

Rydal Penrhos



Weekend Activity Programme Review

Here is a selection of some of the exciting things we've done this Autumn term 2009

Sunday 6th September

Term began with the first of our Inter-house competitions; a mixed sports afternoon, which involved every house member. Netherton were crowned soccer champions and Matthias Esdar impressed on the tennis courts. Hathaway, with Charles Dubois to the fore, took the table tennis, whilst Walshaw were pool champions.

Saturday 12th September

The first of three Man City football trips; this one was against Arsenal and the result was 4-2, could it get any better? (Yes it did, as Chelsea lost on 4th December, which was especially pleasing for Mr Richardson and all our new found Blues fans.)

Sunday 13th September

All rivalries were set aside as each house walked through Newborough Warren forest to reach the picturesque beach beside Llanddwyn Island. Beach football, cricket and rugby, a little surfing and lots of fun in gorgeous late summer sun was capped with a BBQ back on New Field.

Saturday 19th September

The surge for places for the junior camp to Abersoch is so great that the trip was repeated two weeks later. Meanwhile the sailors also enjoyed an 'away' weekend camping and sailing.

Sunday 27th September

Dr Roberts and Mr Baxter began the first of many intrepid high octane trips for the term with a fantastic coasteering trip to Anglesey. The Duke of Edinburgh bronze, silver and gold teams were also out on practice weekends under the tutelage of Mr Pailthorpe and Ms Margerison.

Sunday 4th October

Artist Wendy Couling ran a great workshop and there were trips to Liverpool, paintballing and Ropeworks for the Sixth Form, to fit in before half term.

Friday 6th November

What should have been a junior trip to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* turned into a whole school trip for over 50 pupils and staff; a great show starring Craig Chalmers (of BBC *Any Dream Will Do* fame).

Sundays of 15th and 29th

There was some mountain scrambling, a popular cinema trip to see the film, *New Moon (Twilight Saga)*, and a shopping trip to Llandudno. These weekends sandwiched the House Drama competition, which was a resounding success; our thanks to Mr Lavin for his support and encouragement.



Hut Camp 5th–6th December ↑



Sunday scrambling in Snowdonia ↑



Trip to see Man City play ↑

Sunday 8th November

After the hard graft of Friday night training in the pool, the kayakers were ready for the first of two trips with Dr Roberts; this one went to the Menai Straits, and as well as great weather and superb views, the seals and wildlife were spectacular.



Sea kayaking on the Menai Straits ↑

Tor Williams got the vote for most improved paddler. The mountain bikers took to the hills with Dr Robson, whilst Sarah and Gaz ensured the skiers had a good time at Chill Factore.



Coastal walk at Newborough ↑

December

Let's mention again the Blues beating Chelsea, a trip to an under 18 rugby international, Wales play Australia at Eirias Park, another kayaking trip where Sash and James Sanders are feted as most improved paddlers and the hut camp where Tom Warrington secured the evening entertainment award for the Eton Fives monopoly.



Trip to Newborough Beach ↑