

Upper 3 residential to Willersley Castle



Taking the Derbyshire Dales by storm, Upper 3 had a fantastic three-day residential to beautiful Willersley Castle. This outdoor centre was the perfect opportunity for new friendships to be formed, new skills to be discovered and, most importantly, a chance to foster a feeling of belonging to the year group, for Gateways pupils old and new.

Activities included: a scavenger hunt, grass sledging, kayaking and canoeing, aeroball, zip wire, river swimming, and even indoor fencing. The pupils also enjoyed a whole year “movie night” - hot chocolate and marshmallows galore!

All of the staff, especially the instructors, were friendly and helpful and we would like to thank them on behalf of Gateways for keeping us safe and fed over the last few days. We were even provided with huge slices of multiple cakes to celebrate a very special birthday! Despite the rain and the mud (and one or two capsizing canoes), the pupils gave their all to every activity and showed plenty of willing to try new things with boundless energy.

Well done, Upper 3, we hope you had as much fun as we did!

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