



YHA CASTLETON LOSEHILL HALL

Year 3 Residential Trip · Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 March 2027

AGENDA

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YHA Castleton Losehill Hall is one of YHA's premier education centres, based in a Victorian mansion set within 27 acres of parkland in the heart of the Peak District National Park. It has welcomed school groups for decades and is purpose-built for residential learning.

YHA is a charity with over 90 years' experience running residentials, so your money also supports young people's access to the outdoors more widely.

Location

A Victorian mansion in Hope Valley, Derbyshire, surrounded by the hills and dales of the Peak District National Park.

Castleton, Hope Valley, Derbyshire, S33 8WB

Outside

27 acres of grounds to explore, with the village of Castleton, Peveril Castle and Mam Tor all close by.

Inside

Dormitory bedrooms, a dining room, classrooms, quiet rooms and games rooms across three accommodation blocks.



WHY GO TO CASTLETON?

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Develop independence & critical thinking skills

Try new things and stick at them

Boost cohesion and a sense of belonging

All inclusive — no hidden extras

A warm welcome awaits — the hostel soon becomes a home away from home.



AROUND THE CENTRE

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ACTIVITIES

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YHA hostels are chosen for their access to outdoor activities, and sessions are often linked directly to the national curriculum.

Provisional programme — some activities are still to be confirmed by the centre and may change.

Wed pm

Environmental art & scavenger hunt, or map skills

Wed evening

Night walk with torches in Castleton grounds

Thu am

Nature walk

Thu pm

Archaeological dig

Thu evening

Campfire

Fri am

Fire lighting, and creating an insect / reflection piece

Children will need to bring appropriate outdoor clothing for each session — see the 'What to Bring' page for the full kit list.

LEARNING & THE EVIDENCE

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An overnight stay achieves different outcomes from a day of activities. For many children, the biggest challenge isn't the activities themselves — it's being away from home, often for the first time, and sharing experiences with people they don't always know well.

To help with this, children are welcomed and supported by the same staff team throughout the visit, alongside Chadsmead staff who know them well. Building these relationships from the very start makes a real difference.

Every visit is unique

Activity groups are kept small, with a trained instructor and school staff supporting each group throughout the visit.

"LEARNING AWAY" — BRILLIANT RESIDENTIALS

Independent research conducted over five years shows how a residential experience can:

- Improve pupils' engagement with learning
- Support pupils' achievement
- Improve resilience, self-confidence & wellbeing
- Smooth transition

www.learningaway.org.uk

Residential trips give children a chance to build independence, teamwork and confidence in a way that a day trip simply can't.

YHA's own residential guests also report improved relationships with peers and teachers, more resilience, and a greater sense of wellbeing.

WHAT CHILDREN SAY

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In YHA's own feedback, children on past residentials have shared comments like these:

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Seeing wildlife on an evening walk — cows, pigs, horses — and then watching the most beautiful sunset.

"

Loving the fresh air and the countryside, especially coming from a house on a busy main road.

"

Getting more chances to practise activities and improve, all in the fresh air.

"

Enjoying the exploring and the range of activities on offer.

"

Getting to stay up a bit later and try new things — archery was a favourite.

"

Having such a good time that they wanted to bring the whole family back.

BEDROOMS

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Around 146 beds across three accommodation blocks: Ashton, Burbridge and Mews.

Dormitory-style rooms with bunk beds — most are en-suite.

Children stay in school groups — rooms are allocated close together.

Bedding is provided — please pack a named towel for your child.

Staff rooms are on the same corridor, with 24-hour on-site support.

Communal lounges are available for children to relax in during the evening.



FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Each evening the children come together in the dining room for a hot meal.
YHA sources ingredients ethically, using British produce where possible, and caters for vegan, vegetarian, halal and dairy-free diets.
Fresh fruit and water are always available.

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	—	Continental buffet or cooked full English	Continental buffet or cooked full English
Lunch	Bring own packed lunch in a disposable bag	Sandwiches, fresh fruit, crisps & a biscuit bar	Sandwiches, fresh fruit, crisps & a biscuit bar
Dinner	Pasta with vegeballs in tomato sauce & garlic bread (or jacket potato / salad bar) Dessert: chocolate fudge cake	Classic cheeseburger & chips (or jacket potato / salad bar) Dessert: Belgian waffles	—

Likely food options during the trip, based on YHA's published sample group menu. Not necessarily accurate to the exact day shown, and subject to change.



FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

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During the day there are periods of time when children may be able to have a snack. Fruit is freely available.

Children must have a refillable water bottle — clearly labelled with their full name.

YOU provide a snack that your child will eat during their stay.

Please ensure it is nut free.

The snack must be in a resealable bag, labelled with your child's full name.

Children will hand in their snack to the teachers on the morning of the visit.



PEACE OF MIND & SAFEGUARDING

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Every YHA location has its own risk assessment covering the activities, the location and its surroundings.

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC)

YHA Castleton Losehill Hall holds the LOtC Quality Badge — the only nationally recognised indicator of quality educational provision and effective risk management, awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.

Externally audited

Risk assessments, insurance and safety logs are all externally audited, with delivery of activities observed by national reviewers.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is YHA's priority. They work closely with organisations including the DBS, the NSPCC and LOtC to ensure their child safeguarding practices go above and beyond what's legally required.

All properties are regularly inspected for physical safety and security. YHA's operational and activity staff undergo thorough training and screening before working with school groups.

Chadsmead's own safeguarding and medical procedures run alongside YHA's own site safeguarding.

Children will not be allowed to attend the visit without a completed medical form.

This will run very similarly to how it would in school:

- 1 Complete the medical form with all medicine taken regularly and any medicine taken as a reaction.
- 2 Label all medicine itself, put it in a resealable bag which is also labelled, and hand it to the teacher on the morning of the trip.
- 3 During the trip, medicine will be kept in a staff-only area and administered as directed on the medical form.
- 4 Self-administered medication used 'on the go', such as inhalers or emergency medication like epi-pens, will remain with the child during all activities.
- 5 All staff members will be made aware of relevant medical conditions.

All medication must be clearly labelled with your child's full name.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Come to school as normal Coach will collect our school (after the other schools) Arrive 11am / 12pm	Breakfast Nature walk	Breakfast (strip beds, pack bags) Farewell activity
Afternoon	Environmental art & scavenger hunt, OR map skills	Archaeological dig	Fire lighting Create insect / reflection piece Departure
Evening	Dinner Night walk with torches	Dinner Campfire	—

Provisional programme — some activities and timings are still to be confirmed by the centre and may change.

Children are welcome to bring non-electronic activities for quiet time — for example cards, reading books, sketchbooks, or travel games with no small pieces.

WHAT TO BRING

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This list can be found on the parent information leaflet.

Warm, waterproof coat

Wellies or sturdy walking boots

Warm layers & spare clothes

Old clothes (for fire lighting & mud!)

Hat, scarf & gloves

Indoor shoes / slippers

Torch or head torch (for the night walk)

Wash kit & towel

Refillable water bottle (named)

Named nut-free snack in a resealable bag

Small rucksack or bag for the day

Pyjamas & nightwear

Tip: label everything with your child's name — it gives lost property a much better chance of coming home!

NO MOBILE PHONES / SMART WATCHES · NO INTERNET DEVICES · NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES

SOUVENIRS

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If a shop is available, an idea of what may be on offer:

Between £1 – £3

Pencils · keyrings · rubbers · rulers · badges ·
postcards · soft toys

Over £3

Tote bag · drinks bottle · cuddly toy · torch



This list is indicative only — please check with the centre nearer the time, and confirm any spending money guidance with parents.

Days of the Trip

(Parents / Carers)

Chadsmead Primary Academy

1

Use the Arbor App

2

Look at the school website

3

We will send updates via Arbor App

4

We will load photographs to the website where permission allows

5

You can communicate with school as usual

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1

Arrive at school in non-uniform at the normal time, with your bag (you must be able to carry it yourself!)

2

Children head straight to the hall, parents come along too 😊

3

Give any snack, medication and souvenir money to the teachers

4

Say goodbyes, parents leave. Children stay with trip staff.

5

Coach will collect our school (after the others) at approximately 9:30am

6

Off we go...

**Friday
5 March
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1

Leave Losehill Hall at approximately 12:30pm

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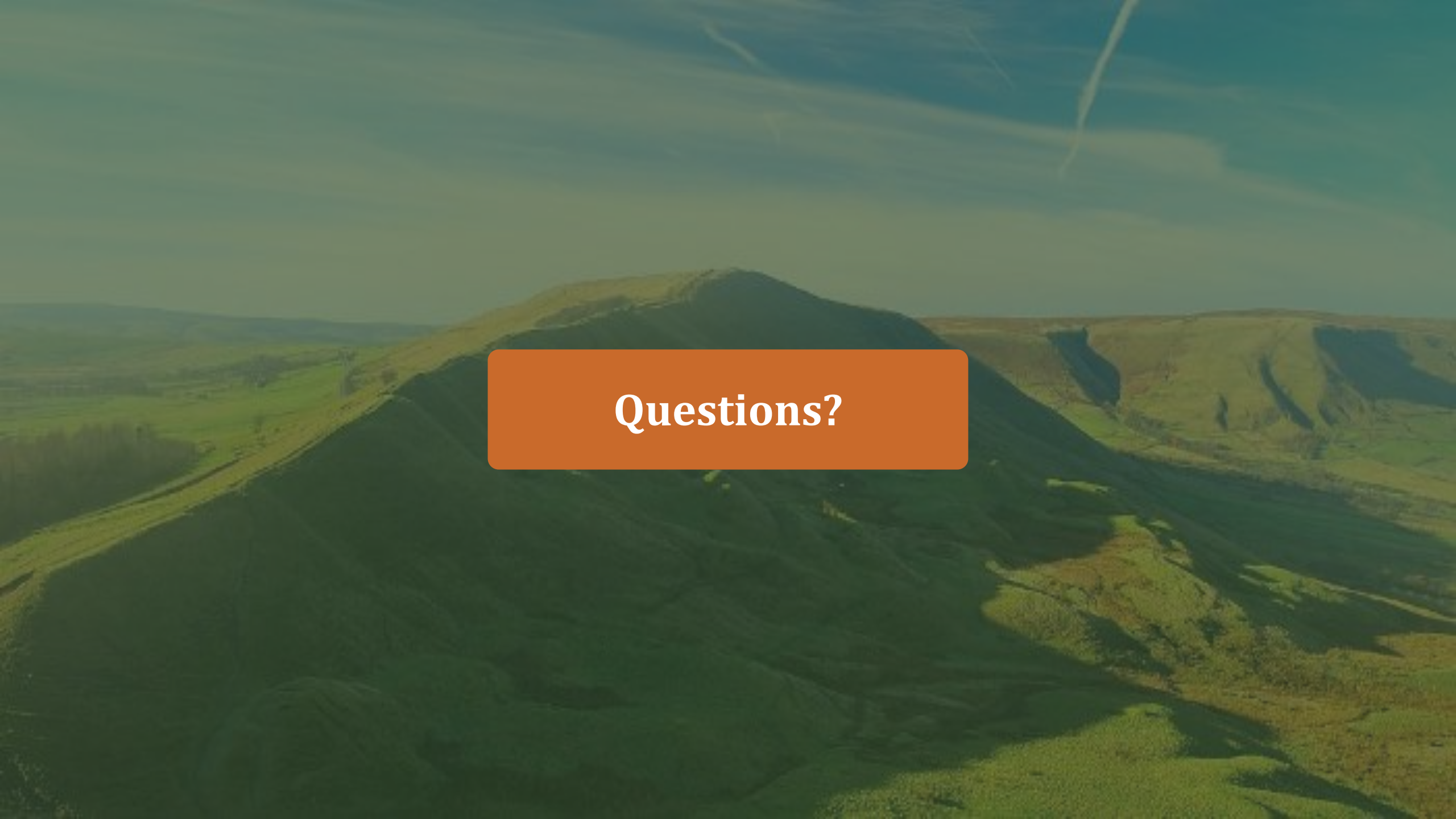
School will update parents on ARbor when the coach has left

3

Arrive back at school at approximately 3:30pm

4

Collect your child (and any siblings) at the normal end of school time — enjoy the weekend!



Questions?