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## Important Information About Upcoming Residential Visits

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to share with you details of several residential visits planned for students in Years 7-10 over the next two years. These trips are a great opportunity, providing enriching educational experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

### Why Are We Offering All the Trip Information Together?

This year, in response to parent/carer feedback we are offering all the residential visit details at once. By doing so, we aim to ensure transparency, fairness, and clarity for all families. We hope this approach will assist with planning and budgeting for these experiences. The trips span a wide range of subjects, destinations, and educational opportunities, ensuring that all students can engage with different aspects of their curriculum and personal development.

### Overview of the Trips

The following is a basic overview of each visit. Please note that much more detailed information will follow directly from the individual visit leaders in the coming weeks/months.

#### 1. London Humanities Trip (December 2025)

**Visit Lead:** Mr T Khan

**For:** Year 8-11 (Current Years 7-10)

**Where:** London, UK

**Dates:** 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (2 days)

**Estimated Cost:** £260-£280

**Purpose:** This trip provides an immersive experience for students studying Humanities, allowing them to engage with London's rich historical and cultural offerings. By visiting landmarks such as the Tower of London, the Natural History Museum, and other significant cultural institutions, students will deepen their understanding of British history and heritage. The trip will encourage critical thinking and enhance their curriculum learning by offering real-world connections to the topics they study in the classroom, such as the Roman occupation of Britain and the Industrial Revolution.

#### 2. Spanish Language Immersion Trip (Easter 2026)

**Visit Lead:** Mrs E Allen

**For:** Years 7-10 (Current Years 6 - 9)

**Where:** Spain (exact location TBC)

**Dates:** Easter 2026 (5 days, 4 nights)

**Estimated Cost:** £1000

**Purpose:** This trip will immerse students in the Spanish language and culture, providing a unique opportunity to practice Spanish with native speakers in real-life situations. Students will engage in cultural activities that will deepen their understanding of the language and give them the chance to build confidence in speaking. The visit is designed to help students improve their language skills while boosting their enjoyment and engagement with Spanish, offering them experiences that will motivate them to pursue languages further in their studies.

3. **Paris Trip (October 2026)**

**Visit Lead:** Mrs M Murray

**For:** Years 10 & 11 (Current Years 8 & 9)

**Where:** Paris, France

**Dates:** October Half Term 2026 (4 days/3 nights)

**Estimated Cost:** £700

**Purpose:** This trip offers students a chance to experience French culture in one of Europe's most iconic cities. Students will visit world-famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, and Notre-Dame Cathedral, gaining insights into French history and art. They will also enjoy a day at Disneyland Paris, blending fun with the opportunity to experience the culture of France. This trip is designed to enrich students' understanding of French history, art, and culture while fostering independence in an exciting international setting.

4. **Villarreal Sports Trip (February 2027)**

**Visit Lead:** Mr W Cawley

**For:** Years 9-11 (Current Years 7-9)

**Where:** Spain

**Dates:** February 2027 (5 days)

**Estimated Cost:** £1200

**Purpose:** This sports-focused trip combines training with cultural exploration, providing students with an immersive experience in Spain. Students will receive expert coaching from both Villarreal Football Club and Manchester Thunder Netball, as well as the opportunity to attend a professional football match. The trip will focus on improving athletic skills, teamwork, and leadership, while also offering cultural insights into Spanish sports and the rich sporting history of the region. Students will gain practical experience in their chosen sport while developing skills that go beyond the playing field, such as resilience, discipline, and collaboration.

5. **Iceland Geography Trip (Easter 2027)**

**Visit Lead:** Mr B Towers

**For:** Years 9-10 (Current Years 7 & 8)

**Where:** Iceland

**Dates:** Easter 2027 (3-4 nights)

**Estimated Cost:** £1000-£1200

**Purpose:** This trip will provide a hands-on learning experience for students studying Geography. Students will explore Iceland's dramatic landscapes, including glaciers, volcanoes, and geothermal features, offering them a unique opportunity to see the theory behind their studies in action. The visit will enhance their understanding of geological processes, such as plate tectonics, glacial formation, and volcanic activity, all while engaging in fieldwork that develops skills in observation, data collection, and analysis.

**Additional Trip Information**

We also have our bi-annual Ski Trip to Austria, planned for February 2026. However, please note that this trip is already fully booked as planning for it began last year.

### **Student Eligibility and Behaviour Expectations**

To ensure that these trips are successful and enjoyable for all participants, students must meet the following criteria:

- **Good Behaviour:** Any student who is accepted onto a trip but whose behaviour becomes a concern after acceptance will be removed from the trip list. Please note that payments made for the trip will be non-refundable in this case.
- **Attendance:** Students must have a minimum attendance of 90% to be considered for a place on the trip. Students with lower attendance may still be considered, but they will require approval on a case-by-case basis.

### **Booking and Further Information**

Individual visit leaders will be in touch with you over the coming weeks/months to provide more detailed information about their trips, including how to book a place for your child.

We hope these visits will provide your child with invaluable educational experiences, and we encourage you to consider these opportunities as part of their broader development. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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