



## **CHAILEY SCHOOL IS TOP OF THE CLASS FOR LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

Chailey School in East Sussex has received national recognition for its commitment to taking learning outside the classroom (LOtC) and has been awarded the national LOtC Mark (Gold) by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the highest award of its kind. The school is one of very few in the south-east of England to gain this level of recognition for its work beyond the classroom.

Helen Key, Headteacher, said: "Being awarded LOtC Mark (Gold) is a tremendous achievement for all the staff and governors here. It shows that we are providing our pupils with potentially life-changing opportunities. We're thrilled to get national recognition for our efforts, and we look forward to continuing to develop what we do, to helping our pupils achieve their potential and to promoting the many benefits of taking teaching and learning beyond the classroom walls."

LOtC Mark is awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the national voice for learning outside the classroom. LOtC is known to contribute significantly to raising standards and improving pupils' personal, social & emotional development. It also contributes to the quality and depth of learning (OFSTED, Learning Outside the Classroom - How far should you go? 2008).

Dr Anne Hunt, Chief Executive of CLOtC said: "Learning outside the classroom has many proven educational benefits as well as providing some of the most valuable and memorable experiences in a child's school life. Achieving LOtC Mark (Gold) demonstrates that Chailey School is a leader in providing learning experiences outside the classroom and that these sessions are a genuine part of the everyday life of the school, are available to all of their children and young people. I congratulate them on achieving this award."

For more information about LOtC Mark, please visit <http://www.lotc.org.uk/lotc-accreditations/lotc-mark/>

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## **Notes to Editors**

**What is the LOtC Mark (Gold)?** Awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC), LOtC Mark (Gold) recognises exemplary LOtC provision in schools and indicates that a school is a leader in ensuring that all pupils have access to frequent, continuous and progressive learning outside the classroom to support their learning and achievement. The LOtC Mark recognises existing exemplary provision and assists and supports schools in developing their LOtC offer to enable all children to have access to meaningful LOtC experiences. The LOtC Mark is the only national accreditation for schools which recognises, and supports, the development of learning outside the classroom across all subject areas.

**Who is the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom?** The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) was established in 2009 and is the national leading voice on learning outside the classroom issues. CLOtC also provides free online guidance and information for teachers on how to plan and organise high quality LOtC activities.