

YEAR 6 TRIP TO ALTON CASTLE

28.6.2023 – 30.6.2023

- Village of Alton
- Stoke-on-Trent
- Staffordshire



Alton Castle – built in 1847



Lovely setting





In 1995, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham purchased Alton Castle with a view to developing a residential centre for young people. The Castle and grounds underwent extensive renovations and opened on the 9th September 1996.

It now provides retreat experiences for over 8,000 children every year.

Neighbours



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OLDER CASTLE

This existing castle lies within the ruins of the medieval castle 1176, which is a grade I listed scheduled ancient monument.



Drawbridge and Gate





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- There is a clear spiritual emphasis, with time to pray and to reflect on how God works in our lives.
- Teamwork, discussion and the relationship with the team are as valued as the physical activities.
- Theme of the retreat is usually based around 'Discipleship' and strengthens children's faith journey.
- Part of our Curriculum for R.E. and P.E.

Activities

Children will experience a variety of activities:

- Bike riding
- Archery
- Orienteering
- Climbing/Abseiling
- Den building
- Survival

We won't know what activities are available and what we will do until we arrive because it depends on which staff are on duty and their area of expertise.







They have lots of opportunities to work in teams, building up confidence and strengthening friendships.

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The trip.....

- Set off at approximately 1:15pm on Wednesday 28 June. We will arrive at around 3:45pm in time for our 4:00pm check in. We will notify you to say that we have arrived safely.
- A quick tour of the castle, bags to rooms, then time for dinner.
- More activities take place, followed by evening prayer then it is time for bed.
- The following day starts with breakfast followed by morning prayer.
- Various activities take place throughout that day along with lunch and dinner!
- The evening then continues with hymn practice, Mass in the church and is topped off by an 'Entertainment'!
- Final night prayer is followed by bed time (hooray)!
- Our final day follows the same format as the day before with the exception of us heading home after lunch.
- Expected arrival back at school is 4:00pm on Friday 30 June (depending on traffic).

POCKET MONEY - Children can bring some pocket money with them. There is a tuck/souvenir shop which is opened at break times.

WHAT TO BRING - every child requires:

- sleeping bag/duvet (mattress sheet, pillow & pillowcase provided by Alton Castle)
- indoor and outdoor shoes,
- an old pair of trainers
- walking boots (if you have them)
- a warm sweater
- suncream (for the summer)
- at least 3 complete changes of clothing (several warm layers are recommended if your retreat is in cold weather e.g. vest, T-shirt, thin jumper, fleece or woolly jumper)
- plenty of socks
- waterproof jacket
- an inexpensive watch is useful
- toiletries and wash towel
- wellingtons
- Mass – a smart outfit and clean shoes/trainers (not worn for an activity)

Time for reflection



Time for fun



Time to go!

