

12 September 2018

Kingswood Residential Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am writing to tell you all about our exciting week at Kingswood Activity Centre in Ashford, starting on Wednesday 10 - 12 October 2018. As part of our "Establishment Week" you will get to know all about Oasis Academy Silvertown whilst making new friends and getting acquainted with your new teachers.

Kingswood Centre is one of the largest in Europe and boasts a £1 million adventure park! From the moment visitors enter they are immersed in high-adrenaline excitement. The centre also has other great facilities including: an indoor heated swimming pool, a 25,000 sq. ft sports hall and a mock courtroom – to enjoy winding down in the evening!



All student dormitories are single-sex and include a mixture of en-suite and standard bedrooms. The residential centre is set in the grounds of the former manor house 'Grosvenor Hall'. Academy staff are located in separate rooms on the dormitory corridors.



Some of the activities that groups will participate in, include: 3G swing, Abseiling, Canoe Splash, Zip Wire, Archery, Climbing and more! In the evening, as well as learning more about the routines and values of Oasis Academy Silvertown, you will also enjoy a series of evening entertainments including: star gazing, campfire building and indoor laser.



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| 1 Reception | 5 Learning zone | 9 High & low ropes |
| 2 Accommodation | 6 Kingswood Court | 10 Zip wire |
| 3 Outdoor laser | 7 Gym & pool | 11 Archery |
| 4 Diner & shop | 8 Aeroball | 12 Team challenge/games |

All activity centre staff at Kingswood are fully DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked to an enhanced level - Oasis Academy Silvertown staff will accompany our students at all times to ensure thorough supervision.

The Assistant Principal, Ms Romala Gill, will take a lead on the trip and will be contactable via the academy mobile telephone.

Please turn over

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Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about the residential and to meet staff accompanying the students on the trip on 27 September 2018 **at Oasis Academy: Silvertown from 5:00pm.**

On the morning of the trip, (10 October 2018) parents are invited to bring their child into school at 8:30am; teachers will greet parents and students and take in medication such as asthma pumps, inhalers, allergy medicines etc. and we will set off at 9:00 a.m. It will take approximately 1 hour 40 minutes to travel to our location. Please ensure that students have a packed lunch with them for the first day.

We will update parents and carers on our exciting week using a blog on the Academy webpage. Look out for updates, pictures and posts!

To make sure that students are fuelled for a long and exciting day, Kingswood serve three hot meals per day, with lots of choice and variation.

Your packing list:

- One swimming towel and costume
- One bath towel
- Toiletries bag containing: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc
- Night clothes
- Socks and underwear
- Four t-shirts, shirts, blouses (at least one with long sleeves) and a sweatshirt
- One thick sweater
- Three pairs of bottoms – jeans/tracksuit
- Clothes for the social sundown (evening entertainment)
- Waterproof Jacket
- Sturdy shoes or wellington boots
- Two pairs of trainers (one should be an old pair)
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Water bottle
- Hat and Sunscreen

Please note: mobile phones, expensive cameras, games, ipods, mp3 players, expensive favourite clothing are not needed. Leave them at home. The Academy will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or theft of these items if students decide to go against Academy advice.

We ask that parents send in £ 60.00 to book their child onto the residential. We would like every Year 7 to attend. If you have any concerns about payment please don't hesitate to contact romala.gill@oasissilvertown.org.

Payment will also be taken on the 27 September 2018.

Parents and carers may wish to have a look at the Kingswood Centre parent handbook – you can access this at: <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/grosvenor-hall/>



I look forward to meeting you again in September.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Principal