

An aerial photograph of Alton Castle, a large stone building with multiple towers and a prominent yellow roof section. The castle is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. In the foreground, there is a large stone wall, a parking lot with several cars, and a modern brick building with a curved roof. The text "Y6 Residential Alton Castle" is overlaid in white, bold font, underlined, and the years "2026-2027" are also overlaid in white, bold font, underlined.

Y6 Residential Alton Castle

2026-2027

A letter will be given out at the end of tonight with details which are covered today.

Key details-

- Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th May
- £285 (4 installments)
- 1st December- £65 deposit (non-refundable)
- No nuts

SATS week 11th May- we will have a separate meeting on this.



Staff

- ▶ Mrs Smith
 - ▶ Mr Barker
 - ▶ Mrs Bowers
 - ▶ Mrs Kehoe
 - ▶ Mrs Stone
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- ▶ Mr Collins- will attend Alton Towers

*First aid trained

Day 1- Monday

- ▶ 8.00- Meet in the school hall
- ▶ 8.15- Coach leaves to Alton Castle
- ▶ 10.00- We drop the bags off at the castle, then get back on the coach
- ▶ 10.20- arrive at Alton Towers
- ▶ 4.00 - Walk to Alton Castle through forests and over fields (10-15mins)
- ▶ Bags to the rooms
- ▶ Room inspection
- ▶ A fire drill
- ▶ Tour/nightline
- ▶ Food
- ▶ More activities
- ▶ Bed



Day 2 -Tuesday

- ▶ Breakfast
- ▶ Activity
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Activity
- ▶ Dinner
- ▶ Holy Mass
- ▶ Disco
- ▶ Bed



Day 3- Wednesday

- ▶ Breakfast
- ▶ Activity
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Pack bags and sleeping bags
- ▶ Set off about 2pm
- ▶ Updates will be given to school so parents are aware when to expect us back in Manchester.
- ▶ 3.30- Aim to be back at school

When we get back, it speeds up the process if parents grab **any** suitcase and take it to the playground. Once this is done we will get the children off the coach and we will hand them over to you.



Groups Alton Towers

- ▶ Children will be paired with friends and what rides they want to go on in Alton Towers. **High**- **Medium**- **Low** thrill
- ▶ There is a member of staff that is responsible for their group of 10 children. Alton Towers will be staffed at a ratio of 1:10.
- ▶ We aim to get all pupils on as many rides as they wish, as long as it suits the group.
- ▶ Children will also be paired with the staff who want to go on rides and who are more enthusiastic for them.
- ▶ Children will be told prior the expectations for behaviour (e.g. staying with staff/group at all times).



Alton Castle is a Catholic retreat



It is a
beautiful site



Types of activities at Alton Castle:

- ▶ Children will be split into 3 - 6 groups. Each group will do four activities main activities.
- ▶ What they do is subject to the staff they have working. Some are trained for certain things.
- ▶ Example - one group did archery whilst the other did low ropes.

There are non-cycling groups. Please indicate if your child can't ride a bike! It's a 5 mile ride up and down hills and across fields with sheep!

Activities

- ▶ Bike riding
- ▶ Nature trail
- ▶ Low ropes
- ▶ Archery
- ▶ Survival
- ▶ Nightline
- ▶ Fire building
- ▶ Hiking







What to pack

- ▶ Outdoor shoes
- ▶ Indoor shoes
- ▶ Underwear
- ▶ Socks
- ▶ Waterproof jacket
- ▶ Hoodie
- ▶ T shirts
- ▶ Joggers/ leggings
- ▶ Sleeping bag- that fits in (practice packing bags with your child) I rolled up 50 sleeping bags last year.
- ▶ Towel
- ▶ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, Shampoo, etc)
- ▶ Plastic bags for dirty clothes/shoes.
- ▶ **Label everything!!!!**

Medication

- ▶ Any medication will be kept accessible and can be discussed and arrange closer to the time.
- ▶ Label all medication and application clearly
- ▶ Anything private please speak to a member of staff you feel comfortable with.
- ▶ We will look at all Care Plans that are in place.
- ▶ Most medication will be kept with the group leader if needed when moving about or
- ▶ In the accessible centre location of the staff room.
- ▶ Alton Castle cater to allergies and dietary needs
- ▶ **Absolutely no nuts on this trip!**

Rooms:

- ▶ We try to accommodate so that at least some of their friends will be in the same room.
- ▶ Boys and girls will be on separate floors with at least one member of staff.
- ▶ Rooms size and location depend on Alton Castle's availability, cohort numbers and the number of the other schools.
- ▶ The rooms are hostel style suitable for 4-12 children.
- ▶ There are separate shower rooms and toilets are at the end of the corridors.
- ▶ If behavior is poor and affecting others sleep, your child might need to change rooms.

Food

- ▶ On day 1 children to bring own lunch that is disposable, we eat at Alton Towers and bin it all.
- ▶ At the Castle -it is described as family style serve.
- ▶ Breakfast is a selection of cereal and toast.
- ▶ Lunch is sandwiches and chips/crisps
- ▶ Dinner could be; pasta, sausages, pizza, fish etc
- ▶ There is always plenty to eat, fruit available throughout the day, a treat for after meals.
- ▶ It is warm and there is plenty.
- ▶ You can pack a few snacks for the room but be mindful of allergies and the poor staff going on the trip. We don't want to be cleaning up sick again!
- ▶ **Absolutely no nuts on this trip!**



Mobile Phones/Money

- ▶ Your child is **not allowed** to take their mobile phone.
- ▶ We will make sure your child is safe and happy.
- ▶ If they bring a mobile phone or other recording device then we will have to take them off your child due to, safeguarding reasons.
- ▶ It's a nice technology free break.
- ▶ The staff will capture pictures and share at a later date.
- ▶ If you want an update about your child we can arrange to contact you.
- ▶ Pack change in bag for tuck shop no more than £10.
- ▶ No money is needed for Alton Towers as we do not have the time.

Packing a bag

Think about the size of the bag - they only need travel size.
Think about a cabin bag on a plane. The children have to carry the bags up a set of castle stairs and down.

If it doesn't fit in a cabin bag think about what is needed for three days.



Alton Castle Website

- ▶ For more information you can follow the link to the website.
- ▶ Or Search Alton Castle retreats.

<https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/residential-retreats1.html>

Behaviour / Expectations

- ▶ Normal school rules and expectations apply.
- ▶ Behaviour may affect participation in some activities.
- ▶ Show respect, kindness and good manners- there will be other schools at the castle.
- ▶ Listen to staff and instructors and follow instructions.
- ▶ Stay with your group at all times.
- ▶ Respect the centre, equipment and other people's belongings.
- ▶ Follow bedtime and lights-out routines.
- ▶ Follow all safety instructions.
- ▶ Serious or repeated poor behaviour may result in parents being contacted or asked to collect their child.

Leavers Hoodies

- ▶ This year school will be organising the leavers hoodies.
- ▶ They will have initials and school logo on the front, Levers 27 with names inside on the back.
- ▶ They will be £22- school are not making any money on these.
- ▶ They will be given to the children on the Friday after the SATs and we ask for them to be worn to Alton Towers.

Communication with Parents

- ▶ We will use Instagram and texts if necessary.
- ▶ Parents can contact the school office in an emergency
- ▶ When returning we will give ETA updates.

If there is anything you think that we would need to know about your child then please let us know before the day of the trip.

Early Night on the Wednesday

It is an exhausting trip, plan for a lazy weekend.

We we be more relaxed with the registers on Thursday morning.





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Good Morning - 7:45-8:15 am

First) Please collect your tag and put on bags.

Any medication take to Mr Barker. (Make sure clearly labeled)

Second) Parents leave the hall, take bags down to coach.
Children go with group leader onto the coach.

Third) Pack lunch in plastic bag to throw away keep with you.
All other bags to go under the coach.

Four) Coach goes to Alton Castle first, drops off bags.
Then with your lunch back on the coach to go to Alton Towers.
After a day at Alton Towers walk back to Alton Castle.