

17th November 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 17/11/23

I hope this update finds you well. Before the half term, students at Horizons were given the opportunity to go on a funded week-long residential at Dearne Valley Kingswood through the National Citizen Service. Here is what they got up to!

During the four night adventure away from home, students were given the opportunity to change their community and make the right choices. They got life hacks they didn't know they needed, learned survival skills, and tested their limits by getting stuck into adrenaline-filled activities in the outdoors.

This was a great way to gain skills that are great for their futures and CV, and were able to try things they have never tried before, show off their creative side and boost confidence. It really was an experience of a lifetime!

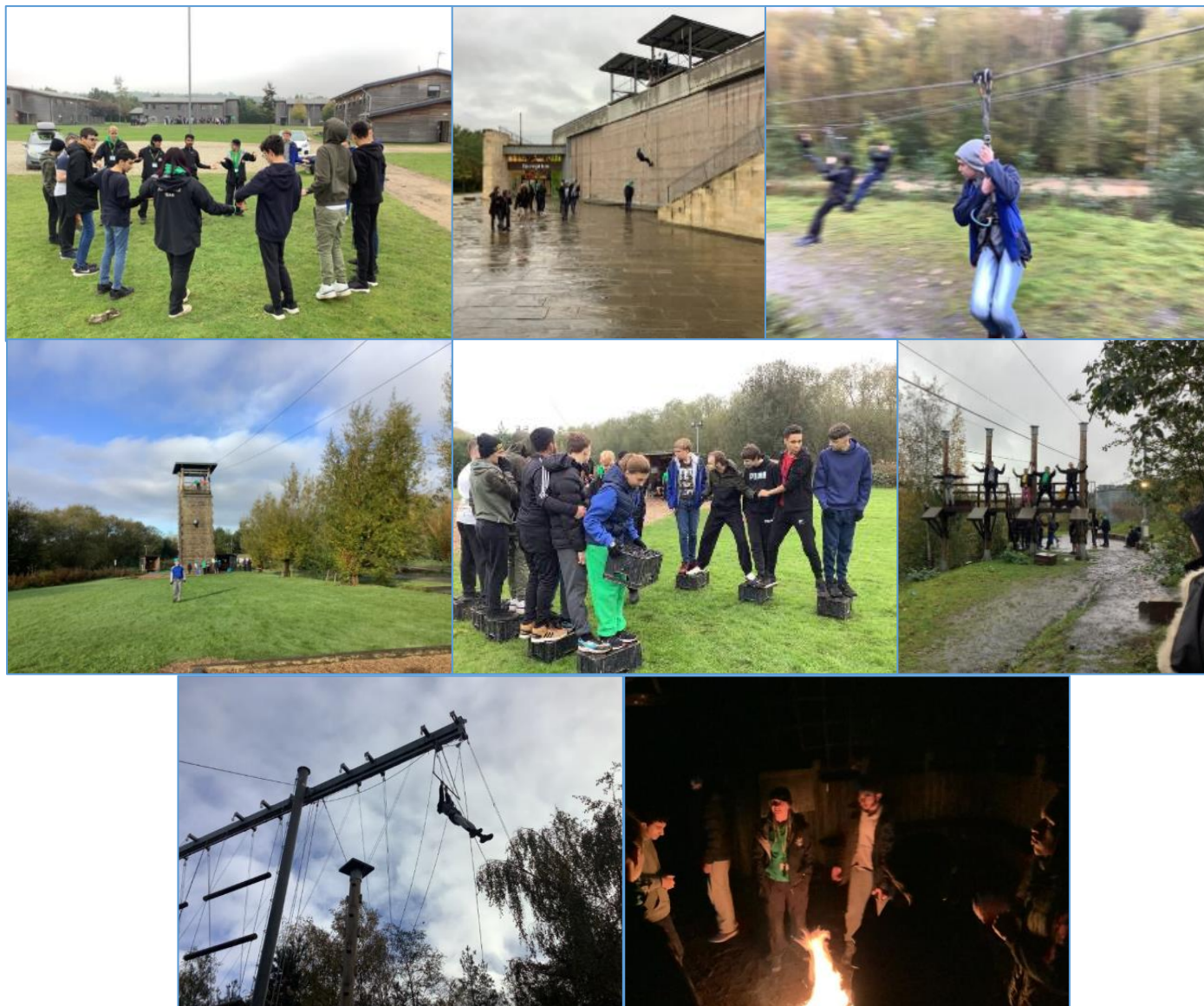
The students had a great experience from working together on physical and practical activities - and joining in with other groups of students from other schools and colleges. Here are some student comments:

- "My favourite activity was the Zip line. I liked it going fast. I got to meet new people and feel happy. The food was nice." – Dylan
- "I liked climbing it made me feel happy, Speaking and working with new staff was nice. The bedrooms were nice and cosy." - James
- "The 2 zip wire activities were my favourite activity – I had a great time I was proud for doing the 2 highly challenging activities." – Sam H
- "I enjoyed everything including the food. It was a good experience to do different things. I want to visit there again." – Hamza
- "I enjoyed both zip lines and abseiling. It felt like a treat before half term - a great experience." – Jacob
- "My favourite activity was the zip line because it was fun and very fast. It was fun to do activities and be with friends." – Charlie
- "My favourite activity was Laser tag because it is fun and I liked working with my team mates. I enjoyed most of the activities and the physical experiences. The food was good."

Some images of students taking part in activities at Kingswood are on the next page...

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Thank you to the staff team who facilitated the visit – we couldn't have taken part without your commitment to our students.

Positive Social Parents Session

Positive Social are running a free online version of their popular Positive Social parents' session on the evening of Monday 27 November (7.45pm-8.30pm). The session is a natural follow up to their student Positive Social sessions and is aimed at helping parents who'd like to help their children make good choices when it comes to social media and times on their phones. All the details can be found here: <https://buytickets.at/positivesocial/1049361/r/sch>.

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Post-16 Marketplace

A Post-16 marketplace event is taking place at Transition2 on Tuesday 21st November from 4:30pm-6:30pm. This will be a useful event with representatives from different sectors including education, health, social care, employment and leisure. More details are on the next page.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Post-16 Marketplace Event

Transition 2, Whitaker Road, Derby, DE23 6AR

Tuesday
21st November



4:30



6:30



Meet people from local organisations,

including:

Education, Health,
Social Care,
Employment & Leisure

Hear directly from
young learning disabled
people, parents/carers and
providers ... and enjoy a
free cuppa!



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn Term

INSET Day – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27th October

School Starts Back – Monday 6th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 8th January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15th February

INSET Day – Friday 16th February

School Starts Back – Monday 26th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28th March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 15th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 24th May

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd June

INSET Day – Monday 1st July

School Breaks up for Summer – Tuesday 23rd July

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