable camera is acceptable.











"KINGSWOOD GAVE MY STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO GROW -  
THEY DEVELOPED THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND  
SELF-ESTEEM DURING THIS WEEK MORE THAN THEY  
COULD HAVE ACHIEVED IN SCHOOL."



**THANK YOU**

**QUESTIONS?**