



10th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Residential activities and international trips to be launched in 2025/2026

Once again, members of staff have volunteered to give up their time at weekends and in the holidays to offer a vast range of opportunities for students to participate in residential visits and activities. This includes a broad programme of 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 2026/2027. 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 emailed 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 we all know, the cost of travel has increased disproportionately in recent times, and there have been significant price increases for school trips since the pandemic. At the same time, we still all continue to face challenges in terms of the cost of living. As a school, 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.
- offering financial assistance to students in Years 7-11 who are currently in receipt of free school meals (for one residential trip each school year).

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. Note that this letter only relates to residential trips. Please look out for further communications during the year from individual subject staff who will be running day trips for particular cohorts.

Finally, please note that parental consent is now collected through our online payment system Scopay for all trips where payment is required. This means that paper reply slips are no longer used in these cases.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Lillington
Assistant Headteacher: Community and Ethos



Residential activities and international trips expected to be launched in the school year 2025-2026

(Some trips in this list will **take place** in the school year 2026-2027)

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

Activity / Trip	Dates	Open to	Organiser	<u>Approx cost</u>	<u>Approx launch</u>	<u>Approx places</u>
Ski Trip to Austria (<i>provisional</i>) (current Years 7-12)	Easter 2027 (<i>6 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 7-12 students	Miss Speak	£1,500	Nov 2025	60
Senior Choir Tour to Cumbria (Year 9-13)	26 th – 28 th June 2026	Members of Senior Choir	Mr Condry	£160 - £180	Sep 2025	35
Year 7 French Trip to the Opal Coast	26 th – 29 th June 2026	Year 7 French students	Miss Rosillo	£515	Sep 2025	70
Year 7 Spanish Trip to Barcelona	19 th – 22 nd June 2026	Year 7 Spanish students	Mr Lillington	£615 - £645	Sep 2025	70
Year 7 and Year 8 Netball / Rugby Trip to Newcastle	9 th – 10 th January 2026	Year 7/8 rugby and netball A and B teams	Mrs Cooke	£95	Sep 2025	100
Year 8 Outdoor Activities Residential Trip to PGL Doncaster	8 th – 10 th May 2026	Year 8 students	Mrs Miller	£180	Sep 2025	65
Year 8 German Trip to Cologne	6 th – 9 th June 2026	Year 8 students	Mrs Barber	£505	Sep 2025	60
Year 8 Boys' Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	26 th – 28 th March 2026	U13 boys' rugby team	Mr Hyam	£265	Nov 2025	12
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award	<u>Expedition cohort A:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7th – 8th April 2026 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 25th – 26th April 2026 (<i>assessed</i>) <u>Expedition cohort B:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 16th – 17th May 2026 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 27th – 28th May 2026 (<i>assessed</i>) 	Year 9 students	Mrs Fenton-Green	£325	Oct 2025	100
Year 9 History Trip to First World War Battlefields (Belgium / France)	11 th – 14 th June 2026	Year 9 students	Mr Faulkner	£510	Sep 2025	50
Year 9 Boys' Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	23 rd – 25 th March 2026	U14 boys' rugby team	Mr Hyam	£265	Nov 2025	12
Year 10 Computer Science / Creative iMedia and Year 12 Computer Science / Digital Media Trip to Bletchley Park and London	26 th – 27 th June 2026	Year 10 Computer Science / Creative iMedia and Year 12 Computer Science / Digital Media students	Mr Hunt	£310	Sep 2025	40

Activity / Trip	Dates	Open to	Organiser	Approx cost	Approx launch	Approx places
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award	<u>Expeditions:</u> ○ 4 th – 6 th June 2026 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 18 th – 20 th June 2026 (<i>assessed</i>)	Year 10 students	Mrs Fenton-Green	£145	Oct 2025	50
Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 German Trip to Aachen (Germany)	12 th – 15 th March 2026	Year 10-13 German students	Mrs Barber	£640	Sep 2025	30
Year 11 (current Year 10) GCSE Geography Trip to Iceland	February/March 2027 (<i>3 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 10 Geography students	Dr Watts	£990	Oct 2025	50
Year 11 (current Year 10) GCSE History Trip to Berlin (Germany)	October 2026 (<i>3 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 10 History students	Mrs Thomas	£830	Oct 2025	45
Year 11 (current Year 10) Art & Design Trip to London	January / February 2027 (<i>1 night</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 10 Art students	Mrs Prince	£330	May 2026	40
Year 11 Art & Design Trip to London	30 th – 31 st January 2026	Year 11 Art students	Mrs Prince	£320	Sep 2025	40
Year 11 Boys' Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	24 th – 26 th March 2026	U16 boys' rugby team	Mr Hyam	£265	Nov 2025	12
Year 12 and 13 (current Year 11 and Year 12) A Level Geography Trip to the Bay of Naples (Italy)	October 2026 (<i>3 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 11/12 Geography students	Mrs Dayes	£800	Sep 2025	30
Year 12 and 13 (current Year 11 and Year 12) Volunteering Expedition to The Gambia (**some costs met through fundraising)	July 2027 (<i>14 nights</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 11/12 students	Mrs Grant	**TBC (2025 cost = £3,000)	Oct 2025	20
Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award	<u>Expeditions:</u> ○ 30 th April – 2 nd May 2026 (<i>practice</i>) ○ 30 th June – 4 th July 2026 (<i>assessed</i>)	Year 12 students	Mrs Fenton-Green	£195	Sep 2025	25
Year 13 (current Year 12) A Level Biology Field Trip to Boggle Hole	September / October 2026 (<i>1 night</i>)	<u>Current</u> Year 12 Biology students	Mrs Brooks	£80	Feb 2026	All
Year 12 and Year 13 A Level Art & Design / Photography / Textiles Trip to Paris	20 th – 23 rd March 2026	Year 12/13 Art & Design / Photography / Textiles students	Mrs Prince	£695	Sep 2025	30
Year 12 and Year 13 Boys' Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	22 nd – 24 th March 2026	U18 boys' rugby team	Mr Hyam	£265	Nov 2025	12
Year 12 and Year 13 Girls' Rugby Trip to Rosslyn Park, London	25 th – 27 th March 2026	U18 girls' rugby team	Mr Hyam	£265	Nov 2025	12

This list does not include the following 2025/2026 trips which were launched last school year and are now fully subscribed:

- Year 13 Biology Field Trip to Boggle Hole (October 2025)
- Year 11 History Trip to Berlin (October 2025)
- Year 11 Geography Trip to Iceland (February / March 2026)
- Ski Trip to Wagrain, Austria (Easter 2026)

Information correct as of 10th September 2025 based on those trips which we are planning to launch this school year. Costs and dates may be approximate at this stage. All trips are subject to attracting viable numbers.