



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

TRIP509 Yr 9 Residential trip to Outward Bound 2025 (Ogwen Cottage – Wales)

I am delighted to announce the proposed four-night residential adventure trip to the Ogwen Cottage Outward Bound centre, exclusively for our **current Year 9 students**. This trip will take place between **Monday 21st July 2025 and Friday 25th July 2025** and aims to provide students with the chance to develop team working, communication and analytical skills as well as self-confidence through real adventure.

The proposed itinerary is as follows, although it may be subject to change to take account of any differing group needs/progress or the weather.

Monday 21st July 2025

We will leave the Ecclesbourne School early in the morning by coach and travel to Ogwen Cottage. On arrival at the Outward Bound centre students will immediately start developing their team work skills through a variety of on-site activities.

Tuesday 22nd July - Thursday 24th July 2025

Students will complete a variety of adventure activities during this time. These may include raft building, high rope activities, obstacle courses, sailing, canoeing, gorge walking and hill walking. As part of their adventure students will also be required to plan and undertake an overnight linked journey on foot, canoe or sailing boat where they will spend a night being self-sufficient. All activities at Outward Bound are run by trained supervisors and have been risk assessed.

Friday 25th July 2025

On the last day students will have time to reflect on their experience and develop an action plan to implement their newly acquired skills. We will then return from Ogwen Cottage, after lunch at the centre, by coach to the Ecclesbourne School aiming to arrive back early Friday Evening.

We will be staying in modern, purpose built dormitories that are part of the Outward Bound Centre. Accommodation will be provided on a full-board basis and the cost also includes any specific outdoor equipment and transportation between activities off site.

The cost of the trip is £682.00

The success of previous Outward Bound trips allows me to anticipate that demand for this trip will be high and places will be **limited to 36 students**. Should the trip be oversubscribed, students will be given priority for a place based on their application letter and in the following order:

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1. Students who have been unsuccessful in gaining a place on a previous trip within the same school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School);
2. Students who have not previously been on a residential trip whilst in their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School);
3. All other students who have expressed a wish to partake in the trip.

We cannot legally impose a charge for this trip, but we can ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£682.00** towards its cost, provided we do not treat differently those who choose not to contribute. In this instance, unless the majority feel able to contribute, we will not be able to run the trip out of school funds.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding and you would like to be considered for financial assistance with this trip please complete the reply slip below and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence. The school/Outward Bound carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties. If you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please return the reply slip below and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence with the appropriate Head of School.

In the event of your child not being able to take part in this trip, every effort will be made to find a replacement. If this is not possible then we regret that any monies already paid will not be refundable.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small financial surplus. When this occurs refunds are given for sums of over £5.00 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will revert to the Hardship fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.

For successful students, the initial deposit of £100 will be required by 11th December 2024 with payment being made via the ParentPay system.

Second instalment	£120.00	1 st January 2025
Third instalment	£120.00	1 st February 2025
Fourth Instalment	£120.00	1 st March 2025
Fifth instalment	£110.00	1 st April 2025
Final instalment	£112.00	1 st May 2025

When payment is made using the ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip/event and agree to any conditions stated in the trip letter. If you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will need to complete the reply slip below to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay at any local store participating in the PayPoint system. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to any conditions stated in the trip letter.

Please note: PayPoint cards are for cashless catering only. A barcoded letter is required for all other payments.

Outward Bound's advice is to leave valuable watches, jewellery, phones, iPods and stereos behind. However, if participants need to bring them, access to a safety deposit box is provided at the centre. Mobile phone use in activity time is not permitted and students will be encouraged to give your phone to their instructor for safekeeping during their course. Aerosols and penknives are prohibited.

In the interests of legality, safety and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances, may be sent home at their parents' expense to await a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action. (NB: No child would be sent home without first contacting the parents/carers concerned and reaching agreement that the transport arrangements were appropriate). When paying for the trip via Parent Pay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

If you have any questions, please contact me at info@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Mr A Basey

Outward Bound Trip Leader

REPLY SLIP - TRIP509 Yr 9 Residential trip to Outward Bound 2025 (Ogwen Cottage – Wales) £682.00

If you wish to secure a place on this trip, the letter of application should be returned with the reply slip to Mr Basey by 20th November 2024.

I would like my child to attend the above trip and agree to make the full payment / instalments via ParentPay / PayPoint by 1st May 2025 if they are successful in gaining a place.

Please issue me with a barcoded letter to enable me to pay via PayPoint.

I would like to be considered for financial assistance through:

Pupil Premium ☐

Hardship Fund ☐

Student Name:

Form:

I understand that, in the event of the trip being over-subscribed, my child may not gain a place on this trip. I have read the criteria for selection in the above letter.

I consent to my child taking part in this trip and I agree to the conditions stated in the trip letter.

Signature of Parent/Carer:

PLEASE COMPLETE IF RELEVANT

- My child has been unsuccessful in securing a place on any previously advertised trip within their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School) due to over-subscription.

Trip Name:

Trip Leader:

Approximate date of trip:

- My child has ***not*** been on a residential trip before within their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School)
- My child has been on a previous residential trip or trips within their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School)

Trip Name:

Trip Leader:

Approximate date of trip: