

Urdd Glan Llyn

On November 17th 2006, a group of year 9 and GCSE full course year 10 pupils together with Mrs Powell and Mr Cahill set off on a gruelling journey to Gwersyll Yr Urdd Glan Llyn in Bala, North Wales.

Travelling through the beautiful countryside of Mid Wales, stopping in Rhayader for a well deserved break in the leisure centre of all places. Mid Wales service stations are few and far between! We arrived in Bala at lunchtime, ready to start our weekend of activities. After being assigned bedrooms, Mr Cahill drew the short straw with Elysia and co next door!! We set off for our first activity of the day, raft building. Jack Morgan volunteered to test the water temperature, needless to say it was freezing. Ten pin bowling talents were on show with very competitive pupils aiming for strikes or in Mrs Powell's case aiming to hit a pin. The Wales V Canada match started our evening activities, followed by a bit of Welsh culture, Whitchurch High pupils folk dancing and Jack Morgan was lucky enough to be dancing with an angel!

Early start on the Saturday morning with some finding it harder than others to surface from their sleeping bags and then some taking a month of Sundays to put on their slap. Team work was tested to it's limits, rowing on Lake Tegid. Although some just waited for a tow from the speed boat. Next, a gentler activity, relaxing in the pool. After our relaxation therapy we headed for the wall. One or two triumphed by climbing to the top whilst others just managed to find the rock that twirled and twisted, stopping them from reaching their target.

Once we were fed, watered and rested the evening activities started. Another snippet of Welsh culture, 'Dawnsio gwerin' again. A bit of keep fit team activities before getting ready for the disco. Glad rags on or just rags in some cases Whitchurch was ready to party, sadly they weren't expecting to party to the likes of Aqua 'I'm a Barbie Girl' However, Whitchurch pupils were strutting their stuff on the dance floor.

Sunday morning we set off to the rope courses. Ear piercing screams from a descending Sophie Willis, whilst Sophie Lewis remained absolutely silent looking like young Mary Poppins. Well done to Bethan Maggs who overcame her fear of heights by taking the rope plunge. Geared up for the next activity, high ropes course which a few nutters completed twice! Liam Bickford in record time. After a Sunday roast, we set off back to Cardiff. A great, action packed weekend, many thanks to all that took part. All pupils were a pleasure to take away, a credit to themselves, their families and school.