

Year 7 Peak District Trip 2026

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The Year 7 Tutor Team

242 STUDENTS

8 TUTOR GROUPS



PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR:
Miss Picciuto

A few things to look out for...

SOCS – Extra Curricular Clubs, Mr Keenleyside

E-PRAISE – Rewards system, timetable

GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – For organising home learning and accessing lesson resources

NAMING ITEMS – Please make sure you name EVERYTHING.

PTE and CATs Tests

On Monday 21st September (B Half) and Thursday 24th September (A Half) year 7 will be sitting CATs and PTE assessments. These are nothing to worry about, the tests help your teachers understand more about your learning.



Students will need to bring in a set of headphones with a 3.5mm jack plug (Wireless/Bluetooth will not work).

Safeguarding

This is a critical aspect of our work with young people.

ALL staff at school are responsible for safeguarding and will report anything of concern.

Our team of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are very experienced and trained to respond to any concern.

Stuart Kemp is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. You can ask to speak to him if you have a concern, or to any one of our Deputy DSLs.

Attendance and punctuality

Attendance at school is hugely important. We work hard with families to ensure that our students' maximise their attendance to lessons.

If you need any support, please contact Stuart Kemp, Assistant Headteacher.

Last year, our whole school attendance was 94.0% (Nat. 90.9%).

Of the 1210 students in Years 7-11 last year, 456 had attendance of 98% or above

Our target is to achieve 97% attendance in Year 7-11.

Attendance

Nationally, pupils **not** achieving grade 9 to 4 in English and maths had an overall average attendance rate of 91%, compared to an average of 95% attendance for students achieving grade 9 to 4 in English and Maths.

90% attendance = 1 day missed per fortnight (19 school days in the year)

85% = 29 school days missed

‘Persistent absence’ = 90% attendance or less

We will will send notifications home for any student who falls below 96% attendance.

Group	Attendance	Likely impact	Action/ notification
Stage 0:	96% - 100%	No Concern	
Stage 1:	94% - 95.9%	Early flag	Letter 1a
Stage 2:	90% - 93.9%	Risk of underachievement	Letter 1b
Stage 3:	85 - 89.9%	Severe risk of underachievement (Persistently absent)	Letter 2
Stage 4:	50% - 84.9%	Extreme risk of underachievement (Persistently absent)	External referral/ support. Possible Notice to Improve and legal intervention.
Stage 5:	Below 50%	Critical risk of underachievement (Severely absent)	Possible Notice to Improve and legal intervention. External referral/ support.

Recording absence

If you need to inform the school of an absence, please call the absence line: 01727 799 564 before 9.15am. A specific reason needs to be provided.

If there is an upcoming planned absence, email absence@sandringham.aetrust.uk or call the absence line. Alternatively, the student needs to bring a signed note from a parent/carers explaining the reasons. This note must be shown at Student Services when signing out.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

As you know there is a wealth of opportunities open to your child at school and we strongly encourage all students to seek something they can pursue further. Access to these opportunities and clubs is managed through SOCS, an online platform focused solely on this.

Information about signing up as a parent can be found [here](#).

Pastoral Review Day

Weds 27th Nov (evening) or Thurs 28th Nov (morning).

Virtual meeting with students and parents/ carers and tutors or another associated member of staff.

This is a check-in after 11 weeks of the school year to discuss how each student feels and how well they have settled into the new school year. It will include a discussion about participation and attitude, and will enable students and parents to share their views.

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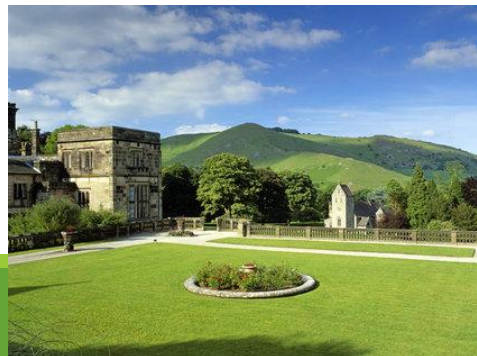
Where?

Ilam Hall, Southern Peak District

Set in 84 acres of land - it is a stunning setting with plenty of opportunity for outdoor games and our big walk in Dovedale.

Students share dorms and will have some say in selecting their rooms.

The contact details are on the blue/green sheets but only to be used in an emergency.



Who?

We go in two halves:

The first are A Half - **7A, 7H, 7J, 7N** who leave on Monday 21st September at 9.30am and return on Wednesday 23rd September at 5.00pm.

They will be accompanied by:

Mr Lacey
Ms Picciuto
Mrs Holmes
Miss Hopkins
Mr James
Miss Davey
Mrs Collins

Miss Whorrod
Mrs Lovett
Mrs Cuneen
Mr Neville
Miss Gibbons

Who?

The second are B Half - **7E, 7F, 7S, 7T** who leave on Wednesday 23rd September at 9.30am and return on Friday 25th September at 5.00pm.

They will be accompanied by:

Mr Kemp
Ms Picciuto
Miss Whorrod
Mr Nieddu
Miss Da Silva
Miss Pearson
Mrs Cuneen

Miss Gibbons
Mrs Woolfe
Mr Richardson
Mrs Barber
Miss Davey
Miss Leicester

Programme

A-Half (1st part of the week)

On Blue
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Day 1 (Mon)	Arrive at school with luggage and take to Old Gym. Register with your tutor as normal. 9.30am Depart Sandringham Ilam Hall and local area
Day 2 (Tues)	Peak District Walk Disco
Day 3 (Wed)	Alton Towers 5.00pm - (est.) arrive back at Sandringham School

Programme

B-Half (2nd part of the week)

On Green
Sheet

Day 1 (Wed)	Arrive at school with luggage. Take luggage to Old Gym. Register with your tutor as normal. 9:30am Depart Sandringham Ilam Hall and local area
Day 2 (Thur)	Peak District Walk Disco
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Travel



Motts Travel Coaches – Aylesbury

Simple Rules:

- ✓ Seated at all times with seat belts on
- ✓ No litter
- ✓ No chewing gum
- ✓ No fizzy drinks
- ✓ No nuts or sesame

Anyone who gets travel sick – remember to take your tablets in the morning!

We will make two stops on the way: one at a motorway service station, the other at Carsington Water reservoir.

What to bring?



On the back of your itinerary is a kit list to help you.

It is very important that **everything** is labelled!

NO MOBILE PHONES/DEVICES – they are not needed and there is no mobile phone reception at Ilam Hall. There is a payphone at the centre students can use.

Pocket money - £20 is plenty! Students are responsible for looking after this themselves

Medical Information



If your child requires any medication for the trip, please give this to your form tutor on the morning of departure, making sure it is labelled. If it is prescribed medication, it must have the doctor's prescription sticker present.

Should you wish to bring the medication into school prior to the morning of departure, this can be taken to Student Services.

Sleeping & Special Diets

Rooms of all sizes available – this will be arranged on Tuesday lunchtime in I Block. Please be prompt at 1.20pm. Have in mind another student you wish to share with.

Bedrooms are not social areas – students should be in their rooms only. There are plenty of communal areas for socialising in.

Bed will be at 9.30pm and lights out at 10pm.

Any serious diet concerns please see your tutor, Ms Piccuito or Mr Kemp this evening (if you haven't done so already).

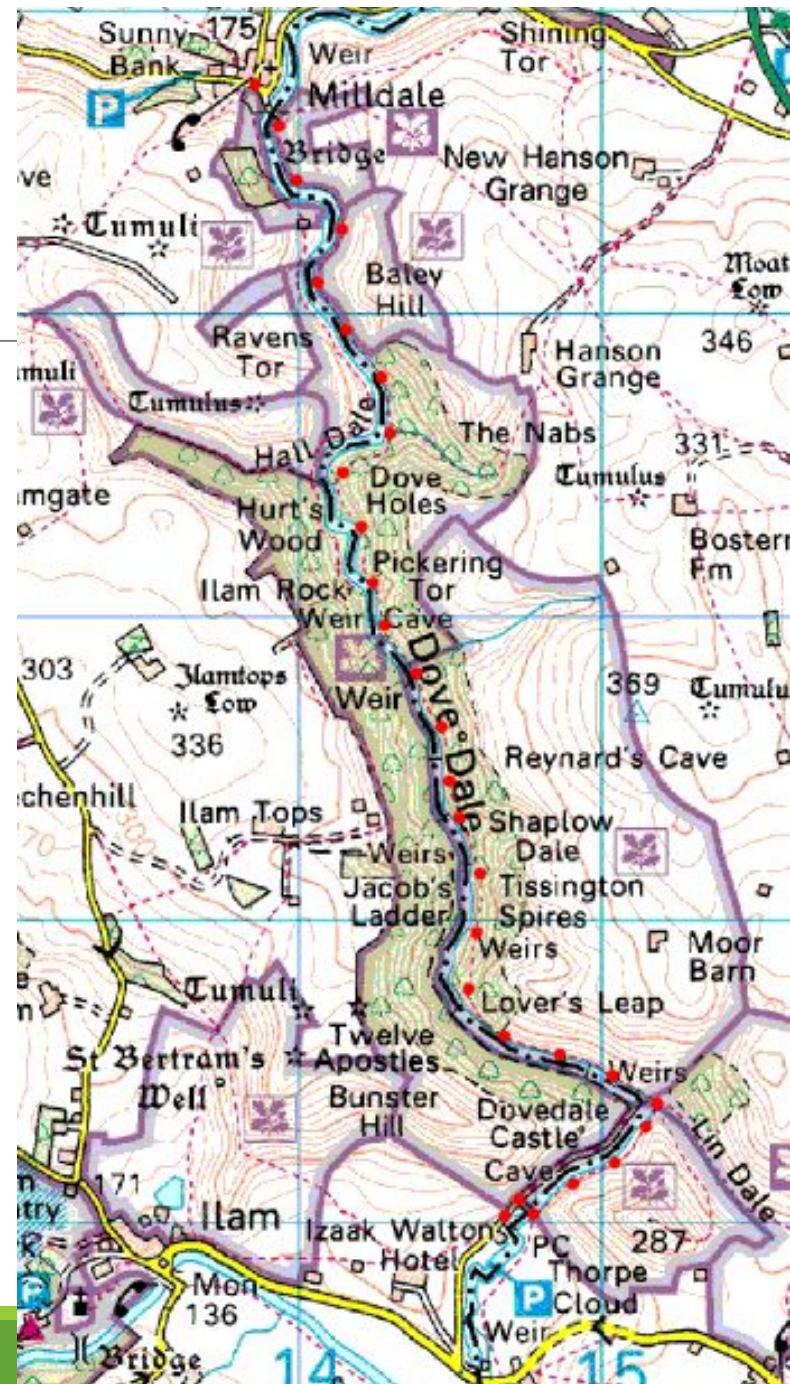
The Walk

The walk is 8 miles long and you will be walking in your tutor groups.

You will need to bring wet weather gear. We still do the walk if it is raining!

You will need a rucksack to carry your lunch and waterproofs.

It will almost certainly be muddy!



Alton Towers

We will head to a central point with students where 2 members of staff will remain at all times.

Staff will also be roaming the park and riding the rides.

Students will disperse into smaller groups of no less than 4.



Questions?

To allow for a speedy departure this evening please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help.

Thank you!

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