

## Kilve Court Trip 2022

From the 31<sup>st</sup> of March to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April some of our students from our year 10 and 11 classes took part in a two-day long trip to Kilve Court. With bags packed and boots on we embarked on the drive to Kilve Court outdoor centre where we would be staying for the next two days.

After a few minutes of waiting, we found our rooms, getting unpacked and one large lunch later we were ready to start on our Kilve adventure.

### Day 1, Low Ropes



After finding our rooms and quickly getting acclimatised to the Kilve site our first activity was the low ropes. Teamwork and patience were the name of the game here, working together to overcome obstacles and solve puzzles. We split ourselves into two groups to tackle raised platforms, stepping stones and rope bridges, taking turns to ensure everyone made it through.

### Stream Walk

Walking up a river in our wellies and our waterproofs where no mud, water or even snow could stop us. Marching over obstacles and sliding through tunnels, some brave souls were even daring enough to sit in the stream or paint their faces with mud. After a long walk through the river we were ready for dinner.



## The Hedge Maze

As the sun began to set, the students embarked on solving the puzzle of Kilve's outdoor hedge maze, some racing ahead only to be dashed by dead ends, others taking the more thoughtful approach. Eventually we all reached the tree that marked the maze's centre and we played a game based on the legend of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. Finally, we found a place to sit on the nearby hillside and played some group games to wind down as the sun finally dipped below the horizon.



## Day 2, Archery



Up fresh and early after an ever so slightly later than normal breakfast we kicked off day two by unleashing our inner robin hoods as the students put their skills with the bow and arrow to the test. Learning how to safely draw, nock and loose arrows onto targets, the students fired arrow after arrow; definitely a favourite.

## Abseil Tower

Finally, facing our fears of heights, students donned their harnesses and climbed the tower of abseiling. Taking turns one by one to descend from the vertical drop tower, with three different heights to choose from the students cheered each other on as each confronted the challenge, an extra special well done for those students who descended from the very top.



## In conclusion

Talking to the students at the end of our trip we asked them two key questions, what had they enjoyed the most from the trip and what they would remember. Though every student had their own answer we learned that what we would remember most is the joys of being able to spend time with our friends, that the big things that worried us before the trip began were not such big worries at all and that we can all achieve things we never thought we could. Oh, and that archery is the best.

