

Year 12 Residential Visit to Tattenhall

Student & Parent Packing Guide (15th – 16th October 2026)

Trip Summary & Environment Context

- **Destination:** Tattenhall Outdoor Education Centre
- **Dates:** Thursday 15th October (Arrival 10:30 AM) – Friday 16th October 2026 (Departure 1:30 PM)
- **Planned Activities:** High-Wire Ascend Package (Zip Wire, Low Ropes, Tree Climb), School-Led Campfire, Pub Lunch (Day 1), Jungle Camp / Outdoor Team Building (Day 2)
- **Key Considerations:** Active outdoor sessions, high-wire climbing harnesses, forest terrain, autumn weather conditions, and overnight stay in centre accommodation.

1. Outdoor & Activity Clothing (Daytime)

Students will participate in active outdoor challenges including tree climbing, low ropes, zip wires, and jungle camp team-building. Clothes should be practical, comfortable, and suitable for safety harnesses.

Item Description	Qty / Spec	Activity & Safety Reason
Waterproof Coat / Jacket	1 hooded	Essential for outdoor sessions in rain or damp weather.
Warm Layers (Fleece / Hoodies)	2 - 3 tops	Insulation for autumn weather during high-wire and jungle camp.
Long Trousers / Tracksuit Bottoms	2 pairs	Protects legs during harness use and ropes activities. Avoid short skirts/dresses.
Long-Sleeved Tops / T-Shirts	2 - 3 tops	Comfortable base layers under harnesses and safety gear.
Socks (including thick boot socks)	3 - 4 pairs	Keeps feet warm and prevents rubbing in outdoor footwear.
Warm Hat & Gloves	1 set	For evening campfire and cooler outdoor team-building sessions.

2. Footwear Requirements

Footwear must be sturdy, closed-toe, and suitable for active climbing and forest terrain. Open-toe sandals, slip-ons, or high heels are strictly prohibited for safety reasons.

- **Sturdy Outdoor Trainers / Hiking Boots:** Essential for high-wire climbing, low ropes, zip wire, and jungle camp team activities. Must have good grip.
- **Spare Trainers / Indoor Shoes:** Required for inside the residential accommodation and as a dry replacement if outdoor shoes get muddy or wet.

- **Plastic Bag for Dirty Footwear:** For storing muddy outdoor footwear after Day 2 jungle camp prior to departure.

3. Overnight & Personal Care Essentials

Accommodation bedding is provided by the Centre, but students must bring their own personal toiletries and nightwear.

- **Casual Clothes for Evening:** Comfortable, warm clothing for the Day 1 local pub lunch, evening meal, and school-led campfire.
- **Nightwear / Pyjamas:** 1 set for the overnight stay in residential quarters.
- **Towel:** 1 bath towel for washing/showering.
- **Washbag & Toiletries:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant (roll-on preferred), hairbrush.

4. Mandatory Medical & Dietary Items

Important Safety & Health Regulations

- **Personal Medication (EpiPens / Inhalers):** Pupils with known medical conditions MUST carry their prescribed EpiPens, inhalers, or medication with them at all times during activities. Spare medication will be held by designated First Aiders.
- **Dietary Requirements & Allergies:** Ensure all dietary allergies and intolerances are clearly listed on the reply slip returned to the school office. Staff will coordinate with both the local pub (Day 1 lunch) and Tattenhall catering staff to ensure strict cross-contamination controls.
- **Health Care Plans:** Students with existing school Health Care Plans will have their verified documentation carried by trip leadership.

5. Luggage & Practical Extras

- **Single Holdall / Small Suitcase:** Pack compactly as students will manage their own luggage when settling into rooms.
- **Small Daypack / Rucksack:** To carry water bottle, waterproof jacket, and personal medication during day sessions.
- **Reusable Water Bottle:** Essential to stay hydrated during high-wire and jungle camp activities.
- **Plastic Bags / Refuse Sack:** For wet/dirty clothes and muddy footwear.

6. What NOT to Bring

- Expensive jewellery, valuable electronics, or unnecessary sums of cash.
- Aerosol sprays (use roll-on deodorants to prevent triggering fire alarms in residential accommodation).
- Penknives, matches, lighters, or hazardous personal tools.
- Energy drinks or large quantities of snacks.

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