

22 May 2026

Dear Families and Students

CEW Brecon Beacons Trip

We are excited to write to you this final time with arrangements and requirements for our upcoming trip.

Parent Meeting

We will be holding a parental information evening on Wednesday 17 June at 5.00pm. We will be able to provide further information about the trip then, including the activities, locations and expectations. Student information must be completed [here](#) by Monday 01 June. This form includes desired groups and roomings, parent/carer contact details, and dietary and medical needs.

Student Meeting

We will meet as a student body to go over final bits and pieces on Wednesday 08 July at 3.15pm in the D block hall; please make sure you attend.

Rough overview of the trip below:

Tuesday 15 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July
<p>Departure: 4.00pm Expected Arrival: 8.30pm</p> <p>Itinerary: Dinner and bed</p>	<p>Itinerary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoeing • Orienteering • Land-carting 	<p>Itinerary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caving • Gore walking • Hill walking 	<p>Departure: 1.15pm Expected arrival: 6.00pm-7.00pm</p> <p>Itinerary: Morning multi-activities</p>

Kit List

The students will be participating in a variety of different activities requiring suitable clothing. Please use this checklist to ensure all students are fully prepared and equipped for all activities. Every student will need enough clothes to be away for four days and have spare dry clothes for after each activity.

The Golden Rules (what NOT to bring)

- **No denim:** No jeans, jackets, or shorts (they hold water, get heavy, and cause chafing).
- **No open-toed shoes:** No sandals, flip-flops, or sliders during activities.
- **No valuables:** Leave expensive electronics and jewellery at home.

General Clothing (Everyday and dry activities)

- **Comfortable sportswear:** four to five sets of warm clothing (lightweight tracksuits, leggings, sports tops, and fleeces). *Synthetic, fast-drying materials are best.*
- **Waterproof jacket and trousers:** Essential for all sessions.
- **Warm hat and gloves:** Even in summer, the Welsh hills get surprisingly cold.
- **Underwear and socks:** five to six pairs of each (extra changes are essential for wet/muddy conditions).

- **Pyjamas:** For the evenings.

Footwear

- **Walking boots:** Required for the hill-walking expedition.
- **Sturdy trainers:** For everyday use and dry activities.
- **Wellington boots:** Required for specific sessions (can be hired if needed).
- **Wet-activity shoes:** one dedicated pair of old lace-up trainers or sturdy water shoes that **WILL** get completely wet and muddy (no slip-ons).

Wet Activity Gear (canoeing, gorge walking, caving)

- **Swimwear:** To wear under the provided wetsuits.
- **Towel:** Keep this easily accessible for right after water sessions.
- **Plastic bags/dry bags:** For storing wet, muddy clothes and shoes.
- **Post-wet change of clothes:** A full set of warm, dry clothes to change into immediately after finishing.

Daily Essentials and Personal Items

- **Small day sack:** A backpack to carry your gear, water, and lunch during the day.
- **Water bottle:** Reusable bottle to stay hydrated.
- **Snacks:** Light snacks to keep energy up during activities.
- **Toiletries:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, etc.

Summer Weather Protection

- **Suncream** - High SPF
- **Sun hat/cap**
- **Sunglasses**

We will have a trip phone number in case there is an emergency and you need to contact us. We will email this to you the week before the trip; students will also have this for the duration of the trip. Student phones are planned to be removed at nighttime for this trip and returned each morning.

We are thoroughly looking forward to spending time with your child and exploring the Brecon Beacons.

If you have any questions between now and the trip, please email me jbeaver@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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