

Residential visits at AFJS

The purpose of this meeting

- Rationale behind our plans and benefits of residential
- Locations
- Dates
- Payments
- Time scales of what happens next





Compelling research

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Foundation

5 years
60 schools
13 partnerships

Over 12, 500 pre and post surveys
with students, parents and staff

Over 100 focus groups

‘Learning Away has shown that a residential learning experience provides opportunities and benefits/impacts that cannot be achieved in any other educational context or setting.’

Learning Away Final Evaluation Report, York Consulting 2017



The opportunities that residentials provide for pupils (dependent on venue/ activities) are:

- Developing independence
- Learning to work together as a team
- Achieving personal and team goals
- Increasing self esteem and confidence
- Conquering fears
- Trying new and exciting activities
- Experiencing living away from home
- Respecting and valuing each others abilities and empathising with each other
- Revealing undiscovered strengths
- Solving problems and taking responsibility



Why add another one?

To build up the time away from home more gradually

Supports transitions

Develop resilience and independence

Develop communication, friendship and teamwork skills

Offer wider opportunities/activities

Farmers Forever memories

Success of other schools

Parent voice

What will this look like for my child?

The AFJS residential offer:

- Overnight Camp at school in Year 4 (end of June/start of July)
- Gullivers Land in Year 5 (May)
- Conover Hall in Year 6 (September)

AFJS CAMP – 1 night at school

It's close to home

It's free

It's familiar

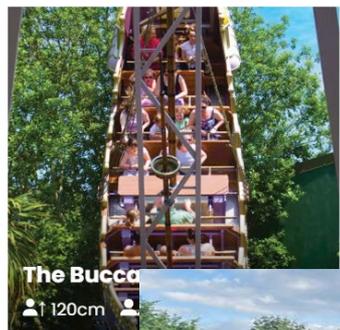
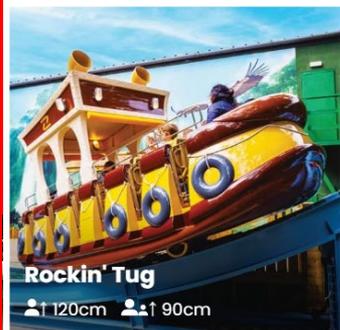
For some, it is their first experience of camping



GULLIVERS LAND – 1 night away

Current Y5:
Thursday 22nd

May 2025



Why we have chosen Gulliver's

- Full board accommodation
- Full activity programme, including time in the theme park
- It is not too far away from home
- It is fairly priced
- It is fun



ADVENTURE LAND	
Tree Top Swings	80cm 120cm
Jungle Falls	80cm 120cm
Rocking Tug	80cm 120cm
The Buccaneer	90cm 120cm
The Jungle River	120cm
Grand Prix Racers	100cm 130cm
Adventure Maze	
Monkey Climb	
Jungle Ball Pit	
Monkey Hut	
Jungle Falls	



Accommodation

Cabins sleep 4-6 children and each cabin has its own bathroom.

School staff will work on a rota system overnight so that there are always staff awake and patrolling the area.

School will be allocated cabins in one area so that we are all together.



GULLIVER'S Land

ADVENTURE LAND

- Tree Top Swings 100cm 120cm
- Jungle Falls 80cm 100cm
- Rocking Tug 90cm 100cm
- The Buccaneer 90cm 120cm
- The Jungle River 120cm
- Grand Prix Racers 100cm 120cm
- Adventure Maze
- Monkey Climb
- Jungle Ball Pit
- Monkey Hut
- Jungle Falls

GULLY TOWN

- Gully's Garage
- Gilly's House
- Leonard's Supermarket
- Percy's Gym
- Ellie's Theatre
- Gully's Parlour
- Outdoor Play
- Gully's Post Office
- Leonard's Pet Shop

WESTERN WORLD

- The Whirlwind 100cm
- Flying Texan Boots 100cm
- Deputy Drop 90cm 150cm
- Pony Express 90cm 110cm
- Sand Play Pit
- Adventure Fort
- Crazy Barrels 100cm
- The Log Flume 90cm 120cm
- Runaway Train 90cm 120cm
- Rio Bravo 90cm
- The Silver Mine 120cm

ADVENTURE LAND

WESTERN WORLD

JCB ZONE

- Crazy Crane 120cm 150cm
- Demolition Dodgems 80cm 140cm
- The Crazy Mouse 90cm 120cm
- Heavy Lifting Zone
- Rubble Zone
- Driver Zone
- Big Dig Zone
- Construction Golf

JCB ZONE

- Main Street Carousel 80cm
- Main Street Theatre

Hillput Land

- Dragon Siege 120cm 140cm 150cm
- Gulliver's Travels 120cm
- Jousting Castles 90cm 120cm
- Veteran Cars 120cm
- Cycle Monorail 80cm 140cm
- Giant Teacups 120cm
- Tiny Tots Play Area

GULLIVER'S Dinosaur & Farm Park



Ride Safety

- Below this height (in cm) cannot ride.
- Below this height (in cm) must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Above this height (in cm) cannot ride.
- C Catering Outlet
- T Toilets
- A Accessible Toilets
- B Baby Change
- F First Aid
- S Shops
- I Information
- Sm Smoking Area

Mix and match activities to suit your group's interests. Whether you're a thrill-seeker, or a budding David Attenborough, there's something for everyone!

- Swings and Roundabouts Workshop
- Nature Walk
- Dinosaur/Unicorn Trail
- Arts and Crafts Session
- Curious Kitchen Workshop
- Bushcraft: fire lighting, shelter building, campfire
- Disco/Movie Night



Example Itinerary

- ★ Welcome juice & bag drop
- ★ Educational workshop (1 of 2)
- ★ Packed lunch provided
- ★ Educational workshop (2 of 2)
- ★ Activity session of choice
- ★ Chicken nuggets and fries
- ★ Twilight Dinosaur or Unicorn Trail
- ★ Film or craft session
- ★ Milk & cookies
- ★ Breakfast pastries & cereals
- ★ Theme park rides & attractions
- ★ Packed Lunch





Condover Hall – 4 nights away

JCA's flagship activity centre set in the Shropshire countryside offers the ideal combination of outdoor and indoor adventurous activities.

Condover Hall is a grade I Elizabethan Mansion set in 78 acres of fantastic countryside and gardens. Your students will experience history, beautiful surroundings and state of the art activities during their stay.



JCA *Let the adventure
begin...*

Current Y5: wb 22nd Sept 2025
Usually last full week in Sept



Why we chose JCA/Condoover site

- They have been perfecting their centres and activities for 20 years.
- One dedicated and multi-skilled instructor spends the week with each group; building confidence, trust and support.
- Dedicated, motivated, well-trained, fun and caring staff.
- Full board accommodation, insurance and all equipment is included.
- They are fully bonded members of ABTA.
- Location/distance from school
- Facilities available and a jam-packed activity schedule
- Higher level of challenge for pupils in terms of length of time away from home and the activities on offer



JCA

Let the adventure begin...

Safety Is Our Top Priority

- All of our centres are Health and Safety compliant.
- Our Safety Management System has been externally inspected and verified.
- First-Aid Kits are taken on all activity sessions.
- Centre Activity Managers hold the Emergency First Aid at Work Accreditation
- Daily safety and equipment checks are carried out
- Thorough Risk Assessments have been conducted.
- All staff are CRB checked.



JCA are governed by, affiliated to and accredited with:

- British Activity Providers Association (BAPA)
- Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL)
- Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA)
- Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA)
- Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC)
- Adventuremark (AAIAC)
- Investor in People





Mansion House

- 1 Reception
- 2 Indoor Activities
- 3 The Orangery Bar
- 4 Gift Shop
- 5 Coffee Shop

The Grounds

- 1 Court Jester
- 2 Zip Wire
- 3 Survival Woods
- 4 Ariel Trek
- 5 Initiative Exercises
- 6 Archery Range
- 7 Campfire
- 8 Activity Lake
- 9 Low Ropes
- 10 Multi Activity Gaming Area
- 11 High Ropes
- 12 The Tower
- 13 Bouldering Wall
- 14 Sports Hall
- 15 Swimming Pool
- 16 Restaurant

Dormitories

- 1 Owen
- 2 Richmond
- 3 Hancock
- 4 Thorpe
- 5 Mill House
- 6 Brook House
- 7 Hodnet
- 8 Pottage



Facilities



Aerial Trek



Grid of Stones



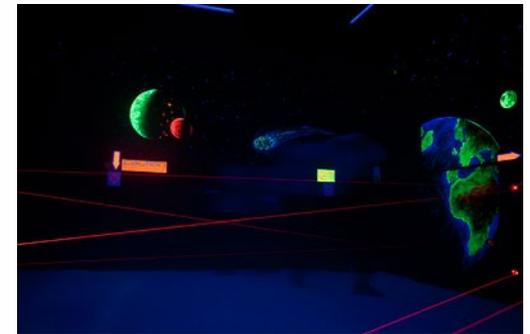
Cinema Room



Tunnelling Room



High rope course



Laser Maze



Activities

A complete list of activities to choose from at Condover Hall can be found on our website:

- Abseiling
- Aerial Trek
- Archery
- Body Zorbing
- Buggy Building
- Canoeing
- Circus Skills
- Climbing
- Dance Mania
- Disco (Loud and Silent)
- Environmental Explorers (for John Muir award)
- Fencing
- Grid of Stones
- High Ropes Course
- Initiative Exercises
- Laser Conquest
- Low Ropes Course
- Mini Olympics
- Netball Weekends
- Orienteering
- Raft Building
- Rocket Launch
- Sensory Trail
- Sit on top Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Survival
- Tunnelling
- Wet and Wacky
- Zip Wire

Sample Itinerary

This is a sample itinerary to show how activities are scheduled.
Your week will be structured to meet your requirements and choice of activities.

	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
Sessions	1	2	3	4	5
Monday	Travel to Condoover Hall		Intro Tour	Gladiator Wall	Cinema Night
Tuesday	Kayaking and Raft Building		Zip Wire	Sensory Trail	Camp Fire
Wednesday	Fencing	Tunnelling	Low Ropes	Abseiling	Giant Cluedo
Thursday	Climbing	Survival	Conquest	Buggy Build	Disco
Friday	Initiative Exercises	Travel back to school			

Accommodation

There are options of multi bedded dorms (4 – 12 beds) for students, with most offering en-suite facilities. Staff rooms are in the same building as the children. Senior Staff Members are on duty until 10:30pm each day with Night Staff patrolling between the hours of 10:30pm and 07:30am.

Centre doors are secured in the evening, but can be opened in case of emergency and security barriers guard the entrance to the site.



Costings – current year 5

Year 4 Camp – Free

Year 5 Gulliver's - £125

£50 deposit due July 2024

£75 balance due Feb 2025

Year 6 Condover - £450

£100 deposit due November 2024

£350 due May 2025

Current year 4 - actual breakdown

		est cost	NR Deposit	NR deposit due	Remainder due	Remainder	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25		
Gullivers	May-25	125.00	50.00	Jul-24	Feb-25	75.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00						125.00
Condover	Sep-25	450.00	100.00	Nov-24	May-25	350.00					100.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	50.00			450.00
		575.00					50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	110.00	70.00	70.00	75.00	60.00	60.00	50.00	0.00		575.00

Current year 4 - proposed payment plan (non PP children)

		est cost	NR Deposit	NR deposit due	Remainder due	Remainder	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25		
Gullivers	May-25	125.00	50.00	Jul-24	Feb-25	75.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00						125.00
Condover	Sep-25	450.00	100.00	Nov-24	May-25	350.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	40.00			450.00
		575.00					91.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	56.00	41.00	41.00	40.00	0.00		575.00

Next steps

- The £50 Gulliver's deposit is due in the June/July your child is in Year 4. This is non-refundable.
 - The remaining balance will be due by the following February (when your child is in Year 5). You can pay this off in one go or in smaller monthly payments.
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- The £100 Condover deposit is due in the November your child is in Year 5. This is non-refundable.
 - The remaining balance will be due by the May that your child is in Year 5 and you can pay it over the remaining months or all in one go.

