

Alton Castle

Parent/Carer Information

15th - 17th June 2026



Staffing

There will be six members of staff on the trip:

- Mrs Yorke – Headteacher (& DSL) *
- Mrs Noone – Deputy Headteacher (& DSL) *
- Miss Flynn – Y6 Class Teacher
- Mrs Nguyen – Y6 HLTA *
- Mrs Anderson – Y1 Class Teacher *
- Mrs Birchenall – SENDCo (& DSL) *

*denotes Paediatric First Aid trained

Activities

- Children will be allocated to groups at Alton Castle and will undertake their activities in their groups for the residential.
- There will be a staff member with each group.
- Outdoor activities may include:
 - Mountain biking
 - Bushcraft
 - Low ropes
 - Trekking
- A typical timetable is attached.

Transport

- We will leave school on Monday 15th June at approximately 2pm and arrive around 4pm.
- Children and staff will be travelling by coach to/from Alton Castle.
- You are welcome to gather outside the church and wave the children off!
- At least one staff member will also take their car to Alton Castle.
- We will leave Alton Castle on Wednesday 17th June at approximately 2pm and arrive back at school around 4pm.

Food and Drink

- Breakfast is usually cereal, toast and beans.
- Lunch and dinner options are varied e.g.: baguettes, pizza, hot dogs, lasagne etc.
- There is always a vegetarian option available and Alton Castle caters for dietary requirements.
- If your child has any dietary requirements and you have not already told us, please speak to Mrs Noone as soon as possible.
- **Please note – children should not bring sweets or snacks with them.** They won't go hungry and there is always fresh fruit available in between meals.

Accommodation

- Boys and girls are accommodated on separate floors in Alton Castle.
- Children stay in dormitory style rooms with bunk beds (approx. 8 – 10 per room). There are communal bathrooms on each floor.
- There will be at least one member of staff staying on the same floor as the children.
- Staff have separate rooms and bathroom facilities.

Contact Info

For all queries during the school day, please contact the School Office – 0121 464 2141

Alton Castle Main Office – 01538 703224

Emergencies only – 07355 988623

What to Bring - Kit List



RESIDENTIAL RETREAT KIT LIST

YOU WILL NEED:

- Sleeping bag
- Personal toiletries (including toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
- Pair of pjamas
- Money for tuck shop (recommended £10)
- Towel
- Sun cream
- Sun hat (summer retreats)/woolly hat, scarf and gloves (winter retreats)
- 4 t-shirts (at least 1 long sleeved top)
- 3 pairs of loose fitting trousers (leggings or joggers)
- 2 warm long-sleeved jumpers
- 1 thick fleece/jacket
- 1 waterproof coat
- Waterproof trouser (if possible)
- 2 pairs of walking socks
- Pair of wellies or walking boots (there are some wellies available to borrow if necessary)
- 5 pairs of underwear
- 1 pair of old trainers (to be worn outside - they will get muddy)
- 1 pair of indoor shoes (not slippers - trainers are ideal)
- Water bottle
- Torch (optional)

Please note, duvets are **not** provided

**A pair of outdoor shoes
AND a pair of indoor
shoes are essential -
Alton Castle does not
allow outdoor shoes
inside and bare feet are
not permitted**

PLEASE NOTE:

We advise that personal electronics are not brought on retreat - all electronics are brought at owners' risk. Electronics, such as hairdryers and straighteners, cannot be used on retreat. Each visitor will have to carry their bag to their room - this may involve walking up many flights of stairs so please pack a bag that you can carry.

Personal electronics are not permitted e.g.: mobile phones, cameras, iPads, smart watches, games consoles, kindles, hair dryers/straighteners/curlers etc.

Activities - Typical Timetable



ALTON CASTLE RESIDENTIAL TYPICAL TIMETABLE

DAY 1

11:00am Early Start Arrivals
Welcome meeting and introductory

12:30pm Lunch

1:15pm AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

4:00pm Move in and rest

4:00pm Non-Early Start Arrivals

4:10pm Move In
Young people move to their rooms and settle in (shown fire escapes, toilets/showers and welly room)

4:45 Welcome Meeting
Meet in the main space

5:30pm Dinner
Meet at 5:25pm in Earth Room corridor

6:15pm Free Time
Please supervise spaces

6:45pm Fire Drill

7:00pm 1st Evening Activities

9:00pm Night Drinks
Meet in the Dining Room

9:15pm Night Prayer

9:30pm Bedtime

Note: A staff meeting will take place at some point during your first day, depending on your time of arrival.

DAY 2

8:30am Breakfast
Meet in the Earth Room corridor at 8:25am

9:00am Morning Prayer
Meet in main space

9:30am FIRST ACTIVITY

12:30pm Lunch
Meet in the Earth Room corridor at 12:25pm

1:10pm Free Time (Tuck Shop Open)
Please supervise spaces

1:30pm SECOND ACTIVITY
Meet in main space at 1:25pm

4:00pm Shower Hour
A chance to get clean and showered

5:05pm Readers, offertory and altar servers head to church to practice

5:30pm Dinner
Meet at 5:25pm in Earth Room corridor

6:30pm Music Practice
Meet in main space at 6:25pm

7:15pm Celebration of Mass
Walk across to church together.

8:20pm Entertainments

9:10pm Night Prayer

9:30pm Bedtime
Night drinks available on the way to bed.

DAY 3

8:30am Breakfast
Meet in the Earth Room corridor at 8:25am.
Before breakfast, all bags and bedding must be removed from bedrooms and put in designated space

9:00am Morning Prayer
Meet in main space

9:30am THIRD ACTIVITY

12:30pm Lunch
Meet in the Earth Room corridor at 12:25pm

1:00pm Teachers' Evaluation
Teachers' evaluation will take place in staff room

1:10pm Free Time (Tuck Shop Open)

1:30pm Thank You Service
Meet in main space at 1:25pm

2:00pm Goodbyes
Thanks for visiting! We hope you have a safe journey home!

For photos and updates during the residential, please ensure that you follow us on X - @StMaryB17 We will be posting photos regularly!



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