



Year 6 Residential: 2nd - 4th December 2026 – Dobroyd Castle, Todmorden

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3 Days, 2 Nights, 15 activities

Activity days at Robinwood run from 9am to 9pm (get up is at 7am, lights out at around 10pm).

Activities include:

Crate Challenge
Canoeing
Raft Building
Archery
Night Line

Challenge Course
Giant Swing
Climbing
Trapeze
Team Challenge

Quest
Dungeon
Caving
Zip Wire
Piranha Pool

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Archery

Following an introduction and demonstration, children receive individual coaching for their first arrows until they have the skills needed to get arrows on target.



Canoeing

Canoeing takes place on very sheltered shallow water, with the children close to the bank at all times. The Canadian canoes used are very stable and accommodate up to 3 children in each canoe.



Caving

Specially designed indoor caving systems at all of our centres are constructed for realism and adventure, but also to introduce the activity at just right the right level.



Challenge Course

Challenge Courses typically run through wooded areas of the grounds and incorporate many different challenges for the group.

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Crate Challenge

Crate Challenge is a high activity with the emphasis on teamwork. Groups are given the challenge of building a crate tower together.



Climbing

Purpose built indoor climbing walls create the safest possible environment for young people to be introduced to climbing.

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Zip Wire

Zip Wire is a real thrill activity, which is great for group support and encouragement, individual confidence and achievement.

The group need to escape from the Dungeon; a place full of cobwebs, spooky noises, skeletons and other horrors. They can only do this through excellent teamwork.



Piranha Pool

involves different 'crystal maze' type obstacles, going back and forth across our 'Piranha pool', without falling in.



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What if my child doesn't want to do some of the activities?

- All of the activities will provide different and exciting challenges.
- Staff at Robinwood expect the children to be ready to give everything a go, challenge themselves and do as much as they can.
- No one will be forced to do any of the activities, but the children who get the most from the experience will be those who have a really good go at everything.

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How much training have the Robinwood staff had?

- All activities are run by Robinwood staff who have appropriate qualifications and experience.
- Teachers can join in too, but all instruction is the responsibility of the Robinwood staff.
- One adult from Sandal will be with each group of children (they will be split into groups of about 10)
- Staff from the venue will also be there supervising children at meal-times and break-times.

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What happens at night time?

- After the last final activity session, we will all get together for a final meeting, biscuits and hot chocolate.
- Lights out is at around 10.00pm and the children are expected to get a good nights sleep.
- Staff wait in the corridors from 10pm onwards. They take a fairly firm approach to bedtime because with such busy days, it is important the children get a good night sleeps.
- Every night there will be a team of night staff on duty.
- Behaviour throughout the night is closely monitored and a diary kept which is shown to Sandal staff in the morning.
- All external doors are fitted with alarms.

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What are the sleeping arrangements?

- Dormitory areas are in the main castle building and also in three separate accommodation blocks next to the main castle.
- The children get to share a dormitory with their friends.
- Room sizes vary from 2-12 children.
- We will be told one week before as to which size dormitories we have.
- If the children need anything during the night, they will speak with the Robinwood staff in the first instance, who will then alert school staff if need be. All dormitories have a call assistance button that can be pressed by the children, if they need a member of the Robinwood team overnight.

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A Typical Dormitory



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What's the food like?

- The food is good and there is plenty of it!
- As well as toast and cereals, they provide a full cooked breakfast.
- At lunch time they typically provide a chicken wrap or baked potatoes with fillings, sandwiches, soup, fruit and yoghurts.
- A cooked evening meal, for example pasta bolognese or pizza, is served followed by a tasty dessert. Meals vary throughout the year with more hot food and hot soup available over winter time. Break time snacks are also provided by Robinwood.



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- There is always a vegetarian option and special diets can be catered for as required as long as they are notified in advance. They aim to provide healthy meals that will appeal to the children in order that they get the energy intake they need to fuel their three days at Robinwood.
- Children will make their food choices at the beginning of their stay.
- Water and fresh fruit are available throughout the day.
- Children do not need a packed lunch on their first day, but a water bottle would be beneficial.

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What to bring!

- You don't need any specialist equipment. Anything needed will be supplied by Robinwood.
- Clothes should be suitable for an outdoor environment. Old clothes are best.
- You'll need outdoor shoes or walking boots and a waterproof coat for the walk to the centre (about a mile). Study trainers will be fine in good weather.
- Jeans aren't suitable for activities – tracksuit or jogging bottoms are best.
- Make sure everything is labelled with your name, and the school name if possible.
- You will get a packing list in plenty of time for the visit.

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What not to bring!

- Please do not bring any valuable items.
- Children are not permitted to bring any electronic items, including cameras.
- Staff members will take pictures to capture their best moments!
- The fire alarm system at Dobroyd Castle is very sensitive. Please do not pack aerosols.

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Letters

- Total cost of the trip is £286.50 for 2 nights and 3 days.
- £60 deposit must be paid by 20th March on Arbor to secure your place. We need to confirm with Robinwood the number of children going by the end of March.
- The remaining balance will be added to Arbor and will be available to pay in instalments once the places have been confirmed.
- Without a deposit, a place for your child can't be booked.
- If you need any support financially, please speak to the school office.

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Any questions?



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