

...or Awesome Adventure Weekends!

We are delighted to offer three adventure and initiative weekends during the 2010 Summer Term.

Who are they for?

- Any Middle School – and exceptional Lower School – boys curious or keen on the outdoors, who want to have an adventurous experience at very low cost and without any long-term commitment.
- Any keen experienced boys in the Middle School and Sixth Form.
- Boys who are considering going on trek – particularly Desert Trek – so that they can find out whether ‘roughing it’ is for them, and if it is, gain a high degree of autonomy before the Trek.

We want to give boys a sense of their own adventure, more responsibility, foster initiative and self-reliance, without making any long term commitment or spending a lot of money on transport, clothing or equipment.

We want boys to plan a genuine adventure without complex equipment and arrangements; to organise their own adventure, and themselves as a group. Also carry out all the planning and organisation, as well as taking care of themselves, giving them the confidence and capability to undertake a similar venture on their own in the future.

If feasible we will use public transport and whenever possible choose destinations near Manchester.

There will be no personal equipment to purchase. Boys just need a set of ‘messy’ clothes (T-shirt, jeans or shorts, an old hoodie or fleece, a warm hat), a pair of flip-flops or sandals, a cheap synthetic sleeping bag and a rucksack (have a word with me if you do not have either of the last two items, or do not want to buy one.)

We have three dates for the weekends:

AWE 1 22 and 23 May

AWE 2 (11) -12-13 June (optionally from 3:45 pm on the Friday)

AWE 3 18-19-20 June

First planning meeting: Monday 17 May – 1:30 Room S22

Two locations to plan for: Rooley Moor via Rochdale, and MGS Barn at Grasmere and to discuss food and shelter. We will decide the final venues according to the weather. Destination options include:

- *Rooley Moor*
- *Lake District*
- *North Wales*
- *Forest of Bowland*
- *The Peak District*
- *Widdop Moor*

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