



31st March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Program of Overseas Residential Educational Visits 2024

We are pleased to launch what we hope to be our program of overseas residential visits for 2024, but of course this will depend on take up and interest, and firm bookings.

Before we list the visits themselves, please can we ask that you read and consider the following important information relating to our overseas visits.

IMPORTANT

The behaviour and attendance of students wishing to take part in an educational visit is crucial and must meet expectations and the school's standards all times. Should you child's behaviour or attendance be a concern at any point, they may not be accepted onto the visit or they may be withdrawn from the visit at a later date. (*Exemptions may apply when linked to SEND and/or a medical condition/exceptional circumstances*)

Once a proposed visit is deemed viable and your child's place on the visit is confirmed, any deposit becomes non-refundable. Additionally, at that point, you will be committing to, and agreeing to, pay the entire cost of the visit, even if your child is withdrawn at the school's request due to behaviour and/or attendance or should you withdraw your child for any reason, unless a suitable, full paying replacement student can be found. (*Withdrawal due to a medical condition is excluded where acceptable medical evidence is received and a successful insurance claim made*)

Unfortunately, places won't be confirmed until the visit is full, and behaviour and attendance of each student reviewed. You may therefore find that a visit you pay a deposit for does not run if there is insufficient interest. In this case the deposit will be refunded in full or transferred to another visit, should you wish. There is always the chance however that other visits are full at that point. Please do not reserve a place or places on multiple visits unless you are totally committed to the visit.

NB: the school cannot use its budget to support overseas educational visits – such visits must be self-funding, hence the need for this notice and firm commitment from parents.

All visits and prices are provisional at this stage.

As you can imagine, the cost of overseas travel has increased considerably. However, we have tried to offer a range of visits at varying costs and are giving as much notice as possible to you to help you spread the cost, as we do appreciate that committing to an educational visit may put pressure on family finances. The school will put in

place a strict payment plan to run alongside the payment dates given by the travel companies, which we hope will help you too.

Please also note that there will be additional expenses for you to consider, by way of passports, ESTA (for New York), spending money and any necessary kit.

Passports and GHIC/EHIC will be required several months in advance of the visit departing as the travel companies will ask for this information to enable them to meet immigration procedures.

The visits we hope to offer are:

Disneyland Paris

40 places – open to current year 7, 8 and 9
29TH June 2024 to 2nd July 2024
Coach Travel plus Dover/Calais Sailing
Accommodation – European Campus Sainte Therese (Est)
Disneyland Paris 1 Day, 2 Park Pass
Seine Cruise, Bateaux Parisien
Ascent of the Montparnasse Tower
Half Board
Insurance
Hoody
Deposit £70
Total price £570

New York

40 places – open to current year 7, 8 and 9
29th June 2024 – 3rd July 2024
5 days/4 nights
Flight from London Airport
Room only accommodation
4 x Morning Star – American Breakfast
2 course meal – Hard Rock Café
Meal at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co Restaurant
Guided Walking tour of Midtown Manhattan
Broadway theatre performance
Ferry to Liberty and Ellis Island
Visit to Empire State Building
Visit to Top of the Rock
Guided Tour of 9/11 Memorial Museum
Insurance
Hoody
Deposit £200
Total price £1,750

** if this visit is not filled at this price, we will pursue alternatives with fewer activities at a lower price.*

Ski 2024

30 places – open to current year 7,8,9,10.
February half term 2024
7 day (6 night tour)
Return transfers
Flights
20kg luggage
6 nights full board accommodation with hot midday meal
5 day ski pass
5 x 5 hour lessons
Equipment hire including skis/boots/poles and helmets
Travel Insurance
Hoody
Deposit £200
Total price £1,299

Adventurous activities in Austria 2024

30 places – open to current year 7, 8 and 9
May half term 2024
Travel via executive coach
Ferry crossing
4 night full board hotel accommodation
Visit to Salzburg, Hellbrunn Water Gardens,
White water rafting
Kayaking or body boarding/mountain biking at Zell am See
Swimming in outdoor pool
Glacier ascent/sledging, visit to animal park
Insurance
Hoody
Deposit £70
Total price £730

** if this visit is unable to run, the school will look for a suitable alternative and you will be contacted to check that you are wishing to keep any secured place on the visit before confirmation is made.*

Deposit payments are required **by 28th April 2023** and should be paid via **Parent Pay**. The visits will open for deposit payments at some point on the morning of **Tuesday 4th April 2023 from 9 am**. Can we suggest that you check beforehand that you can access Parent Pay and if you experience any problems, please contact the school office between 8 am and 2:30 pm on Monday 3rd April 2023 so that we can help in resolving those problems. For those unable to access Parent Pay, deposits can be paid at the school office between 9 am and 2:30 pm throughout the school holidays (except for bank holidays) or during normal office hours during term time. At the time of paying the deposit, parents will be asked to agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the important information section of this letter.

Once a visit is full, a reserve list will be made.

We will be in contact with anyone paying a deposit during early May to confirm whether each visit has sufficient interest to take place and also whether you have been successful in securing a place.

We hope that you agree that the school is trying to give a full range of experiences for our students, in addition to the numerous day visits which take place throughout the school year.

If you have any queries with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Greenhalgh at the school who will do her best to help.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Hall
Headteacher