

2017 – 2018 Residential Trips

Residential trips are an integral part of co-curricular activities at Addington. These outdoor educational trips afford our young people of varying abilities the opportunity to access adventurous activities and challenges, which give our students, not only enriching experiences, but the opportunity to grow in self-confidence; and develop their social and independence skills.

With the view to providing our students similar experiences, irrespective of ability, we have organised three residential trips this academic year.

In October 2017 our access class went to the Calvert Trust in Barnstaple where they experienced abseiling, archery, cycling, canoeing, crate stacking, horse riding, the giant swing and the zip wire. The evenings were more recreational, involving socialising and a disco.

Some of our Key Stage 5 students went to Grosvenor Hall in Kent, in April this year for five days and four nights. They enjoyed a very full programme of outdoor challenges, involving climbing, problem solving and team building activities.

In June, sixteen Key Stage 4 students went on the annual New Futures residential trip to Tirabad, Wales. This trip involves our students buddying-up with Sixth Form students from The Charters, Emmbrook and Maiden Erlegh schools. During the New Futures residential students do caving, gorge walking, canoeing and archery. They have the opportunity to develop their self-help and social skills.

Prior to these trips there is understandable trepidation all round, especially among parents of first timers. On our return it is clear that our young people have grown in self-confidence and independence.

None of these trips would be possible without the dedication of the people who give up their time to accompany and support our young people. Special mention needs to be made of Casey, Eleanor, Annah, Ian, Justine, Amy, Lydia, Jane, Gail, Kirsty and Sam who went on one or more residential trips.

Accolades also go to Heather from The Charters; Katie from Emmbrook and Les from Maidenerlegh schools, and their Sixth Formers, who played a pivotal role in making the New Futures residential trip to Tirabad the success it was.



