



Kingswood

Inspiring Learning

Colomendy: Learning Outside the Classroom

St Peter's CE Primary, 22nd June

Introduction to Kingswood

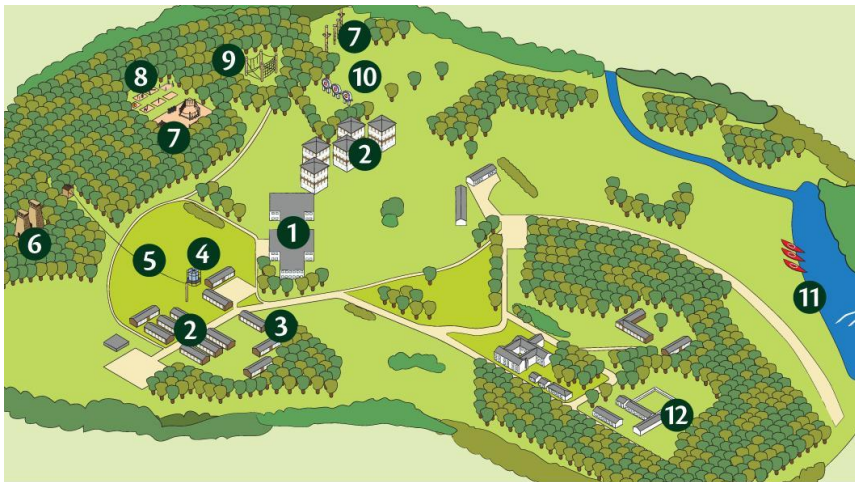
We support teachers in bringing learning to life and with 30 years' experience, we know what works and we are proud to deliver immersive learning at it's very best.

- Working with 3,500 schools per year and 130,000 students, we are a leading trusted provider of residential trips
- We aim to instil self confidence and a sense of achievement through a positive experience which is educational and enjoyable, challenging and rewarding
- **We know what we are doing!**
 - Founding members of the British Activities Providers Association (BAPA)
 - We hold a 'Learning Outside the Classroom' quality badge and have full accreditation with all relevant agencies



Your centre – Colomendy

Set in 130 acres of beautiful Welsh hills, valleys and open countryside, Colomendy provides an amazing outdoor environment that both enriches the learning experience and allows young people to really benefit from time spent in the great outdoors.



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| ① Reception | ⑤ Zip wire | ⑨ Aerial walkway |
| ② Accommodation | ⑥ Climbing & abseiling | ⑩ Archery |
| ③ Diner & laundry | ⑦ High & low ropes | ⑪ Lake |
| ④ Aeroball | ⑧ Problem solving | ⑫ Farm & garden |



Your centre – Colomendy

- Situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Site of Special Scientific Interest.
- An on-site watersports lake provides the perfect venue for teamwork activities.
- All our programmes are tailor-made to suit individual needs, requirements and learning outcomes.
- Over 40 activities are available, including aerial walkway, abseiling, 3G swing, giant zipwire and caving.
- Local nature trails and historic moel famau walks.
- Comfortable single sex dorms (some with en-suite).



A day full of fun

A typical day at Kingswood runs as follows:

- Breakfast is served between 7.30am and 9am
- The morning activities start around 9.30am
- 10 minute refreshment break during the morning
- Lunch time allocation between 12pm and 2.30pm
- A full afternoon of activities
- 10 minute refreshment break
- Evening meal time allocation between 5pm and 7pm
- Evening entertainment from 7.45pm
- Lights out



Kingswood will create a programme to meet specific objectives, needs and learning outcomes.

- 6 activity sessions per full day plus one final evening session.
- Fully qualified Kingswood activity instructors lead all activities
- Students are encouraged and praised during activities but are NEVER forced to take part if they are not comfortable doing so.

While other groups will also be present on centre during our stay, all programmes and activities are conducted separately.

Food glorious food!

It's important for students to maintain high energy levels throughout your stay, so 3 freshly-prepared, healthy buffet style meals are served daily in the communal dining area.

- All meals are nutritionally balanced and meet the latest Government standards on childrens' meals
- A varied choice is always offered, with both hot and cold meals, a salad bar, at least one vegetarian option and yes, sometimes even chips!
- Plenty of juice and water is available at all times.
- Most dietary requirements can be catered for as long as we are told in advance - forms will be issued to the group prior to your visit for this purpose and to establish any medical needs.



Bedtime routine

Plenty of sleep is required to recharge the batteries, so lights are turned out (once all are ready for bed) after our final activity each day.



Sleeping – a home away from home!

- All residential dormitories are warm, comfortable and 100% secure.
- Girls and boys sleep in separate areas and teachers rooms are located close by to allow for plenty of close supervision.
- All bedding is provided on centre - one of the very first tasks for all students is making up their own beds!
- Separate showers and toilet facilities are available for girls and boys.
- Dorms at Colomendy are in wooden buildings or chalet type blocks sleeping between 2-12, some with en-suite facilities.
- Chill out zone for older students.



Safety and wellbeing

We know how daunting it can be letting your child go on a residential visit, so we do everything we can to make it a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Our policies and procedures are designed to make sure we adhere to the highest safety standards at all times:

- Continual safety and first aid training for all staff
- Regular checks on equipment before and after every activity session
- Qualified First-Aider on centre 24/7
- All staff are fully DBS checked

We create a warm, supportive environment for students so they quickly feel at home. All our activities are progressive, allowing students to join in at whatever level they're comfortable with.

We have found the best way to help children cope with being away from home is to keep them busy, having fun from dawn 'til dusk.

Kingswood cannot guarantee 100% safety for personal items brought onto centre and they will not be covered by insurance. It is therefore advisable to leave valuables – cameras, mobiles, iPods, MP3 players, computer games, jewellery - at home. A clearly named disposable camera is acceptable.



Now:

Final payments

Return medical forms (allergies, contact details etc)

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At home in September:

Pack – check the kit list. Any questions? Do ask!

Check they can carry/roll the bag/case themselves

Medicines ready in separate named bag

Teach how to use disposable camera!

Let school know if any contact/medical details have changed

Organisation on the Monday (12/9/16)

Medicines to Miss Collins, with instructions (Front gate, 9 a.m.)

Children to come to school in their own clothes

Bags/Cases to be put under the hall (in the cage)

All Year 4s to have lunch in school as normal

We leave at the end of lunch. You are welcome to come to wave goodbye!

Any questions?

Thank you