

November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Plas Pencelli Wales Trip - Wednesday 4 February - Friday 6 February 2026

The Geography Department is delighted to be able to offer 70 of our Year 9 students the opportunity to visit Plas Pencelli Outdoor Education Centre located near the Brecon Beacons in South Wales from Wednesday 4 February to Friday 6 February 2026.

The trip is open to Geography students in Year 9 and promises to be an unforgettable experience for our students. This trip is an excellent opportunity to develop not only your child's Geographical knowledge and understanding of river processes and features, which will support them in their GCSE studies, but also support their personal growth, skill development and team building with peers in a beautiful natural setting.

The final itinerary will be confirmed and shared prior to the trip, however, the activities that are likely to be included are gorge walking, caving or rock climbing, canoeing and orienteering.

All food, transport to and from the centre, and activities during the visit are included within the costs. Further information regarding accommodation, finalised itinerary and kit list will be sent out to those students whose places are confirmed.

The trip will leave school at 8.30am on Wednesday 4 February 2026 and return at approximately 4.30pm on Friday 6 February 2026. As the return time is after the end of the school day, it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to arrange transport home from the Academy.

The Visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for students in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the abovementioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

The total cost of this trip is £280. Payment for this trip must be made using the My Child At School App. The trip will be available on the My Child At School App from 8.00am on Wednesday 19 November. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student. A deposit of £150 is due by Friday 21 November 2025 and the remaining balance of £130 is due by Friday 16 January 2026.

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As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel. The date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Bromcom. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or office@kowessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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