



Moor House School News and Events

Year 9 Residential Visit to Hindleap Warren Activity Centre

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th April 2007



From Monday April 23rd to Friday April 27th our Year 9 pupils took part in a week of activities based at Hindleap Warren, a centre deep in the heart of Ashdown Forest. They were accompanied by members of staff: Rob Mayes, Liz Nimmo, Dawn Carter (Mon-Wed) and Judy Hobson, Gail Turner, Shirley Vinton (Wed-Fri). Matt Crowhurst had the stamina and survival instinct to last the whole week and some members of staff visited us for the day.



We went a little later this year and the resulting weather conditions (unseasonably dry and warm) were a pleasant change for those of us who are Hindleap veterans. There was still plenty of mud

about (it wouldn't be Hindleap without it) and, when a particular obstacle course hadn't sufficient of the black, sticky stuff, a hosepipe was provided!



The children were faced with some very challenging activities during the course of the week. Many of these were physically demanding climbing trees / walls, negotiating obstacle courses, archery and walking through large tracts of the forest.

The forest adventure included following the course of a stream, which in turn involved going through a number of tunnels (invariably wet and muddy) and wading through a section of the waterway!

There were, additionally, a number of tasks that were mentally taxing: map reading and orienteering, working as a team to solve problems posed by the instructors etc. The children also learnt a great deal about the flora and fauna of the forest and sustainable development.



The response of the children to these challenges was very impressive and they were complimented on many occasions by the Hindleap staff as to their spirited approach and determination. A week of fresh air and exercise fostered healthy appetites and our students were often first in the queue for second helpings of the very good food that was on offer.



It was an excellent week in which the children learnt a great deal in particular how to work together and how to overcome fears. They came back very tired but with a real sense of achievement. As to the staff, they were relieved to come back in one piece!

