

# ▶ ENGAGING WITH LEARNING: BLUECOAT BEECHDALE ACADEMY



## AIM

Ideal for pupils that are struggling in the classroom, this course looks to increase their self-confidence, resilience and helps them to realise their true potential. Through challenging and adventurous activities, they will understand the value of effort and reward and will learn how to work as part of a team.

## CLIENT OBJECTIVES

Originally, it was Bluecoat Beechdale Academy's pupils at risk of exclusion that came on an Outward Bound® course. The main objectives were to give these pupils an experience that would last them a lifetime. They wanted to push them out of their comfort zone and into a completely new environment.

## THE COURSE

By introducing Bluecoat Beechdale Academy's pupils to a wide range of adventurous activities, we were able to offer them truly unique experiences in remote wilderness locations, unlike anything they had experienced before.

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**THIS COURSE HAS BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR. WITHOUT IT, MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD NEVER GET TO EXPERIENCE THE GREAT OUTDOORS. IT PROVIDES A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO REALISE THERE IS A GREAT COUNTRY OUT THERE WAITING TO BE EXPLORED!**

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## OUTCOME

**Increased self-confidence.** By encouraging the pupils to try new and adventurous activities, they were able to see what they were really capable of achieving.

**Improved team working skills.** Bluecoat Beechdale Academy's pupils were placed in groups outside of their circle of friends. This encouraged new friendships and increased their team working skills.

**Improved attitude to learning.** By making them realise their own true potential and improving their resilience, the pupils returned to school with renewed motivation.

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