



Welcome...



18th-22nd May 2026





About the Centre...

- Residential Outdoor Education Centre.
- A charitable, educational trust owned by Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation.
- Set in the Brecon Beacons National Park, South Wales.
- Subsidised rates available for those within the Kettering borough.



What makes it special...

- Sole occupancy of the Centre, which fosters a warm, residential atmosphere.
- Real, challenging activities in natural settings.
- Ideally located in an area of outstanding natural beauty (Brecon Beacons National Park).
- Highly supportive, caring and friendly staff.
- Non-confrontational approach, focused on individual learning and achievement.
- Tailored-made programme for every school or organisation.



Our aim for participants...

- To provide new, worthwhile experiences.
- To enjoy learning out of the classroom environment & develop healthy working relationships.
- To improve confidence and self-belief.
- To learn team skills in practical situations.
- To foster independence and responsibility.
- To have fun and return to school feeling fresh and motivated.

Health, Safety & Quality Assurance...



- AALS License (Adventure Activities Licensing Service).
- Learning Outside The Classroom Accreditation.
- Well-qualified and highly-experienced Instructional staff.
- Dynamic, ongoing risk assessments of all activities.
- Encourage participants to achieve their potential, without coercion or pressure.



	Morning			Afternoon		Evening
Day 1	Travel to Govilon	Arrive, settle in & Introductions	Lunch	Team Exercises & Problem Solving Challenges	Dinner 17.30	Mountain Walk
Day 2	Tunnel Exploration		Packed Lunch	Waterfalls Adventure	Dinner 17.30	School Led
Day 3	Seaside visit		Packed Lunch	Seaside visit	Dinner -fish and chips at the beach	Late return – no evening activity
Day 4	Canoeing & bushcraft		Camp lunch made by children	Canoeing & bushcraft	Dinner 17.30	Bowling option
Day 5	Pack & tidy up	Big Pit Visit	Packed Lunch	Depart 13.30		

The Centre...



Accommodation...



The Centre has **57 beds** in total, comprised of both twin and dormitory-style bedrooms. These rooms all have accompanying or adjoining washrooms. A summary of our bedrooms is as follows:-

3 x twin rooms

3 x rooms of 6

1 x room of 15

1 x room of 18

The focal point of the centre is the dining room/common room, which comfortably sits all guests. The room is equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, a TV/DVD player and a whiteboard. We also have a large lounge at the other end of the building, which backs onto a sizeable garden. Visitors are most welcome to use the grounds for games, activities and barbecues.

The village of Govilon itself has a convenience store, a church, playing fields and a public house - all within walking distance.

Equipment...



Mountain Walk...



Gorge Walk...



Tunnel Exploration...



Bush Craft...



Canoeing...



Memories of Govilon...



“Another great trip. Thank you to everyone for looking after us so well (as usual)”
Visiting Teacher, Northampton

“The most adventurous day ever! EPIC!”
Year 7 Student, Kettering

“Thanks for a great time, we had fun!
Great food and activities.”
Year 11 Student, Northampton

“Thank you so much!! This is my best trip so far, thank you again. Keira.”
Year 4 Pupil, Kettering

“Thank you ever so much for letting us stay at Govilon!
It was a fantastic trip!”
Year 4 Pupil, Kettering



'What to Bring' List

4-Day/5-Day Residential Activity Programme

The Centre has extensive stores and will provide all necessary specialist equipment. This includes waterproof jacket & trousers, small rucksack, walking boots and/or wellies.

There is no need to purchase any specialist items, however, should you have your own equipment, feel free to bring it. Please remember that clothing used on our courses may get wet and dirty, so older/less expensive items are preferable.

The Following Items are Suggested as the Minimum for Your Course:-

- Clothes and shoes to travel in (also for indoor wear at Centre)
- Packed lunch and drink for the first day
- Personal medication (if applicable)
- Sleeping bag (all other bedding will be provided)
- 3 x pairs trousers (not jeans)
- 4 x t-shirts
- 4 x jumpers/sweatshirts/fleece tops/hoodies
- 5 x pairs of socks
- Underwear (enough for several changes)
- Pair of old trainers or shoes
- Warm hat and gloves
- Jacket/coat
- Pyjamas or bed clothes
- Towel and wash kit/toiletries
- 2 large black bags/bin liners
- Swimming costume/trunks
- Torch with batteries (if you have one)
- Sun screen (Spring/Summer)
- Sun hat/cap and sunglasses (Spring/Summer)
- Spending money (check how much to bring with your school/organisation)
- Reading book (optional)

No electronics, including mobile phones.

*Please mark or label clothing and equipment with the owner's name, to avoid mix-ups.

Seasonal Variations

Programmes during the colder part of the year would be advised to put in extra warm clothing, extra gloves etc. During warmer weather, shorts and extra t-shirts may be appropriate.



Thank you.

If you have any questions or need further information, please get in touch.

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Estimated costs

The *estimated cost is £380.

This includes transport, accommodation, activities and all meals except a packed lunch on the first day. The only additional cost would be up to £10 spending money.

*This is based on a minimum number, below which the cost of the trip would increase or may mean we need to cancel.

*We are awaiting confirmation of coach prices for the 2025/26 season, which may also affect the price.

Payments

Please note, the £50 deposit is non-refundable.

Govilon have also updated their terms and conditions for this year and require full payment 8 weeks before the visit, therefore the full balance will be due by **Friday 20th March.**

If you cancel your place after this time and we are unable to fill the space, unfortunately you will still be liable for the full cost of the visit. We advise parents to take out suitable travel insurance to protect against this eventuality.

If you would like to reserve a place:

- **Complete and return the Govilon consent form to the office before the END OF TERM** - these will be numbered on their return and **places are on a first come first served basis**. If we reach the limit on spaces, additional applications will be numbered and added to a reserve list.
- Pay the non-refundable £50 deposit – payments will be setup on Arbor once your consent form is received and will be due by the start of the Autumn term. You will receive an invoice for the deposit if you have successfully reserved a place.
- Those entitled to the pupil premium may use their voucher from this year for the £50 deposit if there are sufficient funds available-please just note on your consent form if you wish to do this. You may also use £50 from your 2025/2026 voucher towards the total balance too.
- **Please note, the trip will only be able to go ahead if we have sufficient interest. To confirm interest the above both need to be completed and returned by the deadlines. Unfortunately, if we do not meet the minimum requirement we will be forced to cancel the trip.**

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