

HORNBEAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



Outdoor Education Residential



Who is going to Bowles?

- Miss Vassie (trip leader)
- Mr Pickup
- Mrs Clarke

These are the three adults going to Bowles with the children this year. Many have been to Bowles before and are familiar with the set up.

Room Allocation

- Room allocation is done by the trip leader.
- Staff know your children well, especially in relation to their relationships with other class members.
- All trip leaders want the trip to be enjoyable and trouble free, so these room allocations are made with informed awareness of friendship groups and any other challenges.
- Children will not find out who they are in a room with until they get to Bowles, in case of any last minute changes by the school or Bowles themselves.

Bowles at a glance



Tunnelling



Low Ropes



The Dorm



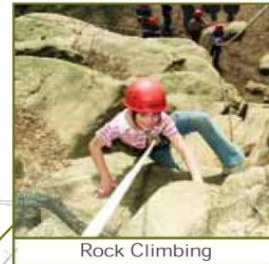
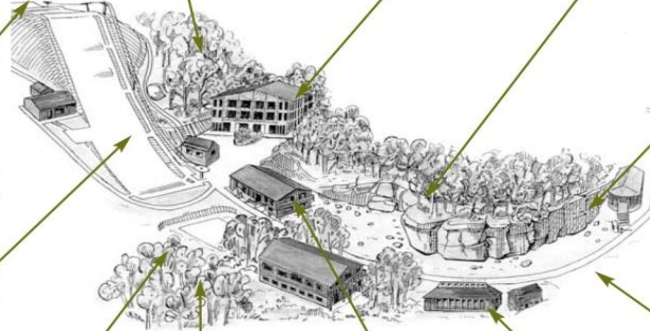
Abseiling



Nursery Slope



Main Ski Slope



Rock Climbing



Orienteering



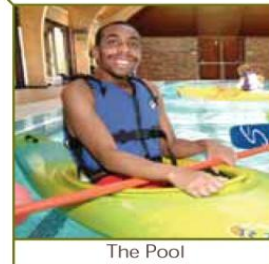
Problem Solving



Trapeze



The Chalet



The Pool





Exceptional Experiences



Outstanding Outcomes



Each year Bowles welcomes:
Over 100 schools and colleges; Over 8,000 young people



“Bowles is one of those exceptional activity venues which we all wish we had been to as a young person; a stunning location with loads to do in the fresh air!”

Richard Hardwick, Director, Bowles



On site at Bowles

- A centrally heated modern dormitory
- Two dry ski slopes
- Indoor heated swimming pool
- Several ropes courses
- Safety and wet weather equipment
- And its very own 130 million year old sandstone outcrop!



Dormitory Accommodation

- 104 beds over two floors
- 6 beds per room
- Rooms allocated to children on arrival by Bowles
- Separate staff bedrooms and facilities
- Securely locked overnight
- Bowles instructors live onsite and are on call throughout the night in case of an emergency.



Healthy Meals



Modern Accommodation



Food



- There will be three healthy, hot, home cooked meals a day.
- 'Family service' – children serve themselves and each other.
- Dessert is served with lunch and dinner.
- Fruit is available to everyone during break times.
- The tuck shop will be open to Hornbeam once during the stay for the purchase of souvenirs and/or sweet treats.





Snacks/treats

- Children can bring four snacks for the duration of the trip. That is one snack per day, with one extra snack for film night.
- All snacks/treats need to be in a labelled bag and will be taken in upon arrival at Bowles.
- For example, children could bring a breakfast bar, a small bag of sweets, a chocolate bar or a packet of crisps – one small treat/snack to enjoy each day.



Clothing



- Please look at the Kit List carefully.
- Clothing, bags, shoes and luggage should be labelled and easily identifiable for your child.
- It's a good idea to have labelled dirty laundry bag for children to use.
- Please do not pack best clothing – it might not come back the way it left!



Free time



There will be a short amount of free time after each meal, during which time children can enjoy:

- An all-weather games pitch
- Table Tennis
- Table Football
- Woodland activity area
- Common room with books and indoor games.

What is available to us is all subject to change at the discretion of Bowles.



A 'typical' day (this varies over the season).

Morning	8.30	Breakfast
	9.00	Prepare for the day
	9.15-12.30	Activity Session
Afternoon	12.30	Lunch then free time
	1.40-5.00	Activity Session
	5.15	Free Time
Evening	6.15	Dinner then free time
	7.15-9.15	Activity Session
	9.45-10.00	Bed and lights out



What to do now

- **Complete and return** the Medical & Photo Permission Forms (if you haven't already done so).
- **Complete and return** the Travel Arrangements slip.
- Please check the Kit List **carefully** and ensure **everything** is named. A wheely suitcase is the easiest thing for children to use. A backpack for the coach with a book/game/water bottle is also a good idea.
- **Please remember mobile phones and electronic devices are not allowed on the trip and will be taken off the child for safe keeping if they are found.**
- Teach them how to put a duvet on, it's the first thing they need to do when they get into the dorms!



On Wednesday Morning

- Come dressed in comfortable travel clothes.
- Be at the school main entrance by **8.45am** latest; we will aim to leave at 9am.
- Say goodbye at the door and leave children with luggage in the hall; you may wait outside ready wave us off on the coach outside.
- Ensure **all medication** is passed to Miss Vassie, clearly labelled with name and instructions for dosage and when.
- Ensure **£5 spending money** is in a named purse/envelope and handed in to Mr Pickup.
- Any child that suffers with travel sickness please medicate before the journey and give any tablets to Miss Vassie for the journey home.



On Friday Evening

- Keep an eye on travel announcements on the Hornbeam App.
- Be in the school hall from approx. **4.45pm** - please be prepared for a bit of a wait (traffic conditions can vary and we also have a comfort break at the services).
- Please do not try to take your child straight from the coach; children and luggage will be taken into the school hall and dismissed from there - no child will be dismissed curb side for safety reasons.
- Start the washing machine!



Emergency Contact

If you need to make contact with your child or a member of staff for **emergency reasons**, please call the school during school hours (01304 374033) or email headteacher@hornbeam.kent.sch.uk or office@hornbeam.kent.sch.uk.

Any Questions?

If you have any further questions, Miss Vassie will be available on Tuesday 27th January between 3.15-3.45pm in the school hall.

