Avanti Quest

PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight

Monday 29th Sept – Friday 3th Oct 2025

Info for Year 4 Parents





What is Avanti Quest?

• Avanti Quest is a residential programme, centred around two of the Trust's main pillars: spiritual insight and character formation,

• Through a combination of fun outdoor activities, workshops and small group discussions, students are encouraged to continue their path of selfdiscovery free from academic pressures and the distractions of modern life

• We hope that students will come away from the experience feeling physically, emotionally and spiritually nourished with a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them.

What's at PGL Isle of Wight?

 There are nearly forty different activities on offer. While there won't be time for all of them, pupils can look forward to some of the following:

Jacob's Ladder Trapeze Giant Swing Vertical Challenge Raft-building Zip wire and many more!





Accommodation

- PGL offers clean, comfortable, rooms with en-suites for up to four children.
- Teachers will be in charge of assigning students to rooms based on their preferences.
- Students will be asked not to lock their doors for safety reasons and all staff will be asked to knock before entering.

Food & Snacks

- We have arranged for a full ethosfriendly vegetarian menu to be served at PGL spacious restaurant.
- The buffet means children have unlimited access to a salad bar and fresh fruit.
- Children are not to bring any snacks – these will be provided by Govinda's.
- We will be catering to any special dietary requirements/allergies based on medical forms.



SAMPLE DAY	
Schedule	Activities
7.00 – 8.50	Get up and fuel for the day with a hearty breakfast
8.50-12.00	Morning Activities - 2 sessions with a 10- minute break in between
12.00-13.50	Enjoy a fresh, tasty two-course hot lunch & some free time
13.50-17.00	Afternoon Activities – 2 sessions with a 10-minute break in between
17.00-18.00	Time to eat again – a different dinner menu each day
18.00-19.00	Spiritual Insight Discussions in our small groups – reflect, connect and grow!
19.00-21.00	Campfires, quizzes and evening entertainment
21.00/21.30	Bedtime – catch up on some zzz's ready to do it all again tomorrow!

Travel Arrangements

- Pupils will be travelling from school by coach to the port in Southampton and then taking a 1-hour ferry to East Cowes.
- From there, they will get back on the coach for a short 20-minute ride to PGL.
- Parents should expect to drop off children around the normal time on Monday morning and pick up in the late afternoon/evening on Friday - Leave and arrival timings to be confirmed nearer the trip.
- Whilst at PGL, we won't be heading off site at any point during the week.





Pupil Safety

- All activities will be supervised by qualified instructors, and students will be divided into small groups with a designated leader..
- A thorough risk assessment has been conducted to mitigate potential safety concerns.
- There will be a staff member of Avanti present at all times. A minimum 1-10 ratio of teachers to students will be maintained.
- Students will have structured freetime within specified boundaries.



What do we expect from parents?

- To secure your child's place, please make the £65 deposit once made available in ParentPay/Arbor and review monthly payment plan.
- To fill in the necessary contact and medical forms when shared by schools after registration.
- To support children in preparing their luggage for the retreat. A recommended list of items to pack to will be provided nearer to the retreat date.
- To be patient with school communications/ photographs each day and to understand our staff's main priority is to the children's safety and wellbeing.
- To ensure that students arrive at school on-time when leaving for the retreat and that students have the means to get home on their return to school.



What do we expect from students?

- To listen to and respect all Avanti and PGL staff, so that the programme runs without disruption, and everyone is kept safe.
- To support their fellow peers during activities and discussion groups.
- To throw themselves into every aspect of the trip.