

KINGSBRIDGE
Community College

CHALLENGE WEEK
2026



MAY THE ROAD LESS PAVED BE THE ROAD THAT YOU FOLLOW.

Successful Considerate Hard working Our best selves Leaders Aspirational Resilient

NO ONE KNOWS THEY CAN UNTIL THEY TRY!

Take a second or two to think about some of the great things you might have achieved so far in your life like learning to swim, ride a bike, walk, talk, sing, play an instrument, ski, make a meal for your family or even give your very first presentation at the front of the class. Your journey through life has already been jam packed full of challenges! Meeting challenges helps to bring out strengths and abilities that you never knew you had and, when you take on new challenges, you bring new energy and excitement into everything you do.

Challenge Week at KCC will once again bring so many opportunities for you to be an opportunity magnet - "I'm going to try that". Having a go at something new sometimes requires us to be a little brave. It might mean doing something without your friends but meeting new people and making new friends is all part of the exciting experience. Facing new situations and being part of new activities helps to build confidence and resilience and gives us the determination to work hard and get better at something.

Enjoy making your selections, I cannot wait to see you all having a fantastic Challenge Week in July.

Mrs Graham
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 24th October 2025	Challenge Week Residential 2026 launch
Friday 7th November 2025	Deadline for those applying for a Residential
Friday 21st November 2025	Confirmation of Residential places sent out
Monday 1st December 2025	Challenge Week Daily Trip launch
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Deadline for those applying for Daily Trips
Friday 30th January 2026	Confirmation of daily activities sent out

Payments for a Residential Activity will be confirmed with a £150 deposit due by the 28th November and then 5 further monthly instalments due from 1st Feb.

Payments for Daily Activities will be due in three equal instalments between 1st of March and 1st July 2026.

We regret to say that any trip that is not paid in full before the full payment deadline will result in your child's place being reallocated to another student. There is no opportunity to change your residential choice, once confirmation of a space has been given. We cannot make changes based on friendship groups. Making new friends is part of the experience.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Challenge Week is part of the College curriculum and is in term time. Therefore there is a legal requirement for students to attend College in exactly the same way to every other week of the year.
No holiday will be authorised during Challenge Week.

BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING POLICY

All students are expected to meet the expectations contained in the Behaviour for Learning Policy. The College reserve the right to refuse a place on a residential trip to those students who do not meet expectations of the Behaviour for Learning in the build up to Challenge Week.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We have indicated the average level of contribution necessary for a trip to run. Some financial assistance may be available from the College and the PTFA are committed to helping families less able to pay. Families on Income Support or in receipt of free school meals might be eligible for some assistance. Funding will be allocated on a case by case basis. In order to apply for help from the bursary please contact your child's Inclusion Lead or challengeweek@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk who will provide you with a form. The money granted will be a percentage of the total amount and you will be notified of this once bursary applications have been processed. All requests for support are treated with absolute discretion.

COSTS/COLLEGE FUNDS

All costings are approximate at this stage and based on trips running at near full capacity. Transport costs have to be shared by those actually taking part and may therefore vary from those shown in this booklet. So far as payment for the trips described in this booklet are concerned, the Education Act allows the College to ask parents for voluntary contributions in order that trips can take place. Insufficient contributions would result in the cancellation of a residential. The College has a fund, which is for the benefit of students whose parents find difficulty in fully contributing to the cost of trips. Should you wish to apply for College funding, your child can collect a bursary form from their Inclusion Lead.

MEDICAL

We have a record of students' medical conditions that parents have provided for us. All staff organisers or group leaders have this information with them during each activity. Please inform the College if there has been any change to this information regarding your child. Each specific trip will send out a Confirmation Form to give approval to your child's choices and to give consent to the use of anaesthetics in the unlikely event of an accident.

CHALLENGE WEEK – RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

CHOOSING YOUR RESIDENTIAL

Unfortunately many trips are often oversubscribed and we cannot guarantee a place on a trip. Whilst we have made every effort to source trips at as low a cost as possible, insurance and transport costs have hugely increased and this has had a knock-on effect on trip prices. This is why we are launching residentials earlier this year.

We have also increased the number of Daily Activities available to choose from to provide a more financially sympathetic range of activities, these will be released in a separate booklet.

MEETINGS

Students and parents will be provided with further details by the trip organisers during the time leading up to departure. These are meetings that students must attend in order to gain the full benefit from the trip and these will be held normally during lunchtimes. Some meetings may be held after College, depending on the type of trip and parents may be invited to these. Details of meetings will be included in daily bulletins or to parents via BromCom messages.

SAFETY AND INSURANCE

Safety is always a priority especially during Challenge Week. Most activities are being run by college staff and we ensure that all outside organisations that are providing opportunities for our students are suitably insured and have qualified staff. All of these details are checked by the County Safety Officer. The guidelines for staffing ratios and qualifications of our own staff are always followed.

Students are fully insured against accident through an Insurance Policy in this country and abroad. All students are briefed regarding safety and personal responsibility prior to the week and by organisers before every activity each day. We would be grateful if you could reinforce our instructions by telling your child(ren) to do all they can to ensure that the week goes well and to follow instructions with the view to making the week safe and enjoyable for all.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

(Amounts will depend on cost of each individual trip)

Payments for a Residential Activity will be confirmed with a £150 deposit due by the 28th November and then 5 further monthly instalments due from 1st Feb.

For any queries regarding Parent Pay please email finance@educationsouthwest.org.uk

RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES		PRICE	SPACES
1	Barcelona	£1005	40
2	Devon to Dorset Cycle Ride	£430	24
3	Sand, Sea, Surf North Devon	£400	45
4	Rockley Dorset	£629	30
5	London Experience - Mind The Gap!	£881	45
6	South Wales Mountain Biking	£635	16

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All payments MUST be made through ParentPay - we operate a no cash policy.

Please do not change your mind once confirmation has been established

Remember deposits cannot be refunded if you do change your mind and the residential may not be able to go ahead if numbers fluctuate.

Should you need to remove yourself from a residential after Friday 6th June 2026 for any reason (with the exception of a Medical Certificate) you will lose the full balance paid.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pSPnL3GN8R>

Please use the link above to complete the choices form for those who would like to apply for a residential place by Friday 7th November 2026, or for daily activities by Wednesday 17th December 2026. This can also be accessed on the College website. Please only submit one form per student, for any subsequent forms submitted only the first form will be considered.

DEVON TO DORSET CYCLE RIDE

£430

LEAD STAFF:	Mr Hart
PLACES:	24
RESTRICTION:	Stamina to ride around 25+ miles per day. Your own bike would be useful, although new College bikes are available to hire for £30 for the week.
DATES:	Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July

**Fancy having a real challenge for Challenge Week?
Then join our cycling adventure!**

The plan is for 24 intrepid riders to cycle east following the National Cycle Path Route 2 from Bovey Tracy to Corfe following cycle trails and minor roads and staying at a different place every night – a scout hut, village halls and in luxury Yurts, with your meals cooked for you every night! Every day we cycle around 30 miles, with a support vehicle transporting our gear and supplying drinks & ice creams if it gets hot!



As well as cycling, we have a different activity planned each day including Funder Park rides at Dawlish Warren, tour of the Bovington Tank Museum, a session on high ropes, mini golf, air rifle, laser clay and pistol shooting, a visit to Corfe Castle and finishing with an afternoon at Dorset Adventure Park.



In advance of the big ride, we run a number of compulsory after-college practice rides. This is to get you used to riding safely in a large group, working on your fitness and stamina and practising basic repairs and maintenance.

This trip has been running since 2017 has been a fantastic success ever since. It is probably the biggest challenge offered for Challenge week, but every rider had a real sense of pride and achievement at completing the 150 mile ride!

We hope you will want to join us!

SAND, SEA AND SURF NORTH DEVON

£400

LEAD STAFF: Mrs Budgen

PLACES: 45

DATES: Monday 13th July - Thursday 16th July
Students are expected at KCC on Friday 18th July

Challenge yourself in ways you never have before.

On this trip you will get to:

- Surf at Westward Ho
- Test your nerve on the High Ropes course with trapeze
- Kayak down the river through Bideford
- Climb, abseil and do the assault course
- Swim in the centre pool on a games evening.
- Camp in tents with friends and cook two evening meals.



This trip is an established and popular trip that has been running successfully for many years. The four days are packed with activities and adventure. We camp in a beautiful spot overlooking the sea at the Skern Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre. It has a heated swimming pool, games room and a canteen which provides a full English breakfast in the mornings. Lunches are a great hit, as you make your own packed lunch and we sometimes order in local pasties. The evening meal is cooked in groups except for the last night when we order from a fish and chip shop. Everything is included in the price.

To make the experience even more amazing, this trip has a no phone policy !



ROCKLEY BUDDENS

£629

LEAD STAFF: Mr Chisholm

PLACES: 30

DATES: Monday 13th July—Friday 17th July

SPEND 5 DAYS IN THE HEART OF THE HISTORIC JURASSIC COAST

For all the thrill-seekers looking for their next adventure, we have the ultimate amazing opportunity!

The self-contained centre in Dorset will offer the perfect setting for an action-packed five days trying out the vast range of activities in a stunning setting.

We will travel by coach on Monday, staying in our own tented village.

- Abseiling
- Archery
- Bell Boating
- Campfire
- Canoeing
- Jacob's Ladder
- Leap of Faith
- Raft Building
- Rifle Shooting
- SUP
- Taskmaster
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Tunnel Trail

So get your swimmers packed, and don't miss out on an amazing week!



FIESTAS AND SIESTAS

£1005

LEAD STAFF: Mr Roberts

PLACES: 40

DATES: SUNDAY 12th July—Thursday 16th July
Friday 17th will be spent in school

Discover the vibrant city of **Barcelona**, where stunning architecture, golden beaches, and lively culture meet! From Gaudi's breathtaking Sagrada Familia to the bustling streets of Las Ramblas, this unforgettable trip promises sunshine, adventure, and inspiration at every turn.

We have created the trip of dreams, ideal for Year 9 students, and especially those looking to progress their language studies into GCSE.

We will be visiting the amazing architecture of Gaudi at the Sagrada Familia and Parc Guell. We will take the cable car up Mont Juic to see the castle and Magic Fountain. We will tour Barcelona Football Club's Camp Nou stadium, go bowling, have a boat trip and spend time shopping in Las Ramblas.

On the last day we visit the Port Aventura theme park - one of the best in Europe.

The trip includes travel to Barcelona by plane, and breakfast and dinners each day. *Students will need to purchase a travel card in Barcelona (approx £15) and pay for their snacks and lunches.*





MIND THE GAP



£881

LEAD STAFF: Miss Thomas

PLACES: 45

DATES: MONDAY 13th July—Friday 17th July

**Have you been to the theatre?
Have you explored a big city?
Have you ever been to London?**

We will be travelling to and from London on a private coach. Whilst we are in London we will go to see Mamma Mia! And Matilda musicals in the West End with the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum also on the itinerary.

As well as a River Thames Cruise we are heading to the London Eye and will also be enjoying sight-seeing and shopping .

On our way home we are finishing the trip off with a visit to Thorpe Park.



**Come and explore the sights of London, enjoy two
West End shows and wander around museums.**



MOUNTAIN BIKE SOUTH WALES

£635

LEAD STAFF: Mr Bentham & Mr Styler

PLACES: 16

DATES: Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July

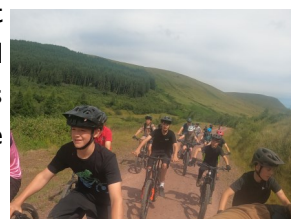
RESTRICTION: This is a trip that will involve a lot of downhill Mountain Biking. Students will need to have their own MTB with front suspension and hydraulic disk brakes that they are very comfortable cycling off road on tracks such as the Haldon Forest red route. They will also need a good helmet (less than 3 years old).



**Do you love to downhill MTB?
Have you been to the UK epicentre of
Downhill MTB?**

We will be travelling by minibus to South Wales to go mountain biking. On day 1 we will load up our bikes and travel to our bunk house in the Brecon Beacons. On Day 2 we head to the Forest of Dean for their cross country and downhill trails. On Wednesday we head to Afan Bike Park before finishing with two days at Bike Park Wales. Here we use their coaches to run technical skills sessions and the uplift service for two days of full on downhill riding. We return to college at around 7pm on the Friday. In the evenings we clean our bikes, play football, watch movies and play Mario Kart.

Please note, this is a downhill mountain bike extravaganza. We will be riding on some of the UK's top downhill routes and therefore students will need to be comfortable on their bike that is up to the job. You don't have to have a full suspension bike, but what you do need is a good quality strong bike capable of handling the parks we will visit. A Full face helmet is compulsory for Bike Park Wales but this can be rented at £30 for both days.





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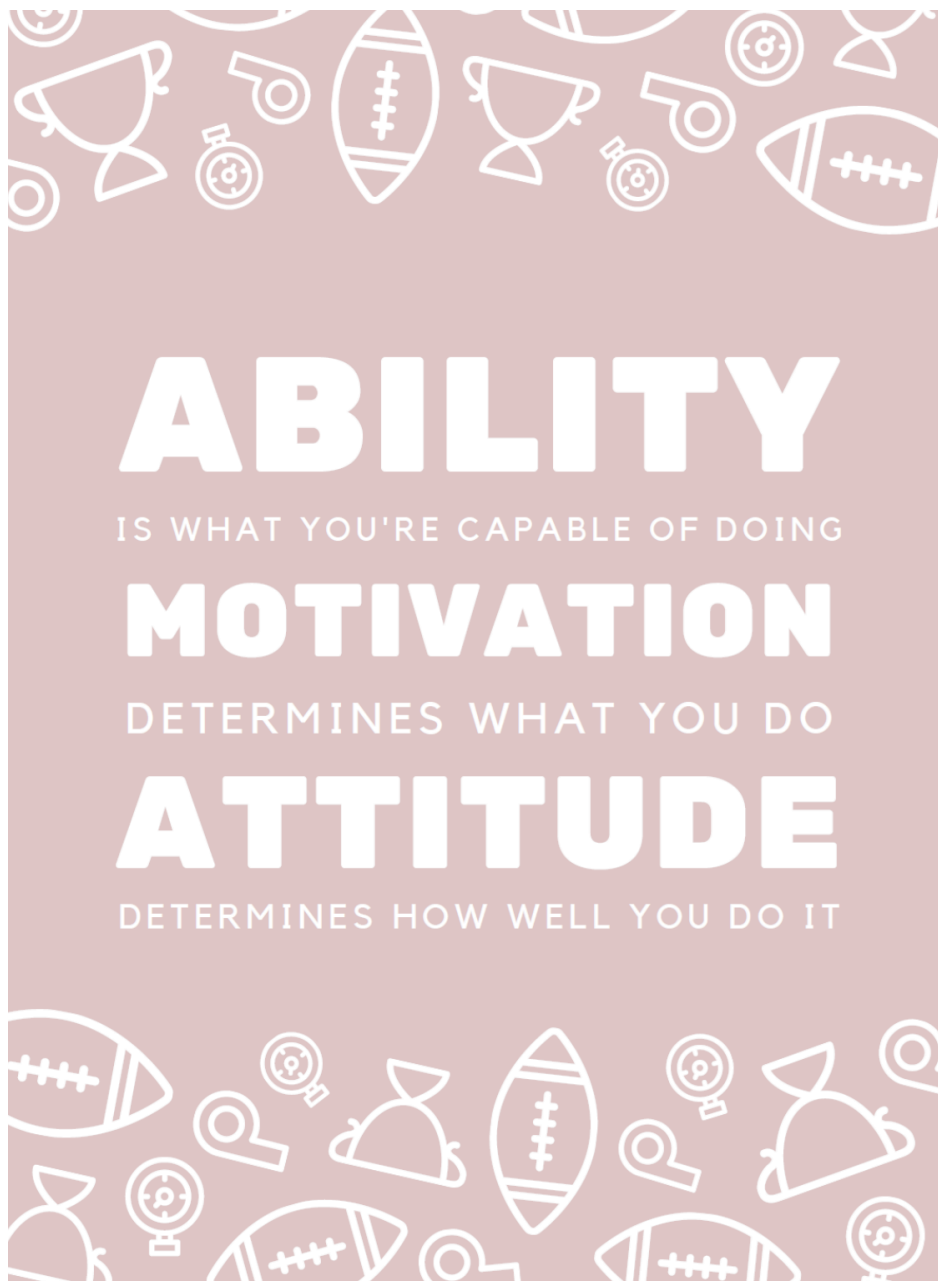


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ACTIONS



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If you have any questions regarding any of the activities in the Challenge Week Brochure, please contact the Challenge Week Co-ordinators Mr Bentham and Mr Roberts on 01548 852641 or e-mail challengeweek@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk