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an experience that
challenged, motivated
and inspired our
students.”**

- Dyke House School



**Outdoor education
& adventure centres**

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“An outstanding educational experience. The activities enable the whole child to be developed: academically, physically, socially and emotionally. Invaluable.”

- St Sebastians Catholic School



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About Kingswood

Imagine a place where young people are inspired to learn and grow; where challenges are faced, skills learnt, minds opened and potential nurtured every day...

At Kingswood this is what we do. With a focus on providing powerful learning and invaluable experiences, we help young people to become the very best that they can be.

The next generation of doers, thinkers, inventors and creators are motivated to take a journey of discovery, embrace adventure and make sense of their world. Inquisitive minds are encouraged to celebrate change. Creative thinking is always promoted and challenges tackled head on. Confidence is built, resilience developed and self-esteem

boosted along the way. At Kingswood we create an enriching Learning Outside the Classroom experience that not only supports young people's 'formal' education, it also complements their lives and helps them grow as individuals.

With 30 years experience we know what works and we're proud to deliver experiential learning at its very best.

Linda Addy
Managing Director

Inspired learning

Kingswood offers a complete educational and adventure activity programme for young people across the UK and around the world; an experience that aids personal development, teaches key life-skills and helps build confidence and self-belief.

Ten centres located in the UK and France, programmes designed to educate and engage, over 40 exciting adventure activities and one unforgettable Outside the Classroom learning experience to inspire young minds.

With stimulating environments, state-of-the-art facilities and highly qualified instructors, we can work with you to go beyond classroom teaching and textbook theory. Accelerated learning by doing and the ultimate adventure activity experience; a chance to enhance education, put theory into practice and encourage independence, self-awareness and teamwork every day.

Our educationally rich modules and sessions are designed to complement current curricula and exam criteria and provide a stimulating learning opportunity outside the classroom for maximum academic benefit. Young people are equipped with the knowledge, key values and important

PLTS skills to encourage them to think for themselves and adapt what they learn; to analyse problems and find solutions at every turn; to embrace challenges with enthusiasm and adopt a positive mental attitude to life and change.

Benefits gained are immense, from the development of a healthy self awareness and empathy for others and their environment, to an increase in concentration and self-awareness, to a greater level of respect for those – both teachers and peers alike – who have shared the same journey.

With all programmes tailored to help you meet your objectives, and unlimited help and guidance available every step of the way, at Kingswood we can provide that perfect blend of excitement, creative learning and adventure to meet your needs and requirements.

Please call us on 0800 655 6564 to discuss exactly what we can offer you.

“A unique experience which we are unable to provide at school. Unforgettable memories for our children.”

- Altofts Junior School

Schools

With a strong educational ethos and a focus on learning by doing, our programmes are continually developed alongside educational partners such as The University of the First Age, to not only complement the curriculum taught in Primary and Secondary schools throughout Britain, but also to ensure the subjects covered remain both relevant and of interest to young people.

Kingswood offers outstanding teaching, outdoor learning and eco-friendly facilities, as well as state-of-the-art adventure activities and comfortable, fully secure residential accommodation.

Groups

As well as catering for schools we also cater to a wide range of groups, from sporting and youth organisations to uniformed, cultural and multi-faith groups. All of our centres offer a range of adventure activities to choose from, and the option to incorporate any of our educational modules into your programme. All programmes can be tailored to suit the needs of your group and centre bookings can be made on either an exclusive or shared use basis.

Our centres provide a safe and fully secure environment, complete with boundary fencing, single-sex dormitories and Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosures on all staff. Many of the centres offer extensive conference facilities and at Grosvenor Hall, we have separate, dedicated kitchens if required.

International Schools and Groups

With many of our centres conveniently located close to major airport and transport links, including the Eurostar, Kingswood can provide the ideal destination for international students and young people looking to visit the UK and immerse themselves in the British way of life.


In addition to the outstanding educational facilities and many activities available, our English in Action programme also offers specialist English language tuition from highly motivated instructors - an invaluable opportunity to interact with young people from all over the world and improve language skills in an English speaking setting.

A wide range of cultural excursions and fun day trips are also available, including visits to some of the UK's most iconic cities, castles and tourist attractions.




MODULE	SESSIONS	PAGE	AGE GROUPS								CENTRES									
			KS2	KS3	KS4	KS5	P4-7	S1-6	OS	UK	Colomendy	Dearne Valley	Dukeshouse Wood	Grosvenor Hall	Isle of Wight	Overstrand Hall	Peak Venture	Staffordshire	West Runton	Château de Chantereine
Adventure Choice	Adventure Choice	12	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Watersports	13	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Transition	Transition	14	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Personal Development UFA Module	Trust Me	17	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	I Can Be a Leader	18	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	I CAN Make a Difference	18	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Leading & Learning in Teams	19	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bushcraft	Life: It's a Risky Business	19	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Bushcraft	20	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Environmental	Alien Survivor	24	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	CSI: Kingswood	25	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Finding Fin a New Home	26	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Save Swampy's Woodland	27	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	KS3 Environmental	28	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	GCSE Geography & Science	28	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SQA Geography & Biology	28	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	AS & A2 Level Geography	30	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	AS & A2 Level Biology	31	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ICT	Cause & Effect*	34	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Flash Dance	34	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Interactive Scenes*	35	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	iVenture	35	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Mission Maker	33	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Roving Reporter*	36	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Soundscape*	36	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Interaction	Interaction	37	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
ASDAN	ASDAN	38	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
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	Environmental Art	42	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Gas Platform	42	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Living Machine	42	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Lost on the Moon	42	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Tower Build	42	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	UFA - I Can Be a Leader	42	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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What we do where




KS2
Key Stage 2
Ages 7-11




KS4
Key Stage 4
Ages 15-16




KS3
Key Stage 3+
Ages 12-14




KS5
Key Stage 5
Age 17




P4-7
Primary 4-7
Ages 7-11



OS
Overseas Groups
Ages 7-17



S1-6
Secondary 1-6
Ages 12-17



UK
UK Groups
Ages 7-17

Because our programmes are tailor-made to help you meet your groups aims, objectives and learning outcomes, we are always on hand to help you make the right choice. Just give our friendly and experienced team a call to discuss your options.

*Available at all other centres by Sept. ** Currently only available at Dearne Valley but will be available at other centres soon.



“Everyone is so friendly and personable, things are exceptionally well organised without being regimented.”

- Little Heath School

Teacher preview dates*

Colomendy 27 October 2012 27 April 2013	Dukeshouse Wood 13 October 2012 3 March 2013
West Runton 27 October 2012 20 April 2013	Staffordshire 20 October 2012 3 March 2013
Overstrand 27 October 2012 20 April 2013	Dearne Valley 20 October 2012 10 March 2013
Grosvenor Hall 20 October 2012 27 April 2013	Château de Chanteraine 20/21 October 2012 23/24 March 2013
Isle of Wight 13 October 2012 3 March 2013	
Peak Venture 20 October 2012 10 March 2013	

* Please note that all dates are subject to change.

Teacher previews

When organising a school trip, you may wish to make sure the centre you're visiting meets all of your group's needs. So to help make life a little easier, why not come along for a sneak peak and experience for yourself just how much Kingswood has to offer.

Our teacher preview visits provide the perfect opportunity for you to get to know our team (including centre managers and staff, programme managers and our highly experienced educational specialists), meet other teachers and see another school visit in action. You can also tour our extensive grounds and facilities and, if you're brave enough, experience some of our exhilarating adventure activities first hand.

As well as giving you a chance to ask plenty of questions and find out exactly what you need to know, this preview also allows us

the time to offer the guidance and support you need, so that together we can create an experience that fulfils all your students' needs.

Teacher previews can also provide the perfect opportunity in which to establish strong partnership links going forward, introducing your school to all that Kingswood has to offer, from outstanding teaching classrooms and educational sessions, to purpose-built adventure activity parks, stunning outdoor surroundings, and state of the art conference facilities.

If you're interested to find out more about what we have to offer, why not book in to visit one of our centres on the dates listed. If you can't make any then just give us a call and we can arrange a visit at a time to suit you.

Our preview visits are always very popular, so please call +44 (0) 800 655 6564 to book your place and avoid any disappointment.



“Carefully tailored to our needs, outstanding staff who go the extra mile.”

- Derby High School

Your programme

Programmes that provide truly enriching Learning Outside the Classroom experiences designed to aid personal development, teach important life skills and stimulate young people to be the best they can be.

Working in partnership with leading educational organisations such as The University of the First Age (UFA) and ASDAN, at Kingswood we support learning outcomes by combining curriculum and outdoor learning. Using activity as a conduit to reach and raise academic attainment, we offer graduated levels of progression to ensure young people are continually challenged to try something new.

With a focus on supporting and enhancing a young person’s formal education and providing each school with the complete educational experience, all Kingswood visits are carefully structured to meet the following format:

Programmes

The programme encompasses the complete centre experience, from the excitement of nights away from home and the camaraderie of communal mealtimes, to the exciting adventure activities and evening entertainment on offer and of course the combination of educational option sessions that have been chosen.

Each individual component of the programme is tailored to deliver exactly what your school needs to ensure your specific learning outcomes are supported.

Modules

A module (e.g. Environmental, Watersports, Bushcraft) comprises of a series of sessions scheduled throughout the visit that are designed to fit the outcomes, individual goals and objectives you are looking to support. They can be mixed with various outdoor activity sessions or other modules to complement the overall Learning Outside the Classroom experience and target students’ different learning styles.

Sessions

Similar to a lesson, a session (some of which are modular) is a period of time used to cover individual topics for a range of subjects including geography, biology and environmental studies, to ICT, life skills and English in Action.

Up to six sessions are available per day depending on which centre you are staying at, with each session lasting for up to an hour and a half.

One-hour Sessions

These short ‘pick and go’ sessions, are designed to fit in and around meal times and to provide flexibility when coping with weather restrictions. They are able to provide educational learning opportunities and curriculum links that can fit into any structured programme.

With our educational specialists on hand to help you get the most out of your programme, please feel free to contact us for any support on how to best plan your upcoming trip.



▶ Adventure Choice Module

Combining action, high-energy and challenges at every turn, Adventure Choice is the ideal way to encourage team building, promote physical exercise and develop a strong sense of self worth.



A popular, activity packed programme that can be combined with other modules/ sessions for maximum benefit. Adventure Choice offers a wide range of exhilarating activities, from conquering fears on the Leap of Faith to the challenges of raft building and caving.

Aimed at exposing young people of all ages, abilities and interests to a completely different environment, one in which challenging activities help develop important leadership skills, inspire a sense of team work and even promote the benefits of maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle.

For a full list of current activities please visit kingswood.co.uk.

“FAB time had by all. Staff brilliant as well as the activities. Definitely will be coming back.”

- 324 Squadron, South Shields

Session learning outcomes

- Helps young people develop a positive reaction to challenges and realise personal achievements.
- Breaks down the barriers of classroom learning.
- Promotes physical exercise and a healthy active lifestyle.
- Supports personal development, important life skills and growth.
- Encourages bonding, team-work and long-term friendship.
- Encourages appreciation of managing risks.



Watersports Module ◀

Exciting water adventures, new skills and plenty of team building along the way, this watersports action is the ideal way to boost confidence and self-esteem.



Session learning outcomes

- Motivates students to learn without even realising they're doing so.
- Supports personal development, important life skills and growth.
- Encourages the importance of team work in an unusual environment.
- Develops new skills and helps realise personal achievements.
- Encourages self-belief and water confidence.
- Promotes physical exercise and a healthy active lifestyle.

“A really successful trip, the students were encouraged to push themselves to do new things.”

- St Augustine of Canterbury

Available at our Colomendy, Isle of Wight and Peak Venture centres, this module provides an exciting challenge, from designing and constructing a raft as a team, to paddling a course. Our Raft Building, Canoeing, Kayaking and Body Boarding sessions give students the perfect opportunity to try something a little bit different, as well as build water confidence, practise teamwork and discover new hobbies.

Naturally safety is our top priority, so buoyancy aids and protective clothing are provided, and all activities are carried out in carefully controlled, safe environments. Fully-trained instructors are on hand at all times, and less confident pupils are given plenty of gentle encouragement. Where required our watersports operations are licenced by Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA).



Transition Module ◀

With a focus on fresh starts, better teamwork and new friendships, this programme helps young people as they prepare to make a transition in their learning journey.



Session learning outcomes

- Establishes new friendships and encourages respect for peers.
- Promotes self-belief through presentation skills.
- Encourages class bonding through teamwork.
- Course tailored to suit different levels.
- Introduces new ICT software, design and media skills.

“The children developed so much, work together and leave as a solid group. Outstanding and packed with fun.”

- Holmwood School

Often it can be difficult for young people to integrate into a new class or year group, or to make friends when they move from a smaller primary school into a larger, more formal secondary school environment. Transition helps to combat this problem by familiarising young people with others within their peer group, encouraging lively interaction and helping a group to bond.

These sessions can help to accelerate the ‘settling in’ period when starting a new school and, in turn, lead to a marked improvement in academic achievements. Transition can also help year groups to gain self-confidence, improve communication and develop key teambuilding skills.

Transition programmes are tailored to suit your individual needs and structured around an exciting blend of adventure activities, problem solving and team challenges.



NEW

Personal Development

- University of the First Age Module

Helping young people to develop and grow; challenging their ideas and teaching new skills that inspire them to go on to achieve great success in everything that they do.

Working alongside The University of the First Age (UFA), we have designed a module to help young people develop as learners; equipping them with a range of life-skills and competencies that will lead to greater academic success and their development as well-rounded, responsible citizens of the future.

Sitting alongside a traditional Kingswood programme (with additional one hour sessions to allow supporting tasks to be completed), UFA modules help demonstrate to students a deeper understanding of the chosen topic, by teaching the importance of working together, listening and empathising with others and challenging their own pre-conceived ideas and beliefs.

Sessions available:

- Trust Me
- I Can be a Leader
- Leading and Learning in Teams
- Life: It's a Risky Business
- I CAN Make a Difference

Each of the sessions can be facilitated by teaching staff, although UFA trained Kingswood staff are provided if required.

About UFA

UFA is a national educational charity that strives to create transformational learning experiences for young people all around the world, regardless of their background, ability or faith. With challenging programmes that aim to unlock hidden potential, the courses equip young people with the confidence, skills and motivation to learn, lead and achieve success, both at school and throughout their chosen careers.

At Kingswood we believe strongly in creating an Outside the Classroom experience that not only engages and excites young minds, but also inspires them to make a difference in the world and achieve their best.

“The experience has taken my students far out of their comfort zone. They are all extremely proud of their achievements which has greatly boosted confidence and self esteem.”

- Capital Science Academy



Trust me ◀

Helping young people to reflect on their recent growth and learning, *Trust Me* provides an invaluable insight into the personal journey that has just been taken and all that has been achieved.

By creating a photo montage using images taken and collated on a free period each day throughout the week, each participant is able to express their own personal learning journey through 'My Kingswood Story'; a piece of unique artwork that captures all that they have achieved during their time at the centre. Being able to demonstrate their progress in this way also allows young people to reflect on their personal growth and learning, with particular emphasis on trust in themselves, their own judgement and in others.

The information, thoughts and photos are collated each day during a teacher-led meal time/free period and the montages are then presented in two sessions on the final day of the course. A post course follow up is recommended so that young people can reflect on how all they have learned can be successfully transferred into everyday lives.



Session learning outcomes

- Builds self-belief and confidence.
- Encourages reflection on their personal growth and learning.
- Teaches importance of trust.
- Encourages empathy and resilience.
- Supports development of creative thinking.



NEW

I Can be a Leader

Learning to lead, listen and work well as a team.

Participating in a minimum of three sessions - including climbing, high ropes, low ropes, problem solving, orienteering, bushcraft, nightline, team tech, raft building, canoeing, Environmental and ICT – young people will gain a better understanding of what it takes to be both an inspiring leader and a good team player, regardless of the difficult challenges they face or the unusual situations they may find themselves in.

By designing an action plan during the course of the week (with help from teachers and, if necessary, Kingswood staff), young people will be able to continue their learning journey upon returning home, developing important leadership skills to use both at school, in their group or in the community.

Session learning outcomes

- Teaches leadership, compromise and the art of negotiation.
- Promotes self-belief and the importance of taking personal responsibility.
- Demonstrates the valuable role each student plays in a team.



NEW

Leading & Learning in Teams

Learning teamwork, resilience and effective communication.

Session learning outcomes

- Develops important leadership, communication and life skills.
- Promotes self-belief and the awareness of emotional intelligence.
- Encourages bonding, teamwork and long-term friendships.

Run either as a stand-alone module or as two sessions with progressive programming targeted to develop skills, (eg. low/high ropes, orienteering, Bushcraft, team tech, raft building, ICT and a problem-solving challenge). This course exposes young people to time-limited physical and mental challenges that aim to boost confidence and improve communication and management skills.

By gaining a greater awareness of emotional intelligence and 'self talk' to develop resilience, participants are better able to understand the benefits of working together as a team – something that can be recapped in sessions run by teachers during free time.



NEW

I CAN Make a Difference

Learning to debate, resolve and stand up for beliefs.

Designed as an effective team building exercise, this session – which fits in well with the School Councils programme – requires young people to work closely alongside their peers to investigate and debate a range of current national and global issues. By honing and developing their negotiation skills, they will not only gain a far better understanding of the importance of compromise and conflict resolution, they will also be given an invaluable insight into what they are (and are not) responsible for within their local communities.

Session learning outcomes

- Teaches the importance of expressing beliefs through a healthy debate.
- Develops essential life-skills for participation in community groups.
- Enables a greater understanding of national and global issues.



NEW

Life: It's a Risky Business

Learning to role-play, make decisions and face challenging risks.

Session learning outcomes

- Develops a greater confidence in considered risk-taking.
- Teaches important reasoning, decision making and role-playing skills.
- Encourages teambuilding and problem solving.

Having discussed and identified risk perception and consequences in relation to a variety of controlled and un-controlled situations, participants design and develop their own interactive game, to involve a variety of challenging activities including zip wire, Leap of Faith, climbing, high ropes and raft building. By taking students out of their comfort zones and asking them to role-play a series of dilemmas, they are better able to identify and further explore the concept of risk, as well as develop a number of important skills such as reasoning, negotiation and decision making.





NEW

Bushcraft Module ◀

Combining practical outdoor skills and teamwork, Bushcraft helps young people to reconnect with the environment, gain a better understanding of nature and build their confidence in the great outdoors.



Session learning outcomes

- Develops self-confidence using the great outdoors.
- Supports personal development, important life skills and growth.
- Develops an understanding of our relationship with the natural environment and the role it plays.
- Helps young people work creatively to solve a series of challenging problems.
- Teaches practical bushcraft, survival and teamwork skills.

“A fantastic opportunity for young people to engage in outdoor education.”

- Cleaswell Hill

Used as either a full programme or as individual progressive sessions, Bushcraft is a new and exciting module that teaches young people a wide range of bushcraft skills necessary to survive in a wilderness scenario. Young people are encouraged to think about their perception of the natural world, as well as understand which elements can be utilised in conjunction with newly acquired skills such as learning to construct a shelter, safely lighting a campfire using natural materials and using campfire gadgets to cook a variety of meals outdoors.

By working together in teams, Bushcraft also teaches important life skills such as resilience, communication, problem solving, creativity and overcoming personal challenges.



“At Kingswood children learn more about themselves, others and develop new skills and talents that could never be accomplished in the classroom.”

- Peter's School

Environmental Module

Providing a valuable insight into the workings of the natural world, our excellent Environmental Module offers the opportunity to study, collect, observe and present findings in a diverse and inspirational setting.

Choosing from a range of tailor-made sessions designed for different age ranges and learning levels, all of which meet requirements set by the curriculum and exam boards. Participants can take part in a series of specific studies to build their subject knowledge; learning and practising a variety of techniques, developing and testing suitable hypotheses, collecting and presenting qualitative and quantitative data in a logical and structured manner and taking part in decision-making exercises to help build wider key skills.

Specialist sampling and measuring equipment is supplied, along with digital cameras and a state-of-the-art digital mapping tool designed

specifically for schools. Worksheets are given out prior to fieldwork and all modules are followed with an ICT session, to allow participants to compile their findings using the latest technology.

For those groups wishing to take a break from studies, a choice of exhilarating, team-building adventure activities (including 3G swing, caving, climbing, archery, high and low ropes, team challenge and giant zipwire) can also be incorporated into your personal timetable.

A dedicated Environmental Field Studies brochure is available to view and download at kingswood.co.uk/brochure.

► Alien Survivor

Combining practical outdoor skills, teamwork and ICT, Alien Survivor is a fun introduction to the fascinating world of studying rockpools.



Armed with nets, ID keys and examination trays, participants identify a whole host of creatures and plant life along a rocky shore to study adaptation, ecosystems and zone exploration. Two optional follow up sessions in the ICT lab provide the opportunity for participants to review their findings, challenging them to apply their new found knowledge to help predict which of the featured aliens would survive best on the Rockyshore Ridge.

All findings are recorded in a workbook and ICT work is copied and returned to school to be used for further studies.

“An outstanding adventure experience that stretches us all, with lots of fun and laughter!”

- St Michaels First School



Session learning outcomes

- Develops a better understanding of the environment and ecology.
- Encourages creative thinking.
- Teaches young people to collect and collate data.
- Develops self-confidence using the great outdoors.
- Supports new ICT skills.
- Encourages teamwork and participation.

CSI Kingswood ◀



Session learning outcomes

- Learning to conduct scientific tests.
- Teaches young people to collate new information and uncover clues.
- Develops self-confidence and presentation skills.
- Supports ICT skills.
- Encourages teamwork and participation.
- Develops imaginal learning.



Employing the latest scientific CSI skills, as well as intuition and a little lateral thinking, young people must hunt for clues and uncover the master criminal behind this latest Kingswood crime.

“An extremely well organised week full of challenge, opportunity and enjoyment for all.”

- Bunessan Primary School

Over the course of 3 sessions, participants take on the role of trainee Crime Scene Investigators as they are introduced to the fascinating world of forensic science and criminology. Having first visited the scene of the crime (the Kingswood safe) and determined the nature of the crime (a stolen computer key), participants must then study suspect statements, hunt out possible clues and use the very latest scientific techniques to identify the culprit. Scientific tests employed to crack the crime include the use of microscopes, staining slides, ph, soil and grain analysis, fibre analysis, footprint casting and finger print dusting.

Using their PowerPoint and ICT skills, students will present their findings during the final session and uncover the criminal master plan.

► Finding Fin

With his home under threat and Fin in need of somewhere new to live, can the participants identify the main processes affecting the river and help protect the future of their fishy friend?



“Kingswood is a great centre for children to try new challenges in a safe environment. They always have fun and everything is very well organised. Well done!”

- Parkside Primary

Combining environmental study, geography and ICT, this practical river study sees participants visit a local river to observe, identify and measure the main processes affecting the river. By taking measurements of width, depth and velocity at contrasting sites along the river's course, participants undertake an evaluation of the situation. Using nets and identification ID keys, they are able to investigate what is living in the river and determine whether or not the water is polluted. Can the participants find out whether the river will be a suitable place for Fin to live? What sort of new friends will he make, what will he eat and where will he play?

During a follow-up ICT session in the lab, participants devise a poster to show the areas of the river most suitable for Fin to enjoy life with his new friends.



Session learning outcomes

- Develops a better understanding of the environment and the role it plays.
- Encourages creative 'out of the box' thinking.
- Teaches participants to collect and collate data.
- Develops self-confidence and presentation skills.
- Supports ICT skills.
- Encourages teamwork.

Save Swampy's Woodland ◀



Session learning outcomes

- Develops a greater understanding of environmental issues today.
- Encourages investigative thinking.
- Teaches young people how to study the facts and collate data.
- Develops self-confidence and presentation skills.
- Supports creativity and ICT skills.
- Encourages critical thinking skills.



“A great way to develop a team building ethos, in a safe and friendly environment.”

- Gallowhill School

Combining exciting investigative fieldwork, critical thinking and teamwork, Saving Swampy provides an opportunity to illustrate the many environmental issues that threaten woodland habitats.

With Swampy in jail, Kings Wood soon to be torn down and bulldozers on their way, participants must work together in Environmental Project teams to help free the ecological warrior and save the ancient woodland. An excellent introduction to field study and fieldwork techniques, Saving Swampy helps participants gain a greater understanding of the modern environmental issues and their impact for the future.

While visiting the woods, participants chart its physical features and investigate the intricacies of layering, plant structure and adaptation. Back in the ICT labs, students must then work against the clock to prove the truth, designing their very own protest poster to help put across their findings and save the day! All findings are recorded in a workbook and ICT work is copied and returned to school.

Environmental Sessions

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KS3

Choosing from a number of options, including visits to local woodlands, rivers, coastal points and urban areas, participants can experience a taste of EFS that allows them to take in the natural world around them.

During a series of fun and informative sessions, participants perform their investigations out in the field, before compiling their findings using technology back in our ICT labs.



Environmental Sessions

“For GCSE field work the knowledge and expertise of the staff together with the ICT facilities provides the students with basis for great achievement.”

- St Michael Catholic College

Areas and session learning outcomes for courses opposite are shown in the tables below:

	Colomendy	Isle of Wight	Overstrand	Dearne Valley
Rural	✓	✓	✓	✓
Urban	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rivers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coasts	✓	✓	✓	
Ecosystems	✓		✓	
Glaciation	✓			
Terrestrial ecology	✓		✓	✓
Rocky shore ecology			✓	
Freshwater ecology	✓		✓	✓
Sand dune succession	✓		✓	
Heathland succession			✓	
Woodland ecology	✓		✓	✓

GCSE Geography & Science

Combining exciting fieldwork studies, key skills and the very latest in technology, our courses are designed to engage and inspire young minds as well as meet all of your individual educational needs.

Geography

With a focus on the 'route to enquiry', participants carry out preliminary predictions, fieldwork and data collection, before using the latest geographical information system technology to analyse and review their findings and results.

Science

Through a variety of fieldwork studies and the use of key numeracy and literacy skills, participants are shown the importance of science when used in the real world every day.

Ample opportunities are provided for controlled exam and assessment coursework to be carried out and completed.



SQA Geography & Biology

With courses tailored to meet the needs of your school, from Access through to Higher Level, participants will be introduced to the topics and locations they are to study, before heading out into the field to learn and develop new skills and techniques throughout the course.

Follow up sessions in our state of the art ICT labs allow participants the opportunity to review their findings and analyse all data they have collected. Geography students

will benefit from access to the very latest geographical information systems to help them display their own results and use secondary data to analyse patterns.

Ample opportunities are provided for controlled exam and assessment coursework to be carried out and completed.

Session learning outcomes

- Develops a greater understanding of the role geography and science plays in the world.
- Encourages investigative thinking.
- Teaches the importance of collating, recording and presenting data.
- Motivates young people to learn without even realising they're doing so.
- Supports ICT, numeracy and literacy skills.
- Fosters a sense of wonder and appreciation of the natural environment.
- Places theory in real settings.
- Supports attainment in a number of curricula outcomes.
- Builds teamwork and rapport with teachers through engagement in field studies.

KS5 S1-6

KS5 S1-6

► AS/A2 Level Geography

AS/A2 Level Biology ◀

With inspiring locations and state of the art technology, our newly revised geography courses are tailored to meet the latest A-level curriculum guidelines and your students' individual needs.

With a focus on the 'route to enquiry', participants are encouraged to investigate their topic and location, making predictions before setting out into the field to collect the necessary data to prove or disprove their initial theories. The use of the latest geographical information system technology plays a key part in their follow-up work, as students analyse and review their findings and results.

During follow-up sessions participants discover if their predictions were correct and then consider the study's limitations to see how they may have affected the results.

Ample opportunities are provided for controlled exam and assessment coursework to be carried out and completed.



"A great experience! Challenging academically and great for the students' personal development."

- Queen Elizabeth School

Session learning outcomes

- Develops a greater understanding of the role geography plays in our world.
- Encourages investigative thinking.
- Teaches the importance of collating, recording and presenting data.
- Motivates young people to learn with out even realising they're doing so.
- Course studies in line with latest A-level curriculum requirements.



Session learning outcomes

- Develops a greater understanding of the role biology plays in the world.
- Encourages investigative thinking and teamwork.
- Teaches the importance of collating, recording and presenting data.
- Motivates young people to learn without even realising they're doing so.
- Course studies in line with latest A-level curriculum requirements.

"Seeing processes and defences in action is a great benefit - talks from Kingswood staff were exceptional."

- Langdon Comprehensive School

With a focus on the 'how science works' approach, our A-level biology course covers both content and new skills, with modules all tailored to meet the needs of each A-level board, as well as your students' individual needs.

Participants investigate the biotic and abiotic characteristics of each habitat through appropriate fieldwork techniques, collecting, presenting and analysing data using a range of graphical and statistical means.

Participants are encouraged to explain the patterns shown in their results by making synoptic links with other areas of specification, allowing them to build a greater understanding of the limitations of each technique and developing important evaluation skills.

Ample opportunities are provided for controlled exam and assessment coursework to be carried out and completed.

ICT Module

Participants explore the world around them, working as individuals and as part of a team to discover more about their personal abilities, as well as developing new skills that will help them through school, in their communities and throughout their future lives.

Well-rounded individuals

Our ICT module is made up of a range of sessions, each with its own focus, skills and outcomes. We link ICT with the outside world, applying technology to real-life situations that will resonate with young people. By the end of each session, participants will demonstrate a deeper understanding of the topics explored, having worked to design, create and edit various media projects on the subject.

Sessions to fit your students

You can choose which sessions you would like to see on your group's programme depending on your trip's objectives. Skills on offer include teamwork, communication, negotiation, resilience, decision making and cause and effect. Curriculum links include English, Maths, ICT, Art, Geography and Music.

Expert instruction to add value to your stay

ICT sessions are carried out by our experienced educational team, all of whom have received comprehensive training on each subject. Sessions fit easily into your group's timetable alongside the other sessions available.

“Our pupils have had an amazing time and all are proud of the personal targets they have achieved! We agree that Kingswood is all about `learning by doing`!”

- Wigtown Primary

ICT Sessions ◀



Mission Maker ◀

Participants will jump at the chance to build their own state-of-the-art computer game, letting their imagination run wild as they learn just how much they can create.

Session learning outcomes

Participants will be able to create interactive games with our exclusive Mission Maker software and your school will receive trial software you can use for ongoing projects.

The task

Participants design their own labyrinth-style game with challenges and clues for team players to solve. They'll learn to harness control technology to create incredible interactive scenarios that their classmates can then play.



Cause and Effect

Participants build a fully-functioning computer game, exploring the relationship between action and reaction to make sense of the game-making process.

The task
Participants find their way around our Mission Maker software and learn about the game-making process by building a simple timed energy conservation game. They'll then choose a game genre and design a more complex game on paper, moving on to build it on screen before asking their classmates to test it.

Session learning outcomes
By the end of the activities, participants will have completed a playable, working game while learning more about the environment and conservation issues, as well as the relationship between action and reaction.



Interactive Scenes

A more in-depth look at animation where students create a rich interactive and animated living picture, using basic coding to introduce control technology with scripting.

Session learning outcomes
Participants will understand the process of creating an animation including 'key frames' and 'tweening' and will have completed their own interactive animated scene.

The task
Participants choose and research their own game scenario, thinking about objects that will need to move and finding out how they can make this happen. They build their own animation in Flash, complete with sound triggers, learning simple scripting logic, looping and behaviours along the way.



Flash Dance

An excellent introduction to digital animation for inspiring young people to explore their imagination and bring a toy to 'life' with their very own cartoon feature.

The task
Tutorials teach young people to use innovative technology, including web animation software, web cams and the music programme Dance E-jay. Each participant can then produce their own animation.

Session learning outcomes
By the end of the sessions participants will know how to create their own animated cartoon complete with narration and music.



iVenture

Tomorrow's Hollywood heavyweights enjoy trying their hand at each aspect of the movie process, working as a scriptwriter, photographer, producer, director and voiceover artist alongside other roles.

Session learning outcomes
By the end of the sessions, participants will know how to create a photo story or animation complete with narration and background music, understanding how all the contributing elements of a film work together.

The task
Participants animate photographs of their groups on the adventure activity equipment and use this as the basis for a short film as part of our iVenture session. Media Stage sees them writing their own script and designing sets before filming.



▶ Roving Reporter

The buzz of the newsroom inspires students to produce an exciting educational story on a geographical topic. Pupils make editorial decisions, choosing the right images and audio.

The task
Participants learn that news reports have to be written and made for a specific time slot. They begin preparing their feature by researching their subject, finding the facts and drafting their script, practicing against the clock. They'll then record their piece, gathering visuals to accompany the report.

Session learning outcomes
Each participant will have produced a piece of creative writing and a completed news report including start and finish clips.



▶ Soundscape

Participants explore sound, texture, emotion and musical structure, learning how they work together to produce an audio-visual experience and creating their own original piece.

The task
Participants learn to use recording devices, understand the use of samples and experiment with different sounds, aiming to be as inventive as possible. They'll compose a rhythmic piece with beats, layers and structures that conveys a particular emotion, before putting together an accompanying photo story.

Session learning outcomes
Participants will know how to produce an original composition based on captured environmental sounds and combine this with a collection of visuals to demonstrate an emotion.



Interaction module ◀



Mixing young people from different countries creates an exciting dynamic, allowing both overseas and UK participants a chance to improve their language skills so they can better communicate with each other as they make new friends.

Session learning outcomes

All work completed and materials produced can be taken back to your school where it will prove an invaluable classroom resource long after your visit. Young people benefit from vastly increased fluency in the target language, thanks to the time spent sharing meals, accommodation and outdoor activities with students from other countries.

The task
Participants are put into mixed groups to work through a range of adventure activities and culture-based study tasks designed to maximise the linguistic opportunities offered when young people live alongside those from different countries.



“Has pulled the group together, something that 'in the class' teaching cannot do.”

- Stalham High School (ASDAN Group)

Session learning outcomes

- Supports personal development, important life skills and growth.
- Develops wider social skills, encourages interaction and promotes teamwork.
- Encourages participants to think and work creatively.
- Explores resilience and personal effectiveness.



ASDAN ◀

Young people develop skills for learning, skills for employment and skills for life with our nationally-recognised ASDAN course, working towards the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE).

What is ASDAN?

ASDAN is the Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network, a national awarding body recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority. Kingswood has been officially approved to deliver the ASDAN Kingswood Residential Activity Award (AKRAA) which counts as a part credit towards the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE). Young people can complete their certificate at school, with CoPE level 2 being an excellent way to provide skilled development to learners.

Learning and awareness

A fantastic hands-on experience for young people in years 10 and 11, the course combines Kingswood's adventure activities with instruction on health and safety, risk assessments and the running of a young persons' residential centre, keeping track of their progress using a specially designed log book.

All activities are exciting and challenging and every Kingswood session forms an integral part of the overall module, focusing on specific skills and allowing participants to gain maximum benefit.

Participants leave with an AKRAA certificate demonstrating successful completion of the course.

Building a winning CV

This qualification counts as part credit towards ASDAN's CoPE and participants can complete their certificate at school following their Kingswood visit. CoPE is a GCSE equivalent qualification at levels 1 and 2, with level 2 corresponding to a grade B.

Successful completion of the course shows that participants have the ability to calculate risk, make decisions, lead groups and work as part of a team. It's a great way for vocationally focussed participants to add to their CV and for the more academic to demonstrate a broader range of skills.



We also provide a version of our ASDAN Module that supports the values of 'cooperation' allowing students to explore the ethos of the Cooperative Schools Society.

NEW
Arts & culture

Expression and creativity are key lifeskills – building confidence in the ability to communicate with others.

Our Arts and Culture sessions are designed to nurture these skills through music, dance, art and drama, whilst recognising that not everyone is a performer and allowing young people to find their own feet.

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“Seeing the children enjoy such a wide range of experiences is a phenomenal experience and a very rewarding way of spending a weekend.”

- Dovecote Primary School

Drum Beat

Young people learn about basic beats, working in groups to create their own rhythmic masterpiece and developing their team building, communication and problem solving skills along the way.

The task
Participants receive a basic introduction to rhythm and dynamics, trying their skills on drums and other percussion instruments. They then choose their favourite instrument and learn a group performance piece. This gives them enough knowledge to either adapt the piece or create their own original composition for the final show.

Session learning outcomes
By the end of the sessions participants will have the confidence to play simple beats on percussion instruments, keeping time and understanding the relevant music theory.



Junk

Young people express themselves through dance and music on the theme of recycling, improving their teamwork, co-ordination and communication skills along the way.

The task
Working through three sessions, participants learn why recycling is so important for our world. They work in groups to learn different rhythms before creating their own beats and using recycled rubbish as musical instruments.

Session learning outcomes
Participants develop the confidence to express and test themselves in a variety of ways using music and movement. They'll also have the ability to play around with and develop beats from a simple rhythmic base.



Drama

Young people work in teams to create, rehearse and perform a radio play. To ensure a successful production they must use communication, teamwork and imagination as well as making best use of each group member's strengths.

The task
Each group is given five random objects from a box of props. They must then write the script for a radio play lasting around five minutes that includes the five props. Every member of the team must have a role to play, either as a character or operating a prop.

Session learning outcomes
By the end of the session, participants will have developed communication and performance skills, working together to come up with and perform their play. Each member of the group will have shown what they can bring to the task.



Environmental Art

An engaging introduction to environmental art, Young people learn about the genre, developing knowledge of natural resources used and understanding the colour wheel and design principles.

The task
The session begins with participants looking at examples of environmental art and learning about some well-known artists. After discussing different art forms, they look at the potential resources available with sustainability in mind. This gives them the knowledge to create their own sculptural piece or design.

Session learning outcomes
Participants will finish the session having learned about some of the well-known environmental artists, developed their own knowledge of trees and plants and having created their own unique artwork.



Mask Making

Young people will enjoy getting 'hands on' as they make masks moulded from the faces of the group. They'll also learn about the importance of masks in different cultures, both in the past and present.

The task
Participants use 'ModRoc' to make masks of their faces, working in pairs or groups of three. If there's time, hands or feet can also be done. After a minimum 24-hour drying time, they will decorate their masks before discussing how masks are used within other cultures.

Session learning outcomes
On completion of the sessions, each participants will have made and decorated their own mask and will have learned where masks come from, how they can be produced and how they're used across the world.



“Outstanding communication between centre and school to shape first class learning experience”

- Sir John Cass School

NEW

▶ One-hour Module

Providing additional educational learning opportunities and curriculum links, these ‘pick up and go’ one-hour sessions led by you or Kingswood staff, can be seamlessly fitted around other structured sessions, mealtimes and unexpected weather restrictions.



Environmental Art

Aim: To introduce young people to environmental art, further develop knowledge and identification of natural resources; understand the colour wheel and design principles.

Session learning outcomes

- Develop knowledge of environmental art and some of the well known artists.
- Furthered knowledge of trees, shrubs and flowers.
- Develop knowledge of colour charts.

Gas Platform

Aim: to design and build a free standing structure capable of holding a specified weight.

Session learning outcomes

- Developed an understanding of the principles of design and construction.
- Developed an understanding of the cost vs. fitness for purpose debate.
- Taken part in the design and building of the structure.

Flying Far

Aim: To design a paper aeroplane to fly as far as possible.

Session learning outcomes

- Taken part in goal setting.
- Undertaken reviews and redesign.
- Worked as part of a team and developed skills that contribute to effective teamwork.

Living Machine*

Aim: **Exclusive to Dearne Valley**, the aim is to explore the process of water conservation and resource management through an observation of the ‘Living Machine’.

Session learning outcomes

- To understand water treatment by natural process and how this contributes to effective water usage and conservation.
- To develop understanding of the interdependence of eco-systems.

Lost on the Moon

Aim: To take part in a complex group decision making process using skills such as active listening, empathy and debate.

Session learning outcomes

- Development of communication and critical thinking skills.
- Development of effective negotiation skills.
- Participation in a team exercise and understanding of how individuals contribute to task success.

Broken Squares

Aim: To explore group decision making and the role of the individual in producing a successful outcome.

Session learning outcomes

- To develop team building skills.
- Participants to begin to understand some of their own behaviours which may contribute toward or obstruct the solving of a group problem.

Tower Building

Aim: To participate in a design and build exercise.

Session learning outcomes

- Develop an understanding of the factors involved in project management.
- Develop teamwork and leadership skills.
- Develop planning and review skills.

UFA Programme – I can be a leader

Aim: To actively participate in a review cycle and identify positive leadership styles and attributes.

Session learning outcomes

- Reflection on leadership skills learned and experienced during the week.
- Development of a personal action plan.

UFA Programme – Trust Me

Aim: To consider and understand the concept of self-reliance and resilience.

Session learning outcomes

- Reflection on personal growth with particular emphasis on developing trust in their own judgement, and developing trust in others.
- This activity changes the focus from ‘what I did’ to ‘what I learned’.

* Available at Dearne Valley only



International Module

Exploring English ◀

What if international students could study English language in real-life, practical situations, getting to know local towns and cities and staying alongside children from other countries, sharing English as their common language?

Session learning outcomes

By the end of the session, young people will know their way around the centre and will have learned the names of all parts of the body used during specific adventure activities, as well as the words for various pieces of equipment.

Young people enjoy this fun session, covering all the basics, like introducing yourself, vocabulary needed for our activity sessions and a tour of the centre. It's all carried out in English and we'll use it to assess participants' language abilities so we can then group them with others at a similar level.

"An international environment with excellent support staff and activities."

- Lisa Mahler, France



What's different about Kingswood? Much more than a language school, at Kingswood we believe in enriching the classroom experience with a pioneering mix of learning methods that give international participants the chance to use their language skills in real situations.

books and interactive software. Learning comes to life as students cover engaging topics such as fashion, music, local cities and news reporting – designing a magazine and debating a court case whilst building confidence in their growing language ability all the while.

We don't just offer classroom or language lab lessons – instead we support learning with excursions, a varied learning programme and a mix of exciting adventure activity sessions.

A relaxed learning environment We assess participants' ability on arrival and place them into groups matching their skills and experience. This takes the stress out of learning and gives each child the chance to learn at their own pace. Our instructors ensure that participants enjoy and benefit from their course, presenting interesting topics, monitoring pupils' learning and offering encouragement along the way.

Our interactive approach Participants have three hours a day of formal lessons over five days each week, combining structured grammar and vocabulary with multimedia elements, including activity

A multi-cultural mix Groups from all around the world visit Kingswood at the same time as those from Britain, providing an excellent opportunity for groups to mix with and learn from each other. When they're not engaged in language sessions participants are encouraged to practice their skills during our outdoor activities and on excursions with our fully-qualified, English staff.

If you feel your group might benefit from our English language learning experience, please call +44 (0) 800 655 6564 and speak to our team about the right options for you.



KWD News ◀

Session learning outcomes

This session improves spoken language confidence and fluency with participants all having a speaking role in their reports.

Budding journalists will jump at the chance to keep a keen eye on the news throughout the week, including weather, sport and what's happening in the area. They then create a front-page newspaper spread in English, along with a storyboard and scripts for a news production, filming their programme and picking the music to accompany it. After editing their segment, it's time to show the rest of the group.



Crime & Justice

Young people enjoy finding out about famous real-life criminals, as well as carrying out their own investigation into a fictitious crime with 'CSI Kingswood'. They get to grips with the forensics, taking evidence into court to argue their case in English before deciding on a suitable punishment if needed.

Session learning outcomes

By the end of the session participants will have learned new vocabulary as well as improving their oral confidence debating in English.



"Our stay in Kingswood was brilliant! Kids had tons of fun and they really learnt. The team was great, and the activities are awesome. We are looking forward to coming back!"

- Francisco Negreteherrera, Edu Trips



British Culture

Session learning outcomes

This session will help young people increase fluency as they become more confident conversing with their instructors and the rest of the group. They will also improve their English language reading ability as they search through printed media.

A great chance for participants to look at what we mean by and how we can talk about 'culture'. Young people learn about music, fashion, food, tourism and more before using newspapers, magazines and the Internet to research them further in groups. They then put together a presentation to deliver to the other groups, sharing their experiences.



Towns & Cities

A fun, interactive educational session where young people look at the differences between towns and cities, focusing on a local location, before arming themselves with cameras and worksheets for a whole day's visit. While out and about they'll need to complete a list of tasks, using the information they gather to create a five-minute PowerPoint presentation back on centre.

Session learning outcomes

Participants will be able to keep a copy of their presentation, giving them a reminder of the new vocabulary learned during the session.



Eco Dilemma

Session learning outcomes

As part of the session participants learn key vocabulary and discuss their interpretations of these words, helping reinforce their new skills.

Participants look closely at a current ecological dilemma, collecting evidence to help them decide where they stand on the subject. They then debate the opposing views in English, using their evidence to support their case, before designing a poster to raise awareness of their cause and presenting this to fellow participants.





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▶ The Social Sundown

Our fun-packed evening activities sessions offer an excellent opportunity for young people to wind down, re-charge their batteries and socialise with participants from other schools or groups, as well as playing a valuable role in the learning experience.

“Excellent quality and range of activities - the children were busy from dawn till dusk!”

- Grange View First School

Evening sessions play an important role in the Kingswood learning experience, providing some much needed time for participants to relax, reflect and discuss the activities covered that day. This time helps to promote healthy physical activity, as well as aid young peoples growth and development, refine important social skills and encourage group bonding and teamwork.

Evening sessions can be structured in the following ways:

Kingswood-led, school specific activity sessions - such as Disco, Talent Show, Karaoke, Campfire, Mini Olympics and Giant Twister - can be run either on an individual group basis, or as an integrated session with other visiting groups or schools. Offering hours of laughter, entertainment and fun, these sessions can be the perfect way to end a busy day.

Teacher/Group leader run 'free sessions' are held in allocated spaces or locations and require no additional Kingswood staff support. These sessions can prove particularly beneficial for younger age groups in need of some quiet time to relax and reflect on all that has been covered that day.

Our new 1-hour sessions (Kingswood staff-led or teacher/Group leader-led) can provide an invaluable opportunity to link to the curriculum and further support your learning objectives.

Social Sundown activities

- Disco
- Bingo
- Who Wants to be a Billionaire?
- Talent Show
- Karaoke
- Mini Olympics
- Scrapheap Challenge
- Giant Twister
- Trail of Mystery (Cluedo)
- Campfire
- Blu-ray Cinema (Grosvenor Hall only)
- Pool Party (West Ronton and Grosvenor Hall only)
- Movie Night (on request from schools)

To find out more about the activities available, please give our team a call on +44 (0) 800 655 6564.

▶ CHATEAU PROGRAMME



▶ Château de Chantereine

A magnificent 17th century château in the heart of Upper Normandy, where young people can put their learning into practice immersed in French culture and history. Our experienced team will lead your group's journey, guiding participants through their introduction to this enticing country.

Our animateurs

We have a full team of expert instructors, known as animateurs, at the Château. They're passionate about imparting their knowledge to participants and this enthusiasm rubs off on young people, drawing them in and helping them get more from their studies.

Animateurs lead group activity sessions, educational modules and off-site excursions, so participants benefit from their first-class local knowledge and language skills, leaving you free to focus on individuals as needed, or just to observe the group dynamic.

French Discovery

Our interactive programme is such a fun and immersive experience that it makes soaking up the French language, history and way of life less of an aim and more of an inevitability.

Taking in WW1 battlefields, local produce manufacturers and important towns and, our programme offers art, geography, history, culture and language-based excursions that will captivate your group.

You can choose the excursions that best support your objectives and we'll be happy to work with you to make sure your visit is as valuable as possible. We'll provide workbooks for your students to complete throughout their excursions, along with study outlines to help you continue the learning journey once you return to school.

Reportage

Pounding the streets in search of that elusive story, the buzz of the bustling newsroom, the adrenaline rush of presenting, our Reportage programme lets participants experience the hectic life of a news reporter while developing their understanding of French culture, history and language.

Young people work in teams and against the clock to gather information and photo footage from the locations they visit. Once back at the Château they'll work in our ICT lab to put their multi-media reports together, guided by our animateurs.



"It has been an experience of a lifetime! We thoroughly enjoyed our stay and can't wait to come back! Social, cultural, educational experience not to be forgotten"

- Ayscoughfree School

Excursions

World War 1 battlefields

Our full-day battlefield tour is a powerful inclusion to any school trip, bringing this moving period of history to life. Itinerary options include the Musee des Abris in Albert, Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, Thiepval Memorial, Lochnagar crater, La Boisselle and Mansell Copse.

Rouen

Participants walk their way through history on our guided tour of the capital of Upper Normandy. The city has long been a cultural, religious, economic and administrative centre and bears witness to its impressive past through an exceptional architectural heritage.

Dieppe

Packed with history, this charming seaside town has been a medieval fishing village, premier port, cartography centre and stylish beach resort, playing a key part in WW2. The famous Saturday street market offers a veritable feast for the senses.

Half-day excursions

- Arras
- Vimy Ridge
- Amiens
- Dieppe
- Eu
- Cheese farm
- Boulangerie
- Chocolate factory
- Nausicaá (aquarium)

Other excursions available on request.

Facilities

Young people will love this handsome château, set in four-acre grounds offering adventure and team activities. Participants sleep 2-6 to a dorm with teacher rooms nearby – and there's a teacher lounge for you. Our multi-purpose sports complex means the fun continues even if the sunshine doesn't. We offer a healthy menu with the chance to sample a few local delicacies – you'll be amazed how many of your group are willing to try snails or frogs legs!

Stay a little longer

While you're here, why not make your visit even more memorable with a trip to Paris, Euro Disney or Lower Normandy? Prices start from just £79. Call us on +44 (0) 800 655 6564 to find out more.

For further information about the Château, just give us a call on 0800 655 6564 and we'll send you an additional brochure packed full of all the information you'll need to help you book your trip.

“The food was fantastic, the staff were so helpful and the activities were really challenging for students”

- Buckingham College



Our centres

Imagine a place with wide open spaces to explore, new challenges to overcome and exciting things to discover and do. Whether it's on a beach, in a valley, at a manor house or a chateau, we believe we have the perfect centre for every school or group to begin their learning journey.

Kingswood has nine UK centres and one in France. Each enjoys a unique setting with its own special style and personality that will inspire and stimulate young people. While our centres offer a range of different sizes and facilities to cater for varying requirements, all meet our exacting standards and hold the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge, ensuring your visit will be memorable and comfortable.

Stimulating enquiring minds

What if there was a place where students are engaged and challenged, able to explore risk in a safe environment, and turn theory into hands-on practice – studying rock pools, working out 'whodunit', broadcasting their own news bulletin or creating a cartoon? Kingswood makes it all possible. Young people have a choice of study environments here, both inside and outdoors, enabling creative learning and engaging young people in a way that's hard to do within everyday classroom life.

A liberating experience for busy teachers and group leaders; we'll give you the chance to spend quality time with your students, one on one. Or to take a step back and observe group dynamics. Our centres are staffed with bright, energetic instructors who run your activity sessions, experienced education specialists to lead your students through their studies and an enthusiastic team led by our General Centre Manager who will make sure you're all well looked after.

Your perfect match

Some of our centres enjoy a campus feel with buildings reaching across a larger site to give young people room to spread their wings. Others are smaller, with all facilities close to hand. Many are situated in areas of outstanding natural beauty, or near sites of special scientific interest, giving you a choice of study opportunities. Each centre benefits from exceptional indoor and outdoor adventure and study facilities so you'll have a successful visit, whatever the weather.

Safe, secure centres

Taking young people away from home is a big responsibility for teachers and group leaders – but at Kingswood you can relax. Our centres benefit from high safety standards with boundary fencing, electronic gates*, night patrols and mandatory guest passes. Our staff undergo regular training and enhanced CRB checks and all activity equipment is checked before every use. We carry out comprehensive risk assessments for all centres, off-site locations and every activity - these are available to download from www.kingswood.co.uk.

*Does not apply to Château de Chantereine.

Modules/sessions

- **Adventure Choice**
Adventure Choice
Watersports
 - **Transition**
 - **Personal Development UFA** - All sessions*
 - **Bushcraft***
 - **Environmental**
CSI: Kingswood
Finding Fin a New Home
Save Swampy's Woodland
KS3 Environmental
GCSE Geography & Science
SQA Geography & Biology
AS & A2 Level Geography
AS & A2 Level Biology
 - **ICT**
Flash Dance
i-Venture
Mission Maker
 - **Interaction**
 - **ASDAN**
 - **Arts & Culture** - All sessions
 - **English in Action** - All sessions
- *from September 2012.

“Fantastic experience. Everything you could ever need is on site with brilliant friendly staff.”

- Dunfermline High



Colomendy

130 acres of breathtaking habitat for students to explore, surrounded by rolling hills and natural woodland, Colomendy offers vast open spaces stretching into the distance. It's an amazing environment that enriches the learning experience and helps young people turn classroom theory into hands-on practice.



What's on offer

- Set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Site of Special Scientific Interest, with woodland and water areas ideal for Environmental Field Studies and plenty of scenic walks.
- Next to the Loggerheads Country Park, offering off-site study opportunities.
- Moel Famou walks – incorporating part of the Offa's Dyke trail with stunning coastal and landscape views.
- Over 40 activities, including a 3G swing and giant zipwire making the most of the stunning location.
- On-site watersports lake, perfect for teamwork activities.
- Dorms sleep 2-12 young people, some en-suite, with separate rooms for teachers.

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27 October 2012
27 April 2013

Call +44 (0) 800 655 6564 to book your place.

Centre address:
Colomendy
Loggerheads
Nr Mold
Flintshire
CH7 5LB





NEW



Dearne Valley

As one of the most inspiring education and adventure centres in Europe, a visit to our new Dearne Valley centre provides a unique 'learning outside the classroom' experience with space to study and grow and a chance to explore the natural world. Young people have the perfect opportunity to push the boundaries here – with the added advantage of the very latest high-tech facilities.



What's on offer

- Outdoor classrooms spread across 50 acres, delivering interactive learning in grassland, orchard and wooded areas.
- Sustainable technology including solar panels, wind power and waste water harvesting that teaches students about our environmental impact.
- Excellent conference facilities with break-out rooms ideal for group learning.
- State-of-the-art activity park including ropes courses, climbing walls and zipwires to challenge young people.
- Exclusive en-suite accommodation with students sharing 4-8 to a dormitory, and single en-suite rooms for teachers.
- Disabled rooms available.
- A secure site with 24/7 CCTV monitoring for student safety and teachers' peace of mind.



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**20 October 2012
10 March 2013**

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Centre address:
Dearne Valley
Denaby Main
Doncaster
South Yorkshire,
DN12 4EA

Modules/sessions

- **Adventure Choice**
Adventure Choice
- **Transition**
- **Personal Development UFA** - All sessions
- **Bushcraft**
- **Environmental**
CSI: Kingswood
Finding Fin a New Home
Save Swampy's Woodland
KS3 Environmental
GCSE Geography & Science
SQA Geography & Biology
AS & A2 Level Geography
AS & A2 Level Biology
- **ICT** - All sessions
- **Interaction**
- **ASDAN**
- **Arts & Culture** - All sessions
- **One Hour Programmes** - All sessions
- **English in Action** - All sessions

"First class accommodation with a great range of activities to challenge and enthuse all students."

- Prospect Hill School



Modules/sessions

- **Adventure Choice**
Adventure Choice
- **Transition**
- **Personal Development UFA** - All sessions*
- **Bushcraft***
- **Environmental**
CSI: Kingswood
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- **ICT**
Flash Dance
Iventure
Mission Maker
- **Interaction**
- **ASDAN**
- **Arts & Culture** - All sessions
- **English in Action** - All sessions

*from September 2012.

"The facilities from dorms to dining area were brilliant. Overall this place gets 5 stars from our organisation and we hope to visit again in the future."

- Haldane Youth Services



Dukeshouse Wood

Set on a beautiful fellside, this 18-acre park has a wonderful rural feel where young people feel instantly at home, enjoying the best of the countryside and the resulting study opportunities on offer. Yet the centre is just minutes from the leafy suburbs of Hexham so it's easily accessible for schools across Scotland and the north of England.



What's on offer

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**13 October 2012
3 March 2013**

Call +44 (0) 800 655 6564 to book your place.

Centre address:
Dukeshouse Wood
Fellside
Hexham
Northumberland
NE46 1TP

- Beautiful fellside setting – a charming rural feel but close to all amenities.
- Refurbished accommodation and dining facilities to make your stay more comfortable.
- A range of activities in our recently upgraded adventure park, including high ropes and 3G swing for exciting teambuilding sessions.
- 8,000 sq. ft. indoor activity hall including excellent ICT facilities for all-weather study.
- En-suite dorms sleeping 4-10 with separate rooms for boys and girls all patrolled by our night staff.
- 6 disabled access rooms with en-suite wet rooms.
- All teacher rooms are en-suite.





Grosvenor Hall

A unique learning experience just outside London – young people can debate at length in the courtroom, broadcast from our radio station and pit themselves against some of the UK's most exciting adventure activities, including our unique Sky Climb that can accommodate a whole class. The centre is also easily accessible for international groups, just minutes from the Eurostar terminal.



What's on offer

- Superb 50-acre site that can accommodate large groups giving everyone plenty of room to explore.
- 25,000 sq. ft. sports hall and indoor pool complex for all-weather activity sessions.
- Over 40 activities including triple zipwires, 3G swing and double descender to build teamwork and get students enjoying the outdoors.
- Media centre including high-tech ICT lab and radio station, ideal for memorable interactive modules and sessions.
- Blu-ray cinema offering the perfect place for young people to wind down.
- Dorms sleep 2-8 children with separate teacher accommodation and facilities.
- Separate kitchen to allow for multi-faith catering.
- Excellent transport links to the rest of the UK, just one hour from London and minutes from the Eurostar terminal.



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Centre address:
Grosvenor Hall
Kennington
Ashford
Kent
TN25 4AJ

Modules/sessions

- **Adventure Choice**
Adventure Choice
- **Transition**
- **Personal Development UFA** - All sessions*
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Mission Maker
- **Interaction**
- **ASDAN**
- **Arts & Culture** - All sessions
- **English in Action** - All sessions

*from September 2012.

“We had a fantastic time where I was able to watch the resilience of my pupils grow day to day as well as their understanding of team work.”

- Northaw Primary



Modules/sessions

- **Adventure Choice**
Adventure Choice
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- **Transition**
- **Personal Development UFA** - All sessions*
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- **Interaction**
- **ASDAN**
- **Arts & Culture** - All sessions
- **English in Action** - All sessions

*from September 2012.

“Every one leaves the centre a little prouder, braver and more challenged.”

- St Ives School



Isle of Wight

With stunning views over Whitecliff Bay and offering direct beach access, this 100-acre clifftop centre is a hit with students of all ages. The Isle of Wight offers superb study opportunities, both for tourism, regeneration and the environment – and it's well known for being a rich source of fossils, bones and dinosaur remains.



What's on offer

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3 March 2013**

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Centre address:
Kingswood
Old School Buildings
Hillway Road
Bembridge
Isle of Wight
PO35 5PH

- Unique location engages students with the feel of travelling somewhere very special.
- Perfect for environmental, history and tourism studies along the Jurassic coast, on the beach and in the towns.
- Set in a Site of Special Scientific Interest with plenty of natural habitats for students to explore.
- Over 40 activities including 3G swing and leap of faith to stretch students and help bolster their confidence.
- Specialist watersports sessions available on a life-guard patrolled beach accessed directly from the centre at certain times of year.
- Dorms sleep 4-12 children, with separate en-suite teacher accommodation.
- Comprehensive investment works recently completed to enhance your experience with more comfortable accommodation and a wider choice of facilities.





Overstrand Hall

A Lutyens manor house, steeped in history, which will capture the imagination with images of armoured knights and courtly ladies. The centre offers young people a study environment like no other and has the added advantage of being found on the North Norfolk coast, so groups benefit from a wide variety of natural habitats that enhance the learning experience.



What's on offer

- A quaint centre right beside the beach, perfect for field studies.
- Unique building with truly stunning features that ensures a memorable stay.
- Dorms sleep 4-16 students, with comfortable teacher accommodation on each corridor.
- Specialist environmental field study centre for geography, biology, and environmental science.
- Dedicated field study tutors, experienced in their subjects and passionate about imparting their knowledge to students.
- A range of activities including high ropes and caving to build teamwork and encourage young people to overcome challenges, both as individuals and as a group.



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Centre address:
Overstrand Hall
48 Cromer Road
Norfolk
NR27 0JJ

Modules/sessions

- **Adventure Choice**
Adventure Choice
- **Transition**
- **Personal Development UFA** - All sessions*
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- **Arts & Culture** - All sessions
- **English in Action** - All sessions

*from September 2012.

“Excellent! Could not have chosen a better centre for our A2 Biology Field Trip!”

- Wrenn School



Modules/sessions

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- **Arts & Culture** - All sessions

*from September 2012.

“Best centre I have visited in 20 years, staff, facilities and activities well presented and very well organised – great timetable.”

- Galashiels Academy



Peak Venture

The doorstep to the Peak District, this centre offers a dramatic setting for outdoor education, with gritstone edges, wild heather moorlands and gentle limestone dales. The 9-acre site is also a registered watersports centre, making it a perennially-popular choice with young people, teachers and group leaders alike.



What's on offer

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10 March 2012**

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Centre address:
Kingswood Centre
Huddersfield Road
Penistone
Sheffield
South Yorks
S36 7GF

- On the doorstep of the beautiful Peak District, ideal for our Bushcraft module.
- Adventure Activities Licensing Authority registered watersports centre.
- Watersports weekends available – great for transition courses, bonding and teambuilding.
- Over 40 activities including zipwire and leap of faith to challenge students and encourage considered risk taking.
- Dorms sleep 4-8 students, with separate teacher rooms.
- Suitable for younger students.
- Easily-accessible from the Midlands and the North of England.





Staffordshire

Young people feel instantly at home here at the original Kingswood centre. Purpose-built for school groups, students benefit from first-class study and adventure facilities in an idyllic location overlooking the picturesque beauty of the Wrekin and Clee Hills. And it's less than 10 minutes from the M54 so it's easily accessible too.



What's on offer

- Set in unspoilt countryside for inspiring outdoor learning opportunities.
- Compact centre particularly suited to younger people.
- Dorms sleep 6-14 children and are close to teacher rooms and night lounges, enabling easy teacher supervision.
- A range of activities including quad biking and power climb to increase self-confidence and promote leadership skills.
- Purpose-built facilities make this perfect for school groups.
- Completely refurbished ICT labs and study areas to enhance the learning experience.



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3 March 2013

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Centre address:
Kingswood Centre
Barn Lane
Nr Albrighton
Wolverhampton
WV7 3AW

Modules/sessions

- **Adventure Choice**
Adventure Choice
- **Transition**
- **Personal Development UFA** - All sessions*
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- **ASDAN**
- **Arts & Culture** - All sessions

*from September 2012.

“The complete package is perfect for us. The visit has become an integral part of our Year 4 programme, and we look forward to many more years to come!”

- Oakthorpe Primary School



Modules/sessions

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- **English in Action** - All sessions

*from September 2012.

“An excellent experience, especially for our first time away from home children. The centre allowed children to develop their independence and team skills.”

- All Saints School



West Runton

Wide, sweeping clifftop views, beautiful sandy beaches and pine-fringed grounds make this a fantastic choice for young people of all ages. There's a diverse range of study environments to choose from along the North Norfolk coast and further inland on the Norfolk Broads, with plenty of educational opportunities available on-site too.



What's on offer

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27 October 2012
20 April 2013

Call +44 (0) 800 655 6564 to book your place.

Centre address:
Kingswood Centre
Cromer Road
West Runton
Norfolk
NR27 9NF

- An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with the coastline designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest, ideal for environmental studies.
- Majestic 30-acre clifftop setting with beach access both for study and for team games.
- Close to wildlife sanctuaries, famous fossils and popular tourist towns offering further educational options.
- A range of activities including zipwire, quad bikes and caving for young people to develop their fitness as well as their minds.
- Large indoor swimming pool and sports hall, plus all-weather climbing towers so the weather won't spoil your stay.
- 10 ICT labs and environmental classrooms available for your students.
- Recently refurbished problem solving, dining and teacher facilities.





KS2 KS3 KS4 KS5 P4-7 S1-6 UK

Château De Chantereine

Visit this beautiful Normandy Château and inspire young people with a real adventure and an illuminating insight into the French way of life. Our experienced instructors, known as animateurs, immerse young people in the culture, language and history in a lively and engaging manner. Let us take the lead leaving you free to support participants on a on-to-one basis.



- Tour WW1 battlefields, Rouen, Dieppe, Paris, local produce makers and more in our 'Discovery' excursion programme, bringing history and culture to life.
- Innovative 'Reportage' module sees participants creating news stories based on their excursions for a more memorable learning experience.
- 4-acre grounds where participants can enjoy a choice of team games and adventure activities.
- Security code-restricted dorms sleep 2-6 children, keeping them safe and giving you peace of mind.
- 90 minutes from Calais and 20 minutes from Dieppe, the Château is surprisingly accessible.

Experience Kingswood for yourself. Join us for a free teacher preview:

20-21 October 2012
23-24 March 2013

Call +44 (0) 800 655 6564 to book your place.

Centre address:
Château de Chantereine
Cruviel-sur-Mer
Upper Normandy
France



Modules/sessions

- Reportage
- Excursions

“The experience at the Château is typically French, the food is authentic, the activities excellent, educational and very enjoyable.”

- Christs School



“Fantastic visit, excellent organisation! I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to others.”

- Moniaive Primary School



Travel

To support you in every aspect of your trip we offer a convenient and competitive travel service through our partner company, Britannia Coach Services. While some schools prefer to arrange their own transport to our centres, many prefer to take advantage of this service, saving time and money.

A safe journey

All drivers from our coach operators are experienced in transporting school groups, and have been through a CRB background check. Their vehicles are kept in top condition and meet all European safety standards as a minimum.

By air, land or sea

For international schools and guests travelling to the UK, we also have links with trusted ferry companies for those visiting our Isle of Wight centre, and we can help with flights or Eurostar bookings. For those visiting the Château, all transport is included.

Hassle-free travel

When you book your visit to Kingswood, we'll automatically send you a competitive transport quote tailored to your trip – so you won't have to spend time shopping around. Just let us know if you'd like to take us up on the quote and we'll do the rest.

For more information and to arrange your travel please contact our transport team on 01603 309 373.



“Fantastic experience, staff very helpful, cannot do enough to ensure that group are content. Amazing people - thank you”

- Drumchapel FC



Our people

At Kingswood we're passionate about providing young people with the best possible educational adventure. So to ensure your experience is enjoyable, beneficial and easy to plan, we have a strong team of specialists to offer you plenty of support, knowledge and care, right the way through from the initial enquiry, during your trip and beyond.

Meet the Team

With our strong educational ethos and a commitment to providing an enriching Learning Outside the Classroom experience, our Kingswood Education team, in collaboration with external Educationalists and leading specialist consultants, are continually evolving, developing and updating our educational programmes, sessions and modules to ensure you accomplish everything you are looking to achieve during your visit.

And if, when developing your group's educational programme, you feel that there is something missing that might be of benefit, then one of our specialists – including our Head of Education – is on hand to work with you, to develop a programme that delivers all of your groups needs and enhances the learning journey.

So whether you need advice about which centre is right for you, a little guidance in choosing modules and sessions to best suit your group's individual learning objectives, or even further details about our payment or transport options, then we're here to help.

For help or information regarding your Kingswood trip, please call +44 (0)800 655 6564.

Dedicated Education Team

Working closely with other Kingswood departments, as well as external organisations and specialist consultants, our Educationalists ensure all our programmes are designed and delivered inline with current curriculum-linked guidelines, and that they match educational good practice and the Kingswood "Learning By Doing" Ethos.

General Centre Managers

Responsible for the day-to-day running and operations at each venue, the General Manager focuses primarily on the delivery of safe, educational and fun experiences for all guests.

Programme Team

With their clear understanding of visitors needs, the Programme Team plays a pivotal role within the delivery team, recommending and putting together modules and sessions that offer an imaginative, exciting and beneficial experience for schools and groups across the globe and ensuring that they meet your groups learning journey objectives.

Guest services Team

Working alongside our School Support Services department, the Guest Services team liaises with party leaders to ensure all aspects of the residential programme - and guests expectations - are met.

Training Team

Chosen for their ability to relate well to young people, our training team are responsible for delivering the high level of qualified instructors, who in turn, deliver a great learning journey that helps so many visitors achieve great things on our courses. As well as supporting, coaching and developing our centre teams, our Training Coordinators review and develop both current and future programmes, as well as maintaining standards of delivery inline with independent accrediting bodies (CLOtC, BAPA & Adventuremark).

Student Safety

Allowing young people the freedom to push the boundaries, try new experiences and find out just how much they're capable of achieving - all under expert guidance and supervision and within a safe, secure environment - is something we strive hard to achieve at Kingswood.

As such, our policies and procedures are designed to make sure we adhere to the highest safety standards at all times, with continual safety and first aid training for all staff, regular checks on equipment before and after every activity session and the presence of a qualified first-aider on centre 24/7.





Planning your trip

From location, facilities and programmes, to transport, pricing and safety; when it comes to booking a trip it's important to find the perfect centre to suit your individual interests, requirements and educational needs. And this is where we come in.

“A tremendous and exciting experience was had by children and staff - book it - you will love it!”

- St Margarets Marys RC Junior school

Whether you're looking for a city, country or coastline location to complement your studies; prefer the convenience of staying closer to home or are looking to take a trip of a lifetime and travel a little further afield; or you simply wish to combine an Outside the Classroom learning experience with a little adventure, our friendly, highly trained Kingswood team are on hand to take the hassle out of the entire planning process.

We can help suggest the best centre to ensure you get the very most from your time away, develop the perfect programme to meet your specific learning outcome requirements and even work out a budget to suit – all our programmes (and therefore prices) are individually tailored to suit each school or group.

Whatever your needs, we're here to answer your questions and help in any way we can.

If you should require any further help and advice on planning a school trip, please contact us on +44 (0) 800 655 6564 and we'll be only too happy to help.

Planning considerations

- Location
- Visit objectives
- Modules & Sessions available
- Teacher support
- Preview Weekend
- Centre facilities
- Adventure activities
- Evening activities
- Residential accommodation
- Meal / dietary requirements
- Health & safety information
- Centre security
- Quote / prices
- Insurance
- Transport
- Visas for overseas
- Paperwork requirements



“All of your staff have been absolutely fantastic in the planning, organising and then delivery of our groups experience. No stone is left unturned and the staff are very helpful.”

- Drumchapel FC

How to book

Once you've been to Kingswood, you will want to come back. One of the reasons we're so popular with teachers and group leaders is that we know how to make things easy for you – and that includes booking your trip. Just follow the simple steps below:

Make a provisional booking

Call us on +44 (0) 800 655 6564. We can check availability at your chosen centre and help you choose the right modules and sessions.

We'll send the details out to you and hold your booking for 28 days.

Tell your students & parents

You can download a welcome pack that contains everything you need to launch your trip to parents – including parent guides and savings cards. If it's your first visit to Kingswood, we can support you by coming to your school and meeting parents to answer any questions they may have.

Confirmation

Confirm the number of students and teachers that will be coming and we will send you an invoice outlining your payment arrangements.

Payments

Your next instalment is due eight weeks after your first deposit.

The final payment is due no later than eight weeks before your visit – we'll send you a reminder nearer the time.

Select your programme

Download the pre-visit forms (from the website), complete and return to the centre prior to visit. One month before your visit we'll send you details of the modules and all the sessions. We'll also send you information about dormitory arrangements and packing lists. Please tell us about any special medical, dietary or religious requirements.

International schools and agents

For any additional help and information required to book your visit to the UK, including advice on inbound transport and visas required, please contact us on +44 (0) 0800 655 6564 and we will be only too happy to help.

If you have any queries at any stage of the process we can help - just call us on + 44(0) 800 655 6564.



"It has been a fantastic learning experience that our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed."

- The Southwater Junior Academy

Teachers & Group Leader Q&A's

Q: What experience does Kingswood have in working with schools?

A: Kingswood has been delivering high-quality residential education programmes to schools for over three decades. Our teams currently reach over 130,000 young people from around 3,500 schools every year. All instruction is given by our team of professionally-qualified outdoor educators, supported by a strong centre management team. We constantly review our programmes so we can quickly respond to the changing educational needs of schools and their students.

Q: How up-to-date are your programmes?

A: Kingswood's name is synonymous with innovative, state-of-the-art educational activity centres. Our education team work closely with consultants and teachers to ensure the powerful educational benefits of our courses meet the needs of school groups, and we use the very latest equipment and methodologies. Kingswood's programmes are recognised as the best available to schools, specifically designed to help students increase their level of attainment, learning more about their own abilities as they explore working with others.

Q: Why is a residential school visit so important to my class?

A: In addition to meeting outcomes related to the National and School Curriculums, a visit to Kingswood gives young people a brand new opportunity to learn in an environment that is exciting, challenging and fun. Students have the chance to expand their horizons and build their confidence and independence by trying new adventure and educational activities in a safe, secure setting. The Kingswood experience promotes team building and often brings a class and its teacher together, supporting interactive and project-based learning back in school.

Q: Can you arrange insurance?

A: All visitors to Kingswood are covered by our standard £5 million public liability insurance while on site. We can also arrange all-inclusive travel insurance at £5 per student which covers pupils and their group leaders from the time they book their visit to the time they return to school.

Q: Will our school mix with other schools?

A: Our centres usually have several schools staying at any one time, but classmates stay together throughout the day. The only time groups can meet is in the evenings as part of our Social Sundown unless participating in the interaction module. Students from different schools never share the same dorms.

Q: What is included?

A: Your booking fee covers a fully supervised centre-based programme of educational courses, as well as adventure activities, evening entertainment, comfortable accommodation, good, healthy meals and free places for a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:10. The booking price does not include transport to and from the centre, or between the centre and off-site field study locations.

Q: How secure are the centres?

A: Security is paramount to Kingswood. Every centre keep clearly-defined borders with perimeter fencing, night patrols and electronic gates where needed. We maintain the highest security standards at all times and all visitors wear name badges when on site.

Q: Do you have fire drills?

A: All schools receive a fire safety briefing on arrival at the centre. Groups are shown where the emergency exits and meeting areas are and we go through evacuation procedures. This is followed by an emergency fire drill involving all visitors.

Q: What about dates and prices?

A: Because a visit to Kingswood is tailored to suit the individual needs of each school, your quote will be calculated on the programme that has been devised specifically for you. Our support team will be happy to give you details of available dates along with our prices. Just call them on +44 (0) 800 655 6564.

Q: What is your payment process?

A: Once you've reserved your dates you'll have 28 days before you need to pay your first deposit. This gives you a chance to launch your trip to parents and students.

Q: What care is available during the night?

A: Teachers sleep separately to students but are never too far away. Every centre has a Duty Manager on call throughout the night.

Q: What are the special safety provisions for watersports?

A: We hold Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) licences for our watersports activities at Peak Venture and Isle of Wight. The watersports available at Colomendy don't fall under the licensing regulations but are still governed by the 'Adventure Mark' award and the centre holds the 'Learning Outside the Classroom' Quality Badge.

Q: What's the food like?

A: Our new breakfast, lunch and dinner menus are all created to boost energy, with health in mind and meet government recommendations on school nutrition. Menus vary day-to-day according to the season but there is always a choice of hot and cold dishes, vegetarian options and fresh salad bars, with meals served in communal dining areas. We're happy to cater for special religious or dietary requirements as long as you tell us about these before you arrive, for groups with specific dietary requirements a supplement may apply.

Q: Can you recommend a method for collecting money?

A: Visit www.kingswood.co.uk to download savings cards. You can give these out to parents so they can set aside a small amount of money each week in the run up to your visit.

Q: What about pupils with special needs?

A: Kingswood is committed to an inclusive approach and values the involvement of all young people. We can support special needs students with many of their requirements as long as teachers make us aware of them at the time of booking. We're happy to provide extra support to those who are used to taking part in activities with the rest of their classmates – but if we think it won't prove a positive experience for them, that it might prove overwhelming, or that we're not equipped to cope with a specific situation, we'll let you know. If you'd like to talk to our dedicated Special Needs Co-Ordinator, you can reach them on +44 (0) 800 655 6564.

Q: Do you have first aid cover?

A: Yes. There are qualified first aid staff on site at all times.

Q: Can you help promote the trip to parents?

A: Of course. We have parent leaflets and savings cards available at www.kingswood.co.uk so you can download and distribute these as required. If you haven't been to Kingswood before, we'll be happy to visit your school to host a Parents' Evening where we'll give a presentation about the benefits of coming to our centres and answer any questions parents might have. If you have been to us before, we'll let you launch your trip – after all, who better to explain the benefits than teachers who have already experienced them first-hand?

Q: Do pupils need any specialist clothing?

A: No, but bearing in mind the great British climate suitable wet weather gear and waterproof footwear are often an absolute must! If you're not sure what students need to bring, there's a sample packing list at www.kingswood.co.uk.

Q: I've heard Kingswood is part of a wider group?

A: Kingswood is part of The Education Travel Group, the UK's leading supplier of educational group tours, school ski courses and educationally-rich UK activity centre breaks for schools. Our sister companies with the Group cover almost every type of trip a school could require, from ski trips with SkiPlan, worldwide study tours with Equity Travel and sports tours with STS Pavilion. This gives teachers the opportunity to book a wide range of school trips with one trusted provider.

Q: How does Kingswood protect payments made before a school's visit?

A: All companies within the Education Travel Group, which includes Kingswood and STG, are bonded/insured by ABTA and ATOL where required for school trips. We meet all the relevant obligations of the Package Travel Regulations 1992.

Parents Q&A's

Q: Will children need additional pocket money?

A: All children's needs are catered for but every Kingswood centre does have a shop where children can buy postcards, limited refreshments, pencils and souvenirs so we recommend young people bring £15-20 with them.

Q: What are your accommodation arrangements like?

A: Boys and girls sleep in bunk beds in separate dorms in warm, comfortable dorms of between 2 and 16. Sheets, duvets and pillows are provided. Some rooms are en-suite but there are always separate toilet and shower facilities for girls and boys close to dormitories.

Q: When is bedtime?

A: Our Social Sundown activities typically end around 9pm when students enjoy a hot chocolate before returning to their dorms. We suggest a lights-out policy of 10pm but this may vary depending on the age of the group and their teachers' preferences.

Q: Will my child cope?

A: All Kingswood staff are trained to take responsibility for the well-being of the children who are in their care. We have found that the best way to help children cope with being away from home is to keep them busy, having fun from dawn 'til dusk. As such, we create a warm, supportive environment for students so they quickly feel at home. Our activities are progressive, allowing students to join in at whatever level they're comfortable with. For obvious reasons some activities are age restricted and/or subject to the correct fitting of equipment.

Q: What does my child need to bring?

A: Old clothes! Clothing and shoes worn outside during activities will inevitably get dirty. We try to help children look after their things but items do get lost or left behind so we recommend all items are named and students are given a packing list so they can tick things off as they pack them at the end of their stay. Here's a sample packing list they can use:

- 1 swimming towel and costume (where the centre has a pool or watersport sessions)
- 1 bath towel
- toiletries bag including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc.
- night clothes
- socks and underwear
- 4 t-shirts, shirt or blouses (at least 1 with long sleeves) and a sweatshirt (2 in winter)
- 1 thick jumper (2 in winter) and 1 light sweater
- 3 pairs of trousers and/or jeans and/or tracksuit bottoms
- clothes for the evening activities
- waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- sturdy shoes and wellies, even in summer
- 2 pairs of trainers, including one old pair
- large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- gloves, hat and scarf in winter
- water bottle

Please note, many of our activities require arms and legs to be covered.

Q: What should my child not bring to Kingswood?

A: Mobile phones, expensive cameras, electronic games, iPods or mp3 players, expensive or much-cherished jewellery, expensive or favourite clothing or shoes – these items aren't covered by our insurance.

Q: What should parents do regarding illness?

A: We ask parents to be vigilant before their child's trip to Kingswood. If their child shows symptoms of illness they should inform their teacher or trip leader who can contact us directly for information.

Camp Beaumont

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"Fantastic at everything they do - I felt totally at ease leaving my daughter there for her first time away from home. She had a wonderful time and cannot wait to go again!"

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We're passionate about seeing young people blossom as they gain confidence in their own abilities and become more independent when staying away from home. They also learn about different cultures mixing with campers from many backgrounds, making new friends all the while.

Inspiring a passion for the great outdoors

We give young people the chance to get outdoors and get active – promoting a healthy lifestyle with plenty of exciting physical activity come rain or shine. Campers see their peers taking part and want to join in themselves, building up the confidence to try something new in a safe, supportive environment.

Many young people who visit us take a new hobby away with them, continuing with a favourite activity when back at home. Who knows, maybe we're even inspiring great sporting superstars of the future?

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To find out more about the holidays, adventure activities and facilities available at Camp Beaumont, simply call +44 (0) 800 655 6560 to request a brochure, or visit www.campbeaumont.com to download.

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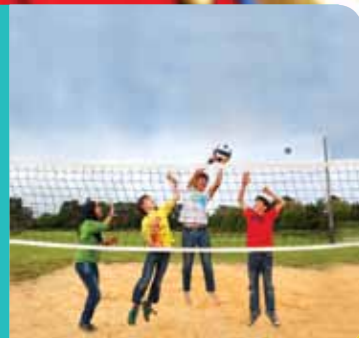
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