

18th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Abroad Trips 2024/2025

Following the recent return from our successful 2024 MFL, Ski and History trips, we write to share with you our proposed trips and visits to be offered to Whitcliffe Mount students during the academic year 2024/2025.

Some of the trips that we would like to offer next year include ones that have been running at Whitcliffe Mount for many years with great success and enjoyment. This includes the Sports Tour and the Ski trip which usually run every other year however, student feedback suggests that many of our students would like the opportunity to attend these trips more than once during their time with us. We would therefore like to gather an expression of interest in the proposed 2025 trips so that we can plan appropriately for the year ahead. Using this feedback, we can also gauge the interest of how frequently run in the years ahead. Please note that details are approximate at this stage.

2025 Trip Consideration - Location, Timeline and Approximate Cost:

Trip	Location	Dates	Timeline & Year Groups	Travel & Board Basis	Approximate Cost
Ski Trip	Folgarida, Italy	Easter Half-Term	6-day trip with 5 days of skiing or 7-day trip with 6 days of skiing Years 8-10 (Year 11 may be considered)	Breakfast, lunch and evening meal included. Ski passes, helmet, ski and boot hire included. Travel to and from a local airport, coach to the ski resort.	£1500
History Trip	Krakow, Poland	Easter Half-Term	4 days & 3 nights Year 11 only – due to the nature of the content of the trip	Breakfast and evening meal included. Travel to and from a local airport, flight to Krakow and coach hire in Poland.	£750



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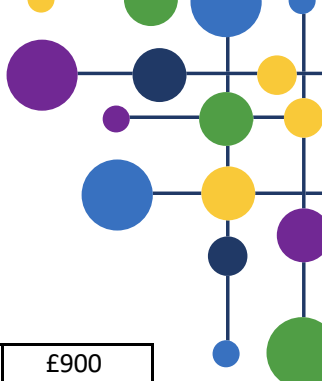
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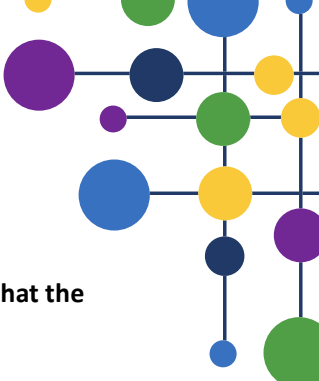
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Sports Tour	Barcelona (Lloret de Mar), Spain	May Half-Term	5 days & 4 nights Years 8–10	Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal included. Coach travel to and from Lloret de Mar. (We may be able to fly depending on flight availability and cost). Football and Netball tournament, Theme Park, Water Park and Disco.	£900
Languages France Trip	Paris, France	Easter Half-Term	4 days & 3 nights Years 10 & 11 French students – due to the nature of the content of the trip.	Breakfast and evening meal included. Travel to and from a local airport, flight to Paris and coach hire in Paris.	£750
Languages Spain Trip	Granada, Spain	February Half-Term	4 days & 3 nights Years 10 & 11 Spanish students – due to the nature of the content of the trip	Breakfast, Lunch and Evening meal included. Travel to and from a local airport, flight to Malaga and all transport in Spain. Daily activities and excursions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided tour of the city and Albaicin area • Alhambra tour • Flamenco show • Shopping time • Cooking class - paella • Pizza night with games and quizzes 	£1000

At Whitcliffe Mount we are working hard to offer a range of experiences to all our students. Some of these we offer during the school day including theatre trips, career and work experience opportunities, personal development visits and subject specific specialist visits; others are offered after school and during school holidays. We try, wherever possible, to offer opportunities for all students at no or minimal cost, however we understand the value of offering a range of additional school trips, visits and tours to those who are interested. You can see details of any past trips and tours on our school's 'X' account (Formerly Twitter) - this may offer you a flavour of what is included and what to expect.

In addition to the above we will be running the **Duke of Edinburgh Award for our Y9 students**, an expression of interest letter has already been shared with students, parents and carers and there will be further details to



follow for those students who have expressed an interest in signing up for the award. **We anticipate that the cost of completing the award will be approximately £120.**

Safety is our primary concern, and we therefore set high expectations in terms of behaviour from students to qualify for any trips, visits, or tour. The number of places available for each trip will be capped to ensure that we are meeting student to staff ratios. Where there is more demand for a trip than places available those students who already demonstrate a positive attitude towards our expectations and those students in older year groups will be prioritised.

If your child(ren) is interested in any of the proposed 2025 trips, please express your interest by following the link below to complete a short form. If you have more than one child, please complete a form for each of your children. Forms should be completed by **Monday 22nd April 2024.**

Abroad Trips 2024/2025 Expression of Interest: <https://forms.office.com/e/VpkHffK23k>

Following the expression of interest, we will determine the viability of each trip and communicate further details of each viable trip in the coming months.

Yours faithfully,



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