

*Trips*

## Osmington Bay 2003

This trip involving the Fourth Year took place, as usual, at the end of the Lent Term. Here are some of the impressions of the children....

Osmington Bay is near Dorset and it's on the coast. The best bits were sleeping in a chalet with two other friends. On the way down we stopped to see some sand dunes and in the distance we could see a stack called 'Old Harry'. When we got there we had to make our beds (not the best part!). The best part was climbing and abseiling. Orienteering was good as well. One day we went to the beach and did beach formation, and then went fossil hunting and I found an ammonite.

**Max Richardson**

Our first activity was rock climbing. It was great fun but quite hard. I managed to reach the top on both walls. We went outside and did aeroball. It's fun! Just like basketball on a trampoline. This was the best morning ever!

**Andrew Rose**

My favourite nature study on the site was looking for mini-beasts with our instructor. We looked under logs, in bushes, and all sorts of places. One of the pieces of equipment we used to collect the bugs was a pooter. You sucked through one tube and the insect got sucked through the other tube into a little pot! We found woodlice, ladybirds, butterflies and earwigs!

**Poppy Smallwood**

That night we had our first activity which was a scavenger hunt. We were given a list of items which we had to find in order to win. Some of the items had a riddle inside a clue. This was all done at night which made it far more exciting, wandering around the camp. When we heard that tomorrow was rock climbing some of us could not sleep because of the excitement! The climbing was indoors and stretched right up to the ceiling. I whizzed up and down the first part and the second. Next we went on to something slightly harder called traversing. In this we had to go along a cliff face (indoors) sideways! We had no harnesses, but just the helmet, but there were mats on the floor and it was not high up. That morning was fantastic.

**Christopher Goldsack**

Rock climbing was fun, although it is much harder than it looks. When I started climbing my head went blank and I couldn't find a foothold anywhere. I eventually reached the top and then abseiled down. As well as doing fun activities, we also did work. We went on a mini-beast hunt and Sophie and I were digging in the grass and we found a maggot-like creature! It was HORRIBLE! Somebody also found a massive spider. I hate spiders so I had to stay away from it. We also went on a walk off-site. We followed the River Wey and had to measure its depth and width throughout its journey. This was fun, though some fell in the water! I found Osmington really fun and interesting and didn't miss home at all, because there was so much going on. I wish I could go there again!!

**Sarah Williamson**

We also did field studies, like going to the beach and measuring the pebbles and beach profiling. We also did river studies, and while you were not doing something you could chill out in your chalet, or go to the shop where you could buy sweets and souvenirs. Overall I think it was difficult to find one fault in the whole trip. To round it all off there was a disco which all the schools could go to. That was great fun.

**Bertie James**

I woke up early in the morning and had a nice long shower! We had a lovely breakfast and then set off to do a river study. This was great fun but then I fell in to the water!! Unfortunately I had to leave early to catch a flight to Thailand, but overall I enjoyed Ozzie Bay!

**Napat Thavisin**

On the last day we went on a long walk to Durdle Door, Lulworth cove and Man OWar rocks. I really enjoyed looking at them and learning about them. At meal times we had good service and lovely food. I really looked forward to lunch as we always had a long afternoon ahead of us.

**Hannah Boshier**

At night we did scavenger hunts etc. But one night we had to type the results from our visit to Lodmoor on to the computer. The meals were really nice, and I think it was better than school food, but that's just me! I don't think there was a 'best part' because most of it was really good.

**Vanessa Lin**

I also think that the Vinehall Staff were great, and they made the best bits by being there. I think that my chalet was great. We had a good time in there and I also loved the food. They cooked great stuff, and you could walk round and specially ask for what you wanted, and the salad bar was good too.

**Alex Todd**

Out of all the fun and excitement that most of us had at Osmington Bay I think that the meals were great, and the Disco, Scavenger Hunt and Rock Climbing were the best bits for me. I was really sorry when we had to leave, I had a really great time there.

**Freddie Nagel-Davies**



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