

Charterhouse 2025

(Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July 2025)



December 2024

Dear Parent,

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been allocated a place on this trip. I look forward to a successful and enjoyable camp.

Your child will leave school at approximately 8.40am on the morning of Wednesday 9th July 2025 and will require a packed lunch and plenty to drink in their rucksack.

They will return on the evening of Friday 11th July 2025 at approximately 5.30pm.

Please make arrangements to collect your child at this time.

Please complete the **Medical, Dietary and Permission (EV5)** google form

<https://forms.gle/igB2LWs2SfpE5VfZ9> if you have not done so already. This is very important and must be completed accurately and signed. Medication must be named and given to the teacher in charge of your child's group on the day of departure. Children are not allowed to retain medication. You may feel it necessary to discuss any requirements with the teacher in charge of the group. **This form must be completed and submitted to the school office by Monday 20th January 2025. Please note that your child will not be able to go if a form is not completed.**

Also enclosed with this letter is the code of conduct. Please read through this with your child. Any child who does not comply with the code of conduct whilst at Charterhouse could be sent home. Pupils' behaviour prior to the Charterhouse Trip will be monitored.

I have also enclosed a 'standard' kit list. Although we will hopefully have no rain, wellington boots will be particularly useful for caving. Some are available from the Centre but not in large numbers.

We want the trip to be educationally sound and rewarding, a good social experience, fun and, most importantly, safe. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Pip Nightingale
Charterhouse Trip Organiser

CHARTERHOUSE KIT LIST

There should be no need to buy clothing or special equipment. Borrowed and OLD clothes are fine. The object is to stay comfortable. There will be few people to see us on top of the Mendip Hills – so there is no need to be fashionable, just sensible! Hopefully the weather will be wonderful – but it is best to plan for the worst!

A GOOD WATERPROOF JACKET/COAT, STRONG SHOES AND WELLINGTONS ARE THE BASIC ESSENTIALS.

Good strong walking boots are ideal but proper heavy-duty trainers AND wellingtons will do (wellingtons can be borrowed at the center for caving). The mud can be very deep, so wellingtons are often the best thing to wear but can rub, so it is good to have both. A pair of slippers or flipflops for indoors are useful as no trainers are allowed inside.

A top garment, which is as waterproof as possible: A nylon type anorak is ideal with jumpers/sweatshirts underneath. Waterproof over-trousers are good too if the forecast is poor.

N.B. All clothes and kit should be old – it is not necessary to buy expensive new kit for a trip to Charterhouse!!

- PLENTY of layers of clothing are most suitable with changes when they get wet.
- Lighter jumpers or sweatshirts for evenings.
- Leggings and joggers are best, with shorts for free time but shorts are not suitable for caving or climbing. -
- Jeans can't be worn for any activities.
- A single duvet cover, sheet and pillowcase **or** a sleeping bag and pillowcase if preferred.
- Enough T-shirts (some long sleeved) or sweatshirts for 3 days away.
- Enough underwear for 3 days away – lots of socks (up to 3 pairs per day!).
- PJ's or nightdress. Dressing gown if wanted.
- Woollen hat to keep ears warm and gloves (if it's wet in the Mendips these can be useful).
- Swimming costume (to wear under wetsuits), sunscreen, sun hat.
- Wash bag with soap, flannel, toothbrush and paste, etc.
- Two small towels are better than a big one (may get dropped on wet floor).
- Lunch and drinks container (not glass), lunch for Day 1 (put in a rucksack with suncream and sunhat for the walk in) PLEASE BRING PLENTY TO DRINK ON THE WALK (at least two bottles).
- A torch if you'd like one.

PLEASE

- Avoid aerosols – these are a banned item.
- Do not pack stashes of food, they won't need it and too many sweets stop them sleeping.
- Do not bring electrical devices/phones etc. There is no phone signal or access to Wi-Fi and they get easily lost.

OAKFIELD ACADEMY - PUPIL CODE OF CONDUCT

The object of the code is for everyone to have a good, safe time, respecting the countryside, the center and each other.

ON THE COACH OR MINIBUS

- * Only get on or off the coach when told to do so by staff.
- * Sit at all times when the coach is moving, with seat belt on!
- * Do not eat or drink on the coach.

AT THE CENTRE

- * Listen carefully to all the instructions by the warden and staff.
- * You must NEVER enter any other bedroom but your own.
- * Do all your chores willingly and well.
- * Never leave the site without permission.
- * Be quiet at night. If you can't sleep, do not disturb others who can!
- * Keep your bedroom and yourself clean.
- * Keep the washroom clean and observe strict hygiene rules in the kitchen.

OUT AND ABOUT

- * Always stay with your group.
- * Listen to all staff instructions carefully and obey them.
- * If by any strange chance you get lost STAY PUT and we will find you.
- * Respect field boundaries, crops, stone walls and property.
- * Do not touch animals.
- * Do not eat berries.
- * Although we use few roads, take great care. Country lanes can be dangerous. Traffic needs to see you. Be alert!
- * Report any worry or problem immediately to a teacher.
- * If you are receiving instruction from a guide or leader, then listen politely and learn.
- * Think about all your actions.

Have a really good time.