

# CASE STUDY -

## The Caldecotte Xperience

### Empowering SEND Students through Adventure: Samuel Pepys School's Visit to The Caldecotte Xperience



**Samuel Pepys School, a School whose core purpose is to collaboratively plan, deliver and celebrate the best possible learning opportunities and achievements for every pupil with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), visited Caldecotte Xperience Outdoor Education Centre.**

The unique experience provided students with the opportunity to engage in a variety of challenging and confidence-building activities, fostering personal development and invaluable life skills.

## Engaging Activities:

During their visit, students from Samuel Pepys School experienced a range of outdoor activities available at The Caldecotte Xperience.

When asked - "What has been the best activity that you did over your stay?"

Lucy said - *"Zorbing was so much fun."*

Pupils Mike, Jacob and Sue said *"We had a go in the wheelyboat and it was brilliant."*

Catelyn said - *"Crate stack was fun. Building as high as you can then falling off. Abseiling was fun, to go from the top and you're in control."*

## Comfortable Accommodation:

The students' comfort during their visit was also essential, and feedback on the accommodation was overwhelmingly positive. While some students expressed a desire for windows, the consensus was that the room size was suitable and the specially designed accessible beds were nothing short of brilliant. The abundance of storage space further contributed to a comfortable and enjoyable stay.

## Invaluable Life Lessons:

The visit to Caldecotte Xperience left a lasting impact on the students. A common theme emerged among the students' reflections: the importance of perseverance, courage, and trying new experiences. They shared how the experience taught them to **'give it a go'** and to never give up, even when faced with challenges. The visit also helped foster a sense of resilience, encouraging them to face adverse conditions with a positive attitude and the spirit of adventure.

### **Exceptional Staff Support:**

The support and guidance provided by the staff at Caldecotte Xperience were highly praised by both students and chaperones.

With a unanimous 10/10 rating, the staff's unwavering kindness, friendliness, and dedication to each student's well-being were acknowledged.

The staff's skilful encouragement to participate in new activities and their dedication to ensuring every need was met stood as a testament to their commitment to creating an inclusive and empowering environment.

### **Conclusion:**

The experience of Samuel Pepys School students at Caldecotte Xperience represents the extraordinary potential of adventure-based learning to transform lives.

Through engaging activities, comfortable accommodations, and a supportive atmosphere, the students gained valuable life skills, built their self-esteem, and forged lasting memories.

This experience showcases the enormous impact of accessible outdoor education for everyone in fostering personal growth and creating memorable positive experiences.

The Caldecotte Xperience is commitment to providing an inclusive and empowering experience that aligns with Samuel Pepys School's mission to nurture and empower its students.

**For further information on how The Caldecotte Xperience can provide for your group please email [caldecotte@action4youth.org](mailto:caldecotte@action4youth.org)**

