



4 April 2025

Dear Families

## **Ref: Proposed residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall**

I write to inform you of next year's planned Residential Trip to a specialist activity course at PGL Winmarleigh Hall Multi Activity Centre.

We are very fortunate to have secured a booking at this centre, as it is extremely popular with school groups. PGL is a leading residential activity centre provider, welcoming thousands of children every year. The centre provides a rewarding education programme offering many national curriculum-linked modules, combined with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities, with secure and controlled residential accommodation. PGL ensure students have fun, whilst taking part in all sorts of adventurous activities designed to help your child learn and develop new skills.

For many students this may be their first experience of staying away from home without you.

PGL staff and the Abbot's Lea School staff who know your child well, will be on hand throughout to encourage, reassure and help, so that your child returns home even more confident and independent, with a real sense of achievement.

We have chosen to book with PGL because not only do they offer excellent value but they also have a reassuring 60 years of experience organising trips for schools. Their extremely high standards ensure that your child will be in safe hands at all times.

If you wish to find out more about PGL Winmarleigh Hall Multi Activity centre, its ethos, courses, supervisory and safety measures, please visit

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>

Abbot's Lea School has secured funding to offer all students subsidised spaces, in order to make the trip accessible to all students who wish to attend. The original cost of the visit was £270 but with our subsidy the visit will now cost **£160!**

We would therefore like to offer this opportunity to the students of the following key stages (as of September 2025):

- **Key Stage 2** – Wednesday, 4 March 2026 – Friday, 6 March 2026  
*Total Cost - £160*
- **Key Stage 3** – Wednesday, 4 March 2026 – Friday, 6 March 2026  
*Total Cost - £160*
- **Key Stage 4** – Wednesday, 25 February 2026 – Friday, 27 February 2026  
*Total Cost - £160*
- **Key Stage 5** – Wednesday, 25 February 2026 – Friday, 27 February 2026  
*Total Cost - £160*

The total cost includes evening accommodation for 2 nights, with 3 days of fun filled activities. All food and snacks are included, along with transport to and from Winmarleigh Hall.

For students in our EYFS/KS1 and Bespoke Provisions, we will provide alternative onsite opportunities.

- Students in Year 2 transitioning to Adapted National Curriculum classrooms in Key Stage 2 will be invited to join the residential next year. This applies to students who are in Year 2 and currently in France class.
- Students in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, along with those enrolled in our Bespoke program, will be offered a customised trip designed to meet their interests and needs. Further details will be provided shortly. This applies to students currently in Italy, Spain, Ireland, Wales, Portugal and Seychelles classes.

The deadline for securing of places and payment of the non-refundable deposit of £40 per student, is due to the school by 28 April 2025 and will be payable via Arbor.

The remainder of the payments needs to be settled by 28 September 2025, and families will be able to pay in flexibly, as long as the total amount due is in our account by 28 September 2025.

As mentioned above, should your decision or circumstances change after the payment of the deposit, that deposit is non-refundable. If similar change of circumstances occurs after any further payments are made or after the 28 September 2025, and the child doesn't attend, or attends only part of the trip, the costs would not be refundable.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please email, based on your child's age in September:

- For primary aged students (KS2) – Mrs Cartwright (Assistant Headteacher – Primary Department) [primary@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:primary@abbotsleaschool.co.uk)
- For secondary aged students (KS3, 4, and 5) - Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher – Secondary Department) [secondary@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:secondary@abbotsleaschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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and

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