

Dear Parents of Year 6 Pupils

I hope this letter finds you well. As you may recall, I wrote to you before the summer holidays to inform you about an exciting change to our Year 6 residential trip for the upcoming academic year.

In previous years, our Year 6 class has visited Stanley Head in October. However, last years' experience was significantly impacted by challenging weather conditions, which we felt detracted from the pupils' overall enjoyment and ability to fully engage with planned activities. After careful consideration, we have made the strategic decision to reschedule the Residential Visit to the summer term of 2026, following the SATs examinations.

We believe this timing will offer multiple advantages. The weather will be considerably warmer and more conducive to outdoor activities, and the trip will provide a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to celebrate their achievements after completing their SATs, before they transition to their secondary schools.

The residential trip is now confirmed for three days, **from Wednesday 17th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026**. Pupils will stay at Ilam Hall YHA, a magnificent Victorian gothic mansion situated within 84 acres of National Trust parkland in the Peak District National Park. The comprehensive trip cost will cover two nights' accommodation, return transport, all meals (including breakfast, lunch, and evening meals), and a diverse range of activities.

Our planned activities include exciting options such as exploring the stepping stones at Dovedale, hiking through the Peak District, cycling on the Manifold Track, canoeing, caving, bouldering, and a visit to Peak Wildlife Park. Additionally, pupils can look forward to evening activities like games, campfires, and trails. The children will be accompanied by our Year 6 staff team and Mr Mark Fox from our Forest School.

We will now commence setting up a payment plan for this visit. The cost of the trip is **£184.50** which will be split into 9 monthly payments of **£20.50**.

To secure your child's space on this trip the first payment is now due and needs to be made before the **17th October**.

Payments should be made via the Arbor App and the trips section.

Should you require any assistance please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,  
Sarah Clowes Principal, Our Lady & St Benedict Catholic Academy  
With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clowes'.

Mrs Sarah Clowes –Principal



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