

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay PGL - Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 June 2027
Expression of Interest

We are delighted to offer our Year 8 students the opportunity to take part in an exciting **3-day, 2-night residential trip to PGL Osmington Bay**, one of the UK's leading outdoor education centres, located on the stunning Dorset coastline. The trip will depart from school at approximately **8.30am on Monday 28 June 2027** and we expect to return at approximately **4.30pm on Wednesday 30 June 2027**.

This exciting residential experience has been designed to support both the **Geography curriculum and students' personal development** through a wide range of outdoor adventure activities, team-building challenges and coastal fieldwork opportunities. Students will take part in a range of activities, which may include:

- Sailing
- Kayaking
- Rowing and water-based challenges
- Coastal hiking and exploration
- Outdoor obstacle courses
- Team-building and problem-solving activities
- Communication and leadership challenges.

Students will also have the opportunity to explore the beautiful Dorset coastline, gaining a greater understanding of coastal environments whilst applying their geographical knowledge in a real-world setting.

Residential experiences offer far more than simply a few days away from school. They provide young people with valuable opportunities to develop skills and qualities that will benefit them throughout their education and beyond.

During the trip, students will have the opportunity to:

- Build confidence and resilience by stepping outside their comfort zones.
- Develop teamwork skills through collaborative challenges and activities.
- Improve communication and leadership abilities.
- Learn to solve problems creatively and effectively.
- Strengthen friendships and build new relationships with peers.
- Increase independence and personal responsibility.
- Gain a greater appreciation of the natural environment.
- Create lasting memories through shared experiences and achievements.

Many students return from residential visits with increased self-confidence, stronger social skills and a greater willingness to embrace new challenges both in and out of the classroom.

The approximate cost of the trip is **£335 per student** and includes:

- Return coach travel
- Two nights' accommodation
- All meals during the visit
- Qualified activity instructors
- Equipment hire
- Full programme of activities.

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If your child would be interested in taking part in this trip, please complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#) by no later than **Monday 14 September 2026**. **Places are limited and completing the Expression of Interest form does not guarantee your child a place.**

If the number of students wishing to attend exceeds the number of places available, a reserve list will be held. We regret that should a place not be offered to your child, no discussion will be entered into as to why that decision has been made.

If your child is allocated a place on the trip, a **£75 non-refundable deposit** will need to be paid via [WisePay](#) by **no later than Friday 2 October** to secure your child's place. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the place being withdrawn and offered to the next student on the list. Further payment details will be provided in due course.

By paying the deposit, you are consenting to your child taking part in the above school trip. Should you decide at a future date to cancel your child's place (apart from the usual reasons covered by insurance, such as illness or injury) your deposit will not be refunded, as bookings will have been secured well in advance of the trip dates.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration. We hope that this will be a successful and enjoyable trip, therefore, in the lead-up to the trip, all places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's Behaviour Policy during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. During the trip, if your child fails to meet the behaviour expectations, then you will be asked to make arrangements to collect your child from Osmington Bay at your own expense.

We strongly encourage all Year 8 students to consider taking part in this fantastic opportunity. The combination of outdoor adventure, geographical learning and personal development makes this a truly memorable experience that students will benefit from for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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