

## 2014 Ilam Hall Visit

Memories are made of this...

When our previous Year 6 children returned from their visit to Ilam Hall in July 2014, they brought back with them some wonderful and funny memories. We would like to share some of them with you.

### The Journey

I remember when we first arrived at Ilam the coach was rumbling with cheers, including myself. Considering that I sprained my ankle a couple of days before I went on the trip, I still climbed up many hills although they felt like mountains! One of the funniest moments was when we went on our bike trip. We got out our bikes and walked into a tunnel. Mr. Dunn told us that people had died in there and if you listened carefully enough you could still hear their screams. Then Mr Lear screamed his absolute loudest and made us jump and run away.

Alex Reed

My memory was when we were on the coach. Mrs Grange was trying to put people off being travel sick so she started to dance and sing. Suddenly, the coach came to a halt and she fell back to where the toilets were. Luckily, she was fine. Mrs Grange fell over again when we were coming down Mam Tor.

Hugo Locke

### The Hostel

Ilam Hall is fantastic, especially the bunkhouse as there are only 3 dorms in there. Mr Queenborough is fun. The Ilam Hall challenge is to do as many press-ups as you can over sheep poo, Alton Towers is such fun as the rides are so fast. Be warned on Oblivion – when you drop the g-force is so strong that you can't breathe. BEWARE: Bunkhouse is haunted by ghosts!

(no name)

At Ilam Hall my favourite memory was playing football in our spare time at the bottom of the "slopes", these were two huge slopes that led towards a vast open area. Every morning and night we played football in this area. Most of the time it was a certain class versus the rest of the year. Mr Dunn, Mr Lear and Mr Boylan normally joined in.

Jude Benson-Ryal

My favourite time at Ilam Hall was when Miss Rajchlova was our room inspector and one night she came in. The girls in my dorm – Abbie, India and Robyn, hid in the cupboards and when Miss Rajchlova came in they jumped out and scared her! It was so funny.

Jessica Neale

This is a bit irrelevant to a lot of people but when I entered the room, I noticed the fact that the rooms were a lot better than the tents in Stubbers. You even get a toilet and shower in your room. The meals were of a highish standard and the packed lunches that were provided contained: a sandwich, a biscuit, a small slice of cake and a package of crisps.

Elliott Hare

Mam Tor & Thorpe Cloud

My memories of Ilam Hall will always stay in my mind. I really liked climbing Mam Tor and as soon as my group got to the top it started raining. This was bad for my friend Luke who did not have a waterproof so he got soaked. This taught me to always be prepared.

Jack Lambert

My most memorable and exciting thing I did at Ilam Hall was going up Thorpe Cloud as when you get to the top there are amazing views and you can see the amazing landscape. It was a sight I'll never forget.

Remembering Ilam Hall is not difficult, the first day (the day we travelled on the coach) in the afternoon we climbed Thorpe Cloud. It was steep, not as steep as a cliff face but steep enough that you had to use your hands. It took me 5 breaks and 1,000,001 short breaths to conquer the small mountain. We also climbed Mam Tor but it bucketed down with rain once we got to the top. Alton Towers was also amazing!

Ellie McGarry

My memory to share from Ilam Hall is on the way down Mam Tor – we had reached flat ground on the mountain and Mr Queenborough decided to do 20 push-ups over sheep pool! Everyone soon joined in, especially the boys.

Darcy Goodbody

My memory of Ilam was the endless, enjoyable, hiking as we got to witness the stunning views and countryside.

Zac Linehan

My best memory of Ilam Hall was on the top of a mountain. It started raining and it was scary but it made everything better and more likely to remember. We also got to walk round in a stream. IT WAS EPIC!

Emily Clements

Ilam Hall was really fun. I remember walking up the mountains and seeing the wonderful views when we were at the top.

Gina Williams

Chatsworth House

My favourite memory from our residential to Ilam Hall was when we went to Chatsworth House. There is a massive cascade outside where you get drenched. We were allowed to walk up it as many times as we wanted, but the first time I was walking up, Mr Felton splashed me. It was a great day especially when we got lost in the maze.

Ella Lewis

Ilam Hall was definitely one of my greatest experiences of West Leigh. I took some everlasting memories from this, here is my favourite. It was the day that we went to Chatsworth House, it was raining and we were going to the cascades. We started walking up the steps soaked to the skin - everybody slipped and slid and even some of us lay down in the water. After this we had to conquer a maze! This day was great and unforgettable!

Joseph Mather

Alton Towers

One of my most memorable memories of Ilam Hall was when we went to Alton Towers. At Alton Towers all the teachers seemed a lot more relaxed. If you dislike or enjoy rides then you will still have loads of fun. For example, there are water cannons on pirate ships where your aim is to soak the other boats. Our boat soaked Mr Dunn!

Sam Miller

My favourite memory of Ilam Hall is when we went to Alton Towers and got to go on The Smiler. My friend Emily and I screamed the whole way through the ride. We also went on Nemesis where I got stuck in the seat. I didn't know how to get out of the seat so I had to get someone to help me and as I got the seat belt off, the shoulder pad thing locked. I couldn't get out of the seat and I was really worried. Eventually Emily said to one of the staff that I was stuck. We were laughing so much afterwards.

Lucy Atkinson

Tissington Trail

I remember when we went on the Tissington Trail. We were cycling and I was put in the faster group. On the way back we went really fast and I was having a great time – but my friend Jack's bike had broken. We looked back to check if everyone was there and due to the fact that Jack's chain had fallen off we couldn't see him. About one minute later, we saw him slowly trailing along with his bike and broken chain. We all started laughing our heads off!

Luke Basham

A memory was when we went cycling and the teachers told us a scary story in the tunnel, everybody screamed!

Alex Marshak

The Return of the Ilam Ghost!

My favourite moment in Ilam Hall was when we were in our dormitories. We heard a scary noise and we were all so scared we locked our dormitories and stayed there until morning.

Ali Osman

My favourite thing at Ilam Hall was that about midnight we were all playing cards in the dormitory, when we heard a loud noise like a Jurassic Park dinosaur crossed with a cow gone wrong.

Lewis Brown

My favourite part of Ilam Hall was the ghost cow noise in the middle of the night. We were awake and we were all laughing. Some people were scared. It was very funny. (We were playing cards when we heard it).

Thomas Mazzag

The Caverns

One of my favourite memories of Ilam Hall was when we went to Peak Cavern and went deep underground – it was amazing! We saw huge stalactites and stalagmites that had taken millions of years to grow.

Esme Russell

I thought that Ilam Hall was the most fun I have ever had with the school because I remember going caving and seeing all sorts of sculptures and tasted some of the ice cold water which was dripping down – it was freezing. I also enjoyed climbing up Mam Tor, it takes a little while but it was worth it because you get to look at what you had climbed.

Abigail Tillbrook

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The Journey

I remember on the coach on the way to Ilam when the coach driver said that it wasn't far to go.

About 5 minutes later, my best friend Rosie said

“Yay! I can see Ilam! We're almost there! I can't wait!”

Then we all exclaimed to Rosie

“That's not Ilam, it's a church!”

We all laughed.

Claudia, Olivia, James, Eddie and I were on the coach and weren't allowed to eat. But naughty James opened the Pringles so we were eating them! Then Mr Burt smelt them and asked who's they were. James said it was his perfume. We were all laughing.

Kiera Hubbard & Claudia Ball

Arriving! Seeing the beautiful sights was amazing. Seeing the sights from the top of the mountains and of course, the sheep.

The Hostel

My favourite memory from Ilam was at Alton Towers when we all went on the Flume as we were all soaked and dripping with water by the time we got off! I loved all of Ilam as it was a once in a lifetime experience.

Kiera Burl

I remember when we first arrived at Ilam Hall and seeing our dormitory. It was a very exciting and special moment. We were jumping with joy when we found out we had an en suite bathroom. Overall, I had an awesome time and hopefully be able to go again someday.

Riya Patel

At Ilam I had great fun with everything but what stood out the most was Alton Towers. I had great fun in my group going on rides and now I want to go again.

Harry Smith

My special memory of Ilam Hall was Alton Towers. It was great fun and exciting. The rides and fried chicken were great! It was really nice to also have a good day out with friends.

Lizzie Irwin

When we visited Alton Towers on Thursday, we all separated off into our groups and then started our journey on the rides. I remember when we went on "Air" as our first ride. Everyone was petrified when we were queuing up in the line, but as soon as we started the ride we were all screaming so loudly. It was hilarious when we all saw our photographs, my hair was covering my face so I couldn't see my facial expressions at all!

Megan Fallows

My favourite memory is when we went on Hex at Alton Towers. We were so scared waiting and I was almost crying. When we had to go on the seats for the ride and it started we were all closing our eyes and holding our ears shut. After the ride we wanted to go on again!

I remember when Mrs Turner came into the room to video Ilam Hall for Year 5. She was about to go in our toilet to show Year 5 what it was like when someone said not to go in because it smelt horrible! It was him that made it smell!

Oscar Williams

Ilam Hall was really fun. Even though you may think that teachers are weird, strict and boring you are wrong. On Wednesday afternoon, me and Mr Dunn were playing ping pong. With Sharapova playing at Wimbledon, we decided to do it Sharapova style! LOL!

Euan Rourke

In the dormitories on the first day when we were unpacking, under each bed there was a wooden box and you put all your clothes in there. Eddie was unpacking when suddenly the lid of the box fell on him and half of his body was inside the box. His legs were hanging out of it!

Ethan Hartman

Is it a cow? Is it a sheep? What was that noise?

One night my entire dormitory and I were up when suddenly, a weird cow noise started happening. Everyone ran out into the corridor and started going frantic. On the last night we tried to stay up all night but everyone except for me went to sleep.

George Govorusa

When I was at Ilam Hall at night the whole of the bunkhouse was scared because we all heard a strange cow noise that was a mix between cows and sheep.

Lucas Easter

At Ilam we stayed in the bunkhouse, a separate building. Every night a really scary noise happened. It was like an old car moving and it was really scary. Mr Queenborough and Mrs Grange never heard it.

Tom Orton

At Ilam I slept in a bunkhouse which is a separate building. Every night there was a noise which everyone heard.

The first night we heard a loud cow which made a few people jump. The second night sounded like a bear that was really loud. On the last night it made a few people scream as it sounded like a werewolf but it was miles away. The second time there was a growling right outside all of our dorms and it was so scary.

Billy Simmons

Over the Hills...

At Ilam my favourite memory was getting to the top of Thorpe Cloud. It was an amazing experience. I felt like I was on top of the world.

Esme Clifton

I remember when we hiked up Mam Tor. When we got to the top everyone in the group shouted "We are invincible!"

Maddie Thomas

At Ilam Hall a nice, happy memory that I have is on all of the walks because it was so amazing looking down at the landscape from the top of Mam Tor and Bunster Hill. The hikes were tiring but fun which was nice and it felt so good when we got to the top. At the top of Mam Tor we all had to be really careful to stay near the stone in the middle or we could have blown off the top!

Katie Ford

My funniest memory was when we were climbing up Mam Tor and Tilly said "Don't worry I'll save you!" Then suddenly she slipped over!

Ella Taylor

On the first day of Ilam we climbed Thorpe Cloud. As we were walking to the mountain we had to go through a field full of bulls. Unfortunately, Ms O'Donnell had a red Arsenal bag! So as we climbed over the gate a stampede of bulls cut through the line. Luckily, we got to the other gate.

Rory Kemp

Smile - It's Alton Towers

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Summing it all up...

I had a great time and it is an amazing trip. Thank you Mr Queenborough.

Lawrence Phillips