



Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School

YEAR 8 RESIDENTIAL - HARTINGTON HALL - JULY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding our plans for the end-of-year residential experience for our Year 8 pupils.

As you may be aware, Premier Inn has recently changed its policy regarding single occupancy rooms for under 14s. This change has unfortunately impacted our ability to proceed with our traditional London plans. In light of this and at such short notice we have been actively exploring alternative options to ensure we can still offer our pupils a memorable and meaningful experience to mark the end of their time with us.

We have listened carefully to our pupils through a recent consultation, and it was clear that they are eager to enjoy some quality time with their friends before moving on to the next stage of their education. They expressed a strong desire for an experience that allows them to create lasting memories with their peers and are set that a residential is their preferred outcome.

With this in mind, we have planned a one-night residential trip at Hartington Hall YHA, Buxton, which will combine shared accommodation in a suitable and safe environment with a visit to Go Ape on the way and a visit to Alton Towers on the way back. We believe this option will meet both our safeguarding requirements and the wishes of our pupils.

Further details, including dates, costs, and itinerary,

TRIP 1- 13TH/14TH JULY (8AVG/8EB/half of 8ALT)

Day 1

9am: Leave HSMS (pupils will need a packed lunch)

Travel to Go Ape, Cannock

4pm: Depart Go Ape

Travel to YHA Hartington Hall (Evening meal and activities)

Day 2

10am: Leave YHA after breakfast

Travel to Alton Towers

4pm: Depart Alton Towers

Travel to HSMS - stop on route for refreshments

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TRIP 2 - 15TH/16TH JULY (8ZC/8NW/ half of 8ALT)

Day 1

9am: Leave HSMS (pupils will need a packed lunch)

Travel to Go Ape, Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean

3pm: Depart Go Ape

Travel to YHA Hartington Hall (Evening meal and activities)

Day 2

10am: Leave YHA

Travel to Alton Towers

4pm: Depart Alton Towers

Travel to HSMS - stop on route for refreshments

The overall cost of the trip will be **£220** per pupil which includes travel, entrance to activities, accommodation and food (day 1 evening meal, day 2 breakfast and lunch).

A non-refundable deposit of £50 is payable by Tuesday 11th November 2025.

The second payment of £85 is payable by **Friday 9th January 2026.**

The third payment of £85 is payable by **Friday 27th March 2026.**

As HSMS pupils are ambassadors of our school when out in the community, it is imperative that all on the trip are able to uphold our school values and behaviour standards while away. We regret that we will be unable to provide refunds in the event that a pupil becomes ineligible to attend this trip due to not meeting behaviour expectations.

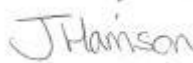
If your child is eligible for pupil premium please contact hsms.finance@hughsexey.org.uk to discuss any financial relief available before making any payments on MCAS.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Matt Drew
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Y8 Pastoral Leader