



# High Ashurst Outdoor Learning Centre and Thames Young Mariners

Year 6 Residential 2026



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September to  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026



# High Ashurst



High Ashurst Outdoor Learning Centre  
The Coach House,  
Headley Lane,  
Mickleham,  
Dorking,  
Surrey  
RH5 6DQ  
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High Ashurst Outdoor Learning Centre is located on a 56 acre site in the Surrey Hills with direct access to Headley Heath. It provides a programme of outdoor activities taught by trained instructors. Overnight accommodation is in comfortable log cabins.



# Thames Young Mariners Outdoor Education Centre



Thames Young Mariners Outdoor  
Education Centre  
Riverside Drive  
Ham  
Richmond  
Surrey  
TW10 7RX  
01372 378901

This is a 25 acre site, which includes a 10 acre lake alongside the River Thames, between Richmond and Kingston. Thames Young Mariners offers water-based activities in a controlled environment, providing a unique space for learning and self-discovery in the natural environment. The centre is recognised as a teaching centre by the [Royal Yachting Association](#) and the [British Canoe Union](#).



# Accommodation

At High Ashurst, we will be staying in 2 log cabins, each of which sleeps up to 20 children and adults in bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms. Each cabin also has a lounge and kitchenette area where we will make and serve hot chocolate before bedtime. Both the cabins lead out to a communal lawn where the children can play and relax between activities.



<https://www.surreyoutdoorlearning.uk/facilities/high-ashurst/accommodation>



# Accommodation

On Wednesday and Thursday nights, we will be sleeping in **tepees** at the Thames Young Mariners site. Each tepee sleeps up to 10 children. **There are toilets and shower rooms in a block adjacent to the tepee field.** School staff will sleep in satellite tents alongside. The tepees are pitched around a campfire, where the day ends with hot chocolate and reflecting on our achievements!

We will ask the children nearer the time to name two friends they would be happy to share with.





# Food

At High Ashurst, breakfast, lunch and evening meals are served in the main hall. Whilst at Thames Young Mariners, we will eat in the centre's main dining room.

All food is freshly prepared and both of the centres have gained the *Eat Out Eat Well* Gold Standard Award which means that all meals contain healthy eating options – increased fruit and vegetables and decreased fat, sugar and salt.

All food is nut free.



Special dietary requirements will be catered for – *please let us know of any such requirements or allergies on the medical form.*



# Breakfast

For breakfast there are cooked options including sausages/Quorn sausages, bacon, scrambled or fried egg, baked beans, tomato, hashbrowns.

There will also be a selection of bread/toast croissants and spreads, fruits, cereals and yoghurt.

Pictures below are examples of what you may choose for breakfast.





# Lunch

For lunch you will have a sandwich or baguette and can choose your filling, adding salad if you would like. (pictures are examples of what you might choose)



There will also be fruit and crisps to pick from, and sweet treat like a cookie, muffin or flapjack.





# Dinner

Dinner: items will always be separate so you can choose which parts of the dinner you would like. Some examples of dinners we serve are:



Stir Fry



Chilli con Carne / Quorn  
or Bean Chilli



Fajitas



Spaghetti Bolognese



Chicken/  
Vegetable Curry



Sausages and  
mash



Vegetarian Moussaka /  
Lasagna



Chicken/Vegetable  
Pie



Veggie pasta  
bake



# Activities

High/Low Ropes

Mountain Biking

Archery

Raft Building

Kayaking

Wall Climbing



Night Walk

Camp fire

Orienteering

Woodlands Skills

Paddle boarding





# Itinerary - Monday



- Children must be at school for 7.30am – all medication to be given to an allocated adult closer to the time.
- Coach will leave at 8am.
- Activities – target archery, mountain biking or orienteering
- Children need a disposable packed lunch for this day (paper bag or carrier bag).
- Activities – challenge course
- Dinner
- Sleep in the cabins.



# Itinerary - Tuesday



- Breakfast
- Activities – target archery, mountain biking or orienteering
- Lunch
- Activities – target archery, mountain biking or orienteering
- Dinner
- Night walk
- Sleep in the cabins.

Activities on Tuesday are on a 3 group rota. The children will be placed into 3 groups and will rotate around the activities with an adult from school.



# Itinerary - Wednesday



- Breakfast
- Activity – rock climbing
- Lunch
- Minibuses will take us from High Ashurst to Thames Young Mariners leaving at **1.00pm.**
- When arriving at Thames Young Mariners, the children will be allocated to their teepees
- Dinner
- Activity – Woodland Skills
- Sleep in the teepee



# Itinerary - Thursday



- Breakfast
- Activity – raft building
- Lunch
- Activity - stand up paddle boarding
- Dinner
- Activity – Campfire?
- Sleep in the teepee



# Itinerary - Friday

- Breakfast
- Activity – kayaking
- Lunch
- Leave at 1pm to return to school
- Arrive at school for 3pm.





# Clothing



For High Ashurst, the children need enough clothes for 2 days and 2 nights.

- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts/fleeces
- Trousers/Leggings/Tracksuit bottoms/shorts (not jeans)
- Waterproof coat
- Clothing to wear in the Centre
- Hat and gloves/sun cream and sun hat (weather dependent)
- Pyjamas
- Plenty of spare underwear and socks
- 2 pairs of old trainers (one to get wet)

**Please name all clothing.**



# Clothing for Thames Young Mariners

For The Thames Mariners, the children need enough clothes for 2 days and 2 nights **and** 3 sets of clothes they can get wet.

Children should wear a short sleeve top and shorts under their wetsuits. So 3xshort sleeve tops and shorts.

- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts/fleeces
- Trousers/Leggings/shorts (not jeans)
- Hat and gloves/sun cream and sun hat (weather dependent)
- Warm coat (weather dependent)
- Plenty of spare underwear – it will get wet!

**BIN BAGS TO PUT WET CLOTHES IN!**

**Please name all clothing.**





# Essentials



Sleeping bag, roll mat and pillow for Thursday and Friday nights.

Packed lunch for the first day

Wash bag (soap & toothbrush etc.)

2 Large towels

Hairbrush

Torch (a sensible one) – the campsite is dark.

Plastic bottle for water

Sunscreen (Hot weather)

Pen & paper – We will take board games

Small Bag/Rucksack

**Plastic bags / bin liners (for wet and dirty items)**

Please ensure any medication is given to us with instructions – separate form to be filled in.

**No mobile phones, electronic devices or food items.**



# Travel



- The coach will leave the school at 8am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- The journey will take about half an hour depending on traffic.
- Travel sickness medication – please administer to your child before leaving on Monday and supply enough for the journeys to and from Thames Mariners. Give this to one of the teachers on the Monday morning.
- Wear comfortable clothes/shoes – not school uniform.
- Pack a suitcase/bag with wheels.
- Minibuses will transport us from High Ashurst to Young Mariners
- We are leaving Young Mariners on Friday at 1pm aiming to return during school hours for the children to go home at normal school finishing time.



# Medication

- Medical forms for the residential trip will be sent out to you next half term to be completed.
- All medication should be named and handed to a teacher before the trip, on the day of departure in a clearly named box with accompanying instructions.
- If children suffer from travel sickness, please inform the teachers and ensure you provide medication for the minibus and return journey.
- Food allergies – please indicate any allergies and dietary requirements on the medical form.



# Contact



- Teachers will contact the school each morning.
- A daily communication from school will notify parents and carers that all is well.
- Children **must not** have a mobile phone with them.
- Contact from parents and carers during the residential should only be in an emergency. Please do this via the school office during the school day.



# Additional Information

- Please do not allow your child to bring sweets or snacks.
- No mobile phones.
- No pocket money.



# Further Information

<https://www.surreyoutdoorlearning.uk/facilities/high-ashurst>

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## Any questions?

