



15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Residential activities and international trips to be launched in 2023/2024

Last year, following the pandemic, we were delighted to be able to re-launch our wide range of opportunities for students to participate in residential visits and activities during their time at Prince Henry's. This includes a rich programme of both UK-based and international trips, as well as participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) at Bronze, Silver and Gold level.

To help you to make an informed decision about your child's possible participation in one or more of these opportunities, I am pleased to be able to provide an overview of all the residential activities (including DofE) which we are planning to launch this school year. In some cases, costs and dates are approximate at this stage. Please note that some of these activities will be launched this year but may actually take place in 2024/2025. Full details of each activity will be given when the relevant member of staff is ready to launch it - please do not contact the organiser now as finalised details will not yet be available. Details will be sent home to the parents/carers of all eligible students at the appropriate time. Please note that all trips/activities are subject to attracting viable numbers, and that we "draw names out of a hat" where a particular trip/activity is over-subscribed.

As you may know, the cost of international travel has increased disproportionately in recent times. This means that there have been significant price increases for school trips since the pandemic. At the same time, of course, we are all facing additional challenges in terms of the cost of living. We take very seriously our commitment to equality of opportunity and, whilst financial constraints will inevitably mean that not all students will be able to take advantage of all opportunities, we always try our best to reduce these barriers by:

- providing this overview of all proposed residential trips and activities at the start of the year to enable you to plan ahead.
- looking to cut unnecessary costs and negotiating with tour companies / external providers to maximise value, wherever possible.
- launching activities as early as possible, to give you as much time as possible to budget.
- building in a monthly payment schedule with smaller, more manageable instalments.
- providing a range of opportunities, from short residential visits in this country and continental Europe to more expensive, longer trips to countries further afield.
- in some cases, offering a small amount of financial assistance (subject to eligibility). This is often available to students in Years 7-11 who are currently in receipt of free school meals.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our staff in giving up so much of their own free time, at weekends and in the holidays, to provide such a vast number of opportunities for students.

Although I cannot provide any further information about specific activities listed in the summary below, please feel free to contact me regarding any other aspect of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Lillington
Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community



Residential activities and international trips expected to be launched in the school year 2023-2024

(Some trips in this list will **take place** in the school year 2024-2025)

We try to include all proposed activities in this summary, but occasionally other opportunities arise later in the year which may not be listed here.

Activity / Trip	Dates	Open to	Organiser	Approx cost	Approx launch	Approx places
Ski Trip to Italy (current Years 7-12)	Easter 2025 (6 nights)	<u>Current</u> Year 7-12 students	Dr Watts	£1,500	Oct 2023	60
Year 7 French Trip to the Opal Coast (France)	21 st – 24 th June 2024	Year 7 French students	Miss Rosillo	£485	Sep 2023	65
Year 7 Spanish Trip to Barcelona (Spain)	14 th – 17 th June 2024	Year 7 Spanish students	Mr Lillington	£555	Sep 2023	70
Year 7 and 8 Netball / Rugby Trip to Newcastle	26 th – 27 th January 2024	Year 7/8 rugby and netball A and B teams	Mrs Cooke	£70	Sep 2023	120
Year 8 Outdoor Activities Residential Trip to Kingswood Dearne Valley Centre	10 th – 12 th May 2024	Year 8 students	Mrs Miller	£135	Sep 2023	50
Year 8 German Trip to Cologne (Germany)	8 th – 11 th June 2024	Year 8 students	Mrs Barber	£480	Sep 2023	50
Year 8 Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	21 st – 22 nd March 2024	Year 8 boys' rugby teams	Mr Hyam	£180	Oct 2023	12
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award	<u>Expedition cohort A:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9th – 10th April 2024 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 20th – 21st April 2024 (<i>qualifying</i>) <u>Expedition cohort B:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 18th – 19th May 2024 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 29th – 30th May 2024 (<i>qualifying</i>) 	Year 9 students	Mrs Ellis	£295	Oct 2023	100
Year 9 Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	18 th – 20 th March 2024	Year 9 boys' rugby teams	Mr Hyam	£220	Oct 2023	12
Year 9 and 10 GCSE History Trip to First World War Battlefields (Belgium / France)	23 rd – 26 th May 2024	Year 9 students Year 10 History students	Mr Low	£470	Sep 2023	50
Year 9, 10 and 12 Design & Technology / Fashion & Textiles Trip to Paris	1 st – 3 rd June 2024	Year 9/10/12 Design & Technology / Fashion & Textiles students	Mrs Williams	£395	Sep 2023	45

Year 9-11 Girls' Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	17 th – 18 th March 2024	Year 9-11 girls' rugby team	Miss Jones	£180	Oct 2023	12
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award	<u>Expedition cohort A:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 16th – 18th May 2024 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 6th – 8th June 2024 (<i>qualifying</i>) <u>Expedition cohort B:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20th – 22nd June 2024 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 11th – 13th July 2024 (<i>qualifying</i>) 	Year 10 students	Mrs Ellis	£130	Oct 2023	50
Year 10 and 12 Computer Science Trip to <i>Computing Live!</i> at Disneyland Paris	25 th – 27 th February 2024 (<i>departs school previous evening</i>)	Year 10 Computer Science/ Creative iMedia students Year 12 Computer Science/ Digital Media students	Mr Khan	£620	Sep 2023	40
Year 10-12 German Trip to Aachen	7 th – 10 th March 2024 (<i>departs school previous evening</i>)	Year 10-12 German students	Mrs Barber	£495	Sep 2023	40
Year 11 (current Year 10) GCSE Geography Trip to Iceland	February/March 2025 (<i>3 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 10 Geography students	Dr Watts	£940	Nov 2023	50
Year 11 (current Year 10) GCSE History Trip to Berlin (Germany)	Autumn 2024 (<i>3 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 10 History students	Mr Low	£695	Oct 2023	45
Year 11 Art & Design Trip to London	23 rd – 24 th February 2024	Year 11 Art students	Mr Green	£300	Sep 2023	60
Year 11 Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	19 th – 21 st March 2024	Year 11 boys' rugby teams	Mr Hyam	£220	Oct 2023	12
Year 12 and 13 (current Year 11 and 12) Volunteering Expedition to The Gambia (** <i>some costs met through fundraising</i>)	July 2025 (<i>14 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 11/12 students	Mrs Grant	**TBC (2023 cost = £2,600)	Oct 2023	18
Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award	<u>Expeditions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 18th – 20th April 2024 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 2nd – 6th July 2024 (<i>qualifying</i>) 	Year 12 students	Mrs Ellis	£195	Sep 2023	25
Year 12 and 13 A Level Art & Design / Photography Trip to Paris	21 st – 24 th March 2024	Year 12/13 Art & Design / Photography students	Mr Green	£620	Sep 2023	50
Year 13 (current Year 12) A Level Biology Field Trip to Boggle Hole	September / October 2024 (<i>1 night</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 12 Biology students	Mrs Brooks	£85	Jan 2024	All

This list does not include the following trips which were launched last school year and are now fully subscribed:

- Year 13 Biology Field Trip to Boggle Hole (September 2023)
- Year 11/13 Geography Trip to Iceland (March 2024)
- Ski Trip to Folgarida, Italy (Easter 2024)
- Year 9/10 Sports Tour to South Africa (Easter 2025)

Information correct as of 15th September 2023 based on those trips which we are planning to launch this school year. Costs and dates may be approximate at this stage.