

Parents Information Guide to The Annual Residential Educational Visits (Sept 2017)

History Department Trip to Poland

Due to the huge success of our previous foreign excursions we are proposing to take a study visit Krakow in Poland in February 2018. The purpose of this visit is to give students the opportunity to sample the infamous historical site of Auschwitz and learn about Jewish persecution by the Nazi's.

During the visit pupils will visit **Krakow** and **several historical sites**. In Krakow we plan to give students the opportunity to visit the **Auschwitz concentration camp, Krakow Gestapo Headquarters, the Wieliczka Salt Mine** and the **Galicja Museum**.

This visit is open to the current year 10 students, who will be in year 11 by the time of the excursion. The cost of the visit will be approximately **£520.00 (with flights) but** not including spending money. The money can be paid in small instalments. The length of the visit is 4 days 3 nights during the February half term holidays.

History Department Trip to France:

This visit will give students an opportunity to visit **Normandy and Paris**.

The visit is for students to enrich themselves with French culture. Opportunities to try French food, speak French and spend time looking into French history.

Students visit World War II sites such as Colleville sur Mer and Pointe du Hoc. This allows them to experience the history of the D-Day landings at Omaha beach.

The visit then moves on to Paris where students will receive a sightseeing tour of Paris and have the opportunity to climb the Eiffel Tower. The final day includes a full experience of Disneyland Paris and to enjoy themselves with their peers at this world famous theme park.

The visit is open to Year 8 students and will be in the October half term holiday. The cost of the trip is approximately **£445** including return coach travel, accommodation and entry fees.

Drama Department - GCSE residential: Conway Wales

This visit will take place on **Friday 9th – Sunday 11th February 2018**

The trip is open to any Drama GCSE students in Y10 and Y11. The venue is the **Conway Centre** near Anglesey which caters for Performing Arts events with qualified instructors, coaches and mentors leading all the Drama based workshops.

The aims of the weekend are:

- Introduce a wide variety of theatre techniques and expertise from professional directors, lighting technicians, stage designers, musicians, musical theatre makers, writers and actors.

- Allow students to perform amongst professionals with professional feedback.
- Develop competence in a range of practical, creative and performance skills which will impact on the pupil's achievement at GCSE.
- Prepare students for the GCSE course by giving them take-away ideas and methods to use inside the classroom.

The cost of the trip is approximately **£190** which includes return coach transport, accommodation, food and workshops.

Modern foreign Languages Department – Trip to Koblenz in Germany

This is a popular and successful cultural visit which aims to allow students to taste German culture and practice their German speaking skills in real life situations. A must for all linguist enthusiasts! The trip is open to Y9 students and goes ahead in the first week of the Easter holidays (March/April) The cost of the trip is approximately **£315:00** for the 3 night stay. Included in the price is return coach travel, accommodation, meals and 3 events including bowling, a boat trip on the Rhine and a day in Phantasia Land.

Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze level)

This award is open to all Y9 students. This is an extremely prestigious award that is highly sought after amongst schools and colleges, universities and employers. Due to the range of skills and qualities it promotes and teaches to those individuals taking part, the DofE award features heavily on job applications

The award is split into the following sections

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 months minimum	3 months minimum	3 months minimum	Plan, train for and undertake a 2 day, 1 night expedition.
One section out of Volunteering, Physical and Skill must be completed for 6 months. The participant may choose which one to extend			

For the expedition section all pupils will be taking part in both the practice and the qualifier in the local rural Greater Manchester area. More information will be provided nearer the time but pupils will be walking in small groups of 6/7 and will be responsible for planning their own route, carrying their own belongings and cooking appropriate food for each meal.

Successful students embarking on the award will receive further details and a log book in order to support them throughout the programme.

Science Department – Trip to Geneva (Switzerland)

This trip is an exciting Scientific and cultural visit to the fabulous Swiss city of **Geneva** on the shoreline of Lake Geneva.

The visit is open to all Y10 students (interest is taken in Y9) and departs in the second week of the Easter holidays in April.

The cost of the trip is approximately **£430**.

The price includes coach transfers to the airport, return flights, accommodation at the Geneva youth hostel.

Also the main events are covered too which include a visit to the Centre of Physics in **Cern**, a boat tour on Lake Geneva, a tour of a Swiss chocolate factory. There will also be an opportunity to go bowling and enjoy a pizza meal.

Parents please note that the school reserves the right to decline a student a place on any school visit if their conduct and behaviour are not of the highest standards.