



Year 4 Residential 2025

Parent and Carer Information Session

Wednesday 13th November 2024

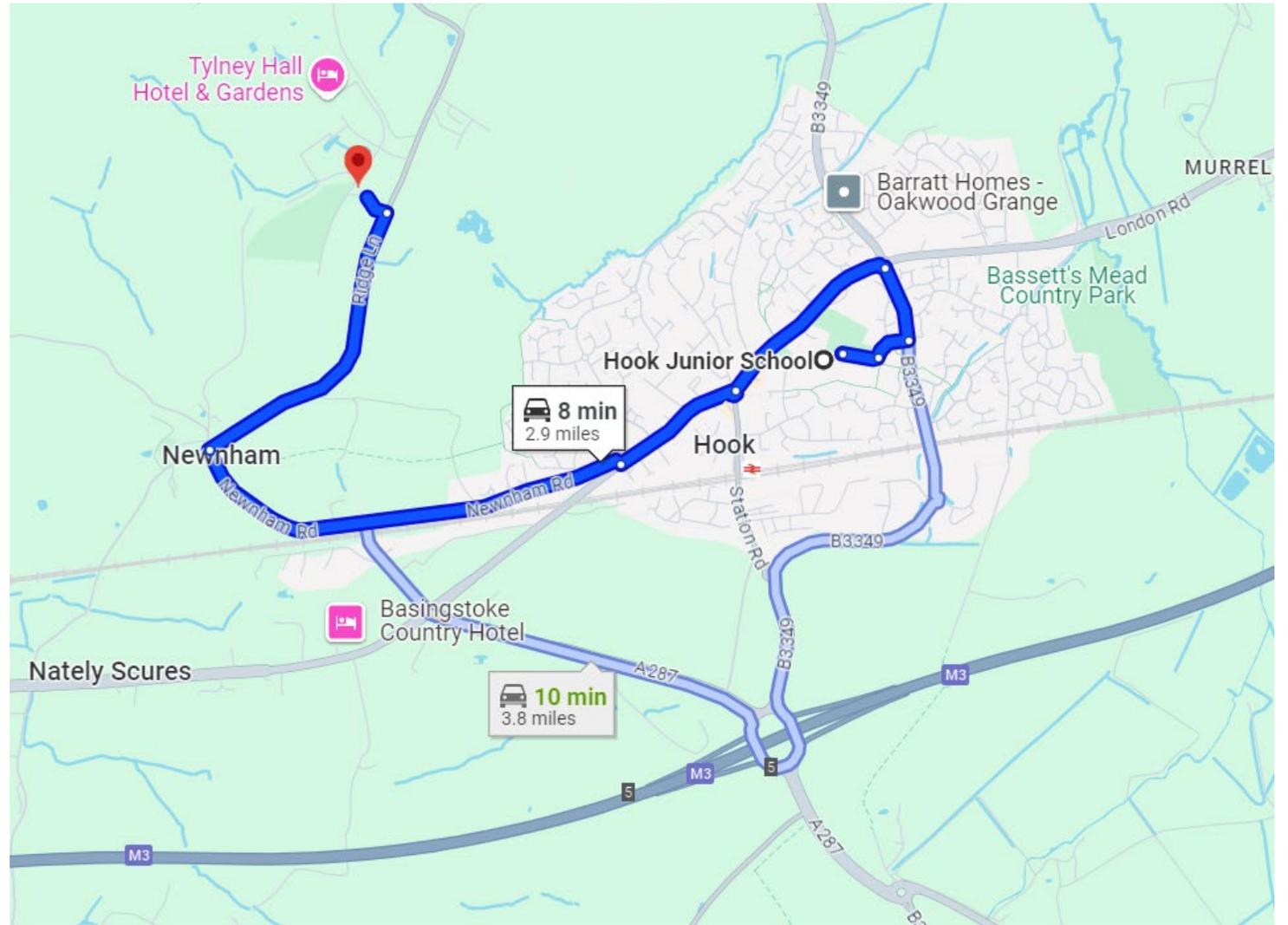
Year 4 – Gordon Brown Educational Centre Residential

- New aspect of the Year 4 curriculum
- Combines both educational and Personal Development Learning objectives
- Ideal location
- Provides engaging, hands-on learning beyond the confines of the classroom.
- Situated in a conservation area, covering 25 acres.
- Packed with adventure activities

Location



More than just an outdoor centre; inspiring children since 1976



📍 Ridge Ln, Rotherwick, Hook, RG27 9AT, United Kingdom

Why have we introduced a Year 4 Residential?

- Clear progression of skills in our PDL curriculum
- Builds independence, resilience and confidence
- Prepares children for future School Residentials
- Develops team work skills
- Shared experience
- Creates Memories!



Accommodation

- Purpose-built accommodation quarters
- Accommodation is a short walk from the main office/reception.
- We will have access to two buildings – two separate dormitories for girls and boys
- Secure site with 24-hour security.





What will we be doing?

	Day 1	Day 2
Breakfast		Breakfast @ 7.30pm
		Packing 8.15am-9am
Morning Session	Arrival from 10am Get settled into accommodation and morning site tour/meet the animals	Activity Three – 9.15am-10.45am Activity Four – 10.45am-12.15pm
Lunch	Lunch @ 12.30pm	Lunch @ 12.30pm
Afternoon session	Activity One – 2pm-3.30pm Activity Two – 3.30pm-5pm	Depart 2pm
Evening meal	Evening meal @ 5.30-6.30pm	
Evening Session	Evening Campfire 7.30-8.30pm	



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| 1 CAR PARK 1 | 5 CHICKENS | 9 CAR PARK 2 | 13 LOW ROPES COURSE | 17 CLAY PIT | 21 GOATS | 25 SHRUBBERY |
| 2 MAIN BUILDING / DINING HALL | 6 RABBITS | 10 IRON AGE ROUNDHOUSE | 14 LASER GUN VILLAGE | 18 ARCHERY RANGE | 22 FIRE MAKING WOODLAND | 26 TRIM TRAIL COURSE |
| 3 OUTDOOR CINEMA | 7 TUCK SHOP | 11 CAMPING VILLAGE | 15 DEN BUILDING | 19 BEE KEEPING | 23 POND DIPPING AREA | 27 CAMP FIRE AREA |
| 4 PIGS | 8 PICNIC AREA 1 | 12 PICNIC AREA 2 | 16 HIGH ROPES / CLIMBING WALL | 20 DONKEYS | 24 GROWING GARDEN | 28 CAMP FIRE AREA |
| | | | | | | 29 CLASSROOM |



Activities



During their stay, children will take part in 4 activities lead by qualified GBC staff.

Activity options:

- Low Ropes Course – a series of platforms, wires, beams and ropes to traverse around
- Trim trail obstacle course – compete in two teams to win our obstacle course
- Shelter building – build shelters using natural materials
- Fires and cooking – cook popcorn over fires
- Zipline – two x 60 m x ziplines
- Blindfold trail – pair up to work along our 300m blindfold trail, navigating tunnels, barrels, beams and more.



Meals – fuel for adventure!

- During their visit, your child will benefit from a fully catered lunch and dinner service cooked onsite by the BGC chef and catering team.
- Breakfast is self-service (very continental!)
- Children will dine in one of the indoor or outdoor dining facilities – depending on the weather.



What to bring

- A single bed-sheet
- Pillow
- Duvet or Sleeping bag
- Towel
- Washbag – soap, toothbrush...etc
- Plastic bag for dirty clothing
- Indoor shoes – sliders or slippers
- Outdoor shoes – trainers or wellies
- *Please check the weather
- **No spending money.**
- **No mobiles**

Important message to Parents
Children only have a 60cm deep by 40cm height and wide lockers to store their belongings, so please ensure they stay within the suggested list below. Any additional belongings will not be able to be stored in the room.

GBC
ADVENTURE
IN EDUCATION

KIT LIST – WHAT TO BRING

Please ensure that all items are named.

CLOTHING

Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and / or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities

- x7 Long sleeved shirt / T-shirts
- x1 Waterproof jacket
- x2 Fleeces / jumpers

TOPS & JACKETS

- TROUSERS & LEGGINGS** but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet
- UNDERWEAR & SOCKS**
- CLOTHES FOR THE EVENING**
- Suitable **NIGHTWEAR**

Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities

Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do some activities

FOOTWEAR

- x1 pair of **TRAINERS**
- x1 pair of **WELLIES** and
- x1 for indoor

for activities for watersports

OTHER ITEMS

- x2 **TOWELS** (x1 for showering)
- Plastic **DRINKS BOTTLE**
- Labelled **BIN BAG** for wet and dirty clothing
- SLEEPING BAG** or **DUVET** and
- x1 **PILLOW & BED SHEET** (unless otherwise advised)
- WASHBAG** including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste

TRAVELLING IN THE ...

... SUMMER?

- Shorts
- Baseball hat / sun hat
- Sunscreen

... WINTER?

- Warm anorak or similar
- Hat and gloves

LOST PROPERTY

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact GBC. Postage will be charged for returning lost items, which will be held for one month.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Electronic devices
- Computer games
- Jewellery / valuables

Important Information

Date of Residential – Monday 28th – Tuesday 29th April 2025 (1 night)

Cost - The total cost of the residential trip is £125 per child, which covers:

- 1 nights' accommodation
- Full board mealtimes (a hot breakfast, lunch and dinner - offering as much as a child wants to eat)
- Full day and evening itinerary of enriching activities that children will participate in
- Activities lead by qualified and experienced GBC instructors
- Use of GBC equipment and resources

There will be another meeting in the Spring Term 2025, where you will be given further details about the trip.

Additional Information

- Miss Stewart and Miss Carne visited the GBC in July 2024 to ensure this was the best possible provider for the Residential.
- The Gordon Brown Centre is operated and owned by Brent London Borough Council.
- Safeguarding checks have been conducted by school and Hampshire County Council.

Questions



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