

"A mind that is stretched
by new experiences
can never go back to
its old dimensions."

Calshot 2026

PARENTS' MEETING



“ Experience
**is the
teacher
of all
things.** ”

Julius Caesar

Residential experiences at DJS

Year 4 – Calshot, Hampshire
3 days and 2 nights
Activity centre



Year 6 – Stone Farm, Dartmoor
5 days and 4 nights
Study centre on a traditional working farm



Why

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Julius Caesar






Use and apply our Learning Values and Powers

- ▶ Inclusive
- ▶ Authentic
- ▶ Aspire for excellence

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Learning Power	Learning Behaviour
<u>To be curious</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asks questions • Notices things • Looks for patterns and connections • Thinks of possible reasons • Researches • Ponders – what if...? • Is creative
<u>To concentrate</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages distractions • Gets lost in their learning • Breaks things down into smaller steps • Focuses on one thing at a time • Looks for patterns and connections • Plans and thinks things through • Jots things down to help them think
<u>To be resilient</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses a growth <u>mindset</u> • Does not worry if it goes wrong • Learns from their mistakes • Is excited to try new things
<u>To co-operate</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listens to others • Explains things to help others • Is kind when you disagree • Is tolerant • Works together
<u>To self-improve</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps reviewing their learning • Improves one thing first • Tries to be better than last time • Takes small steps • Does not compare themselves to anybody else

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Activities

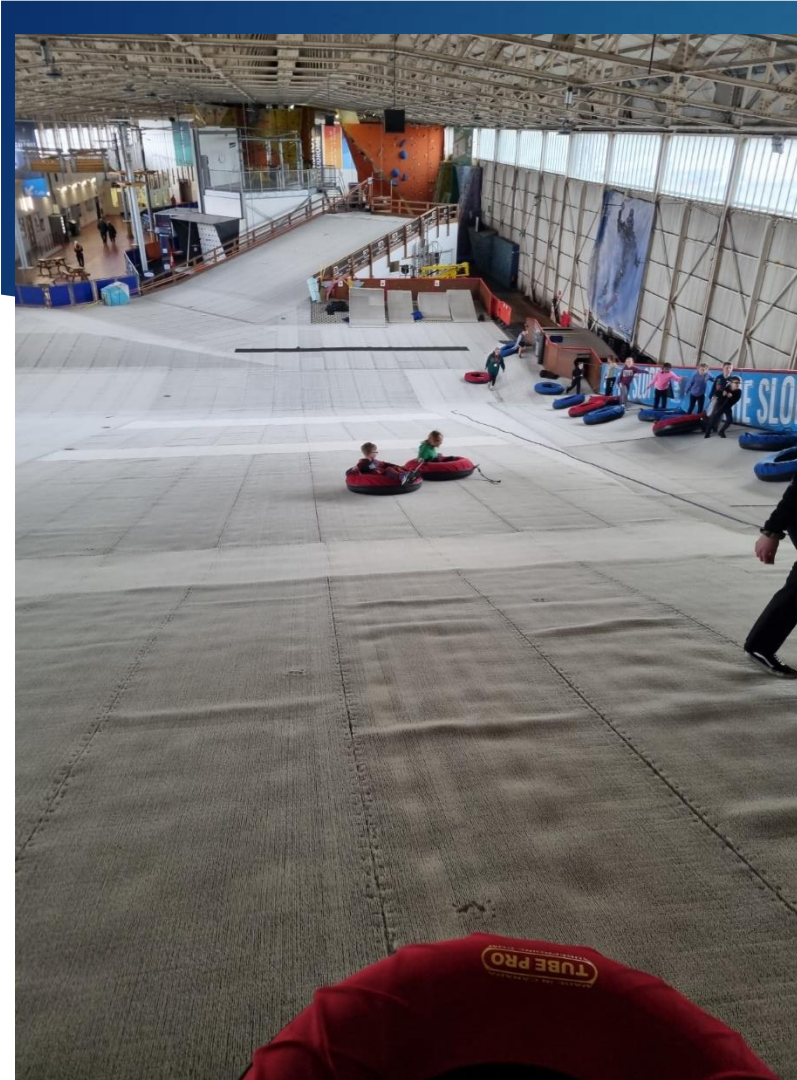


- ▶ Skiing
- ▶ Kayaking
- ▶ Ringo
- ▶ Climbing
- ▶ Initiative course
- ▶ Hanger orienteering
- ▶ Low ropes
- ▶ Problem solving
- ▶ Crate stacking
- ▶ Coastal studies

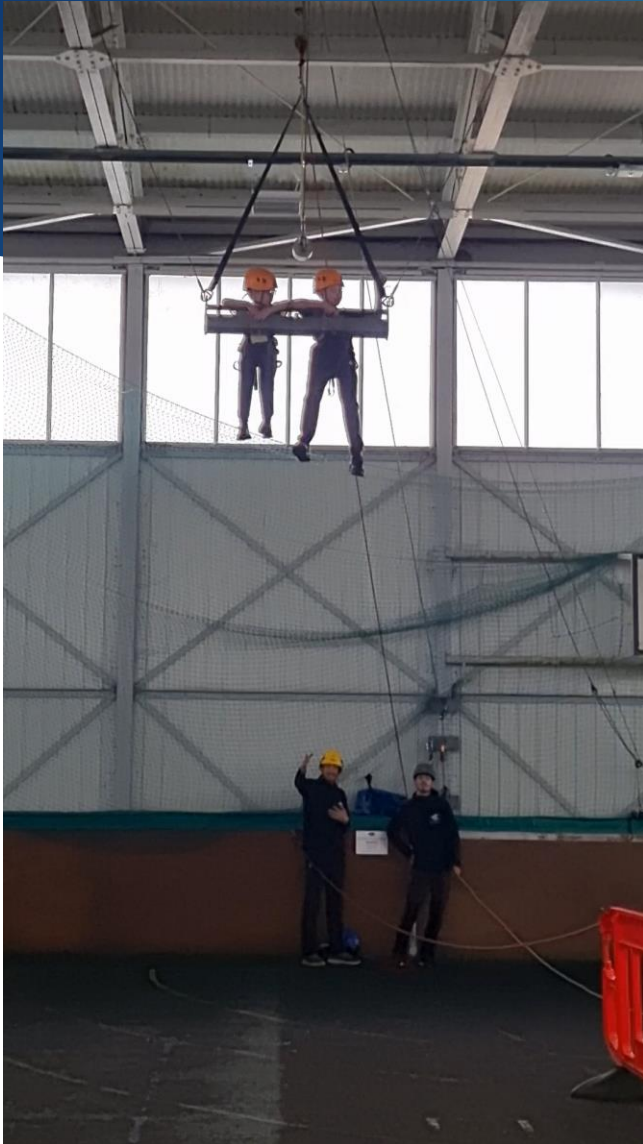
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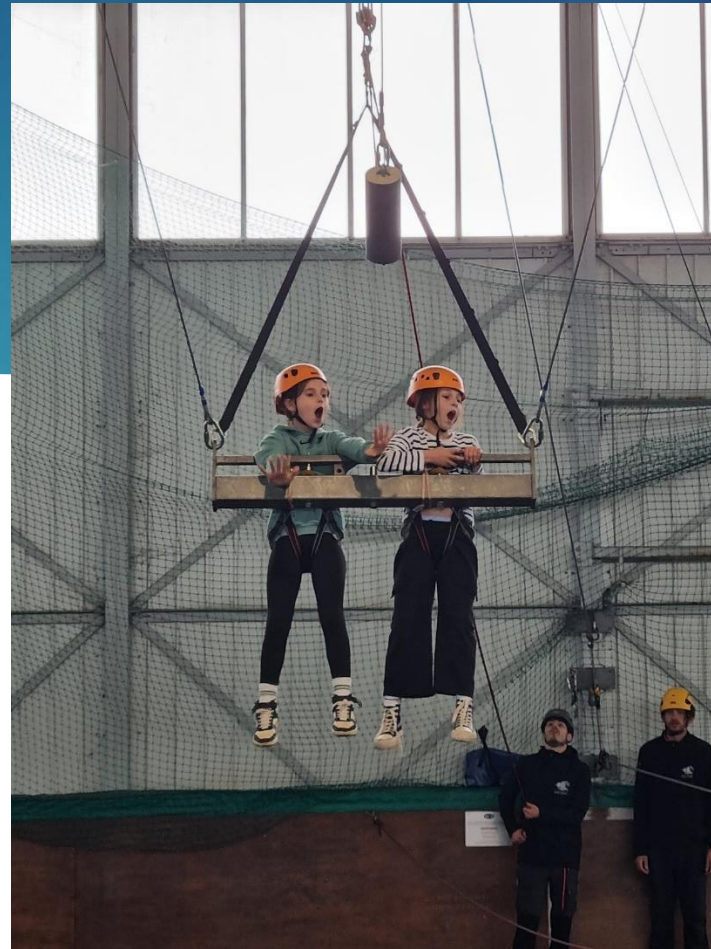
- ▶ Divided into working groups
- ▶ Class teachers along with other adults in school accompany the children
- ▶ Land based and water based
- ▶ 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon
- ▶ Evening activities



“Ringos were the best”
“I didn’t want to go backwards at first, but after I tried it, I didn’t want to stop!”



VIDEO!



"Team Swing looked scary but they let you decide how high you want to go. I started at 5 and then went to 8"
"I went right to the top on my first go and it was AWESOME"



“Crate stacking didn’t sound like fun but it was soooo good. I got to climb really high and swing in the air”
“I enjoyed the team games, they made you think about how to work together.”



"Skiing was hard but I'm glad I gave it a go"
"I managed to ski down the larger slope a few times
without falling over"



"I smashed the wall and got to the top"
"I loved rock climbing because you could go as high
as you wanted to"



"I thought the kayaks would tip over but they didn't. I felt nervous but proud that I gave it a go"
"Kayaking was amazing, it was so peaceful"
"I didn't like the wetsuit at first but I forgot about it when I got in the boat. I loved kayaking"





“Calshot was so peaceful. I loved going on the beach after dinner”

“It was such a lovely place, I’m glad I went”

Mealtimes



- ▶ Food at Calshot comes highly recommended. From full English breakfast to healthy dinners, the food is often one of the clearest memories that pupils have!
- ▶ The choice is wide and varied for fussy eaters!
- ▶ The staff at Calshot are very accommodating of a variety of dietary needs.

“I wasn’t sure I would like the food but I LOVED it!”
“We had a huge breakfast every day”
“I loved the food, there was so much to choose from”

Accommodation



- ▶ Accommodation is comfortable and practical
- ▶ Most student rooms feature bunk beds and sleep 3-4 students
- ▶ Each building has its own layout and configuration of rooms, toilets/showers, communal space

"I was worried about packing my bags but it was ok, I didn't lose anything"
"I felt nervous at first but I loved staying in a room with my friends."

Supporting your child



"I got a bit upset at bedtime but my teacher made me smile. I think I was just a bit nervous. I was fine on the second night!"

"I did miss my Mum, but when I got back, I told her all about my adventures"





When

Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th April 2026



Cost

Total approximate cost £310

Cost

£75.00 as a deposit due by Wednesday 1st October 2025 to secure a place.

Suggested payment plan:

Approximately £40 per month in, October, November, December, January and February

Final balance (of approx. £35) due by Friday 6th March 2026.

Prior to departure

- ▶ Additional parent meeting and drop in sessions
- ▶ Kit List
- ▶ DJS Medication form
- ▶ Calshot Medical Questionnaire
- ▶ Code of Conduct



Any questions?