

Year 9 Standon Bowers Trip

Day 1, Monday 8th May 2017

So the day started with room allocation and making up beds (with the help of staff). We then met our team leader Matt who took pupils outside for some map reading and blind fold activities. All pupils have been fed and watered well and ready for their night time activity, hot chocolate, shower, bed & hopefully sleep. Looking forward to a fun packed day on Tuesday.

Day 2, Tuesday 9th May 2017

Lots of very excited pupils last night at bed time ended up with weary eyes this morning including the staff.

Day started off with den building and fire building then this afternoon was rock climbing and archery.

After dinner we all went on a lovely sunny 2 mile walk across fields. Great fun watching some pupils rolling down the hill in the grass.



Getting caught in a cow field and having to climb over the gate was very exciting. Please note (see photo) no bulls were hurt during this walk.

Hoping they will all sleep like logs tonight as we are hiking over the Roaches tomorrow. Can we also add that on day 2 all pupils have survived with no wifi, xboxes, Playstations, iPads, laptops or phones

Day 3, Wednesday 10th May 2017

Last nights fresh air and 2 mile walk obviously did the trick. All pupils slept like babies (hurrah).

So today we have been to the Roaches and what a day. Blue skies & long walks with wall to wall sunshine. All pupils have had a turn at scrambling over and through rocks.

The walks took us up big inclines where the views were amazing helped by the clear skies. This evenings activities consisted of photo trails and playing ball games.

Loads more fresh air in the lungs equals sleepy heads.





Day 4, Thursday 11th May 2017

Today was all about bridge building and conquering fears.

Another good nights sleep was had by all.

This morning the pupils worked together in teams and did some imaginative bridge building and building tango towers. This involved building 'very high' towers of crates to the ceiling of the gym.

This afternoon we all joined together for a go on the high ropes. Now this was scary. 3 members of staff jumped off the top of the tower spurred on by some very, very courageous pupils that showed them how it was done.

No words can describe how proud we are of these pupils - overcoming fears.

This evening it was the campfire. We toasted marshmallows and sang songs - great last night had by all.

Day 5, Friday 12 May 2017

Last day. Rooms cleared and bags packed. Pupils had a last morning of activities of low ropes and caving. Lots of team work and supporting each other. Weather has been a bit dire today but we can't complain as we have been really lucky with the sunshine.

All in all the pupils have been well behaved and have surprised us every day with their communication, supporting of each other, interaction, nurturing personalities & overcoming fears.

Mr Huckfield would also like to say a massive thank you to his amazing and hardworking staff Mrs Rhodes, Miss Redfern, Miss J Smith & Mrs A Smith for their support this week. Mark our instructor for the week says 'he has had a fantastic week with our pupils and that they have brilliant. They have been super and overcome fears. Our pupils have been well behaved and should be proud of themselves, the instructors are putting their names down to work with Queenscroft pupils on the 2018 trip'