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Residential Visits

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Year 13 English Residential Trip

For: Year 13 English students

When: September 2023

Duration: 2 nights, Friday-Sunday

Cost: £290

Linked to the coursework, this three-day trip will immerse Year 13 English students in literature, writers and the places that shaped them. Our itinerary includes trips to Jane Austen's Cottage, Chawton House, Charleston House (known as the 'Home of the Bloomsbury group'), Monk's House, and walks along the Sussex coast at Seven Sisters and Beachy Head. The trip offers the ideal chance to enhance our study of Virginia Woolf and the Bloomsbury group context, while the internationally renowned archive on early women's writing at Chawton House is an invaluable resource for our work on Women in Literature. Along the way, students will engage in a range of readings and activities to enrich their studies and appreciation of literature in this intensive yet inspiring atmosphere.

This trip has already been launched and is now full.



Slapton Ley FSC Geography Field Trip

For: Year 13 A Level Geography students

When: October 2023

Duration: 3 nights, Wednesday - Saturday

Cost: £550

This trip is compulsory for all A Level Geography students in order to fulfill the requirements of the specification. Students are given the opportunity to collect physical and human fieldwork data before deciding on their preference and their title for their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) worth 20% of the final A Level grade. With support of Slapton FSC students will collect a variety of primary data, use GIS and begin to consider and evaluate their findings.

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Economics, Politics and Psychology trip to Prague and the Czech Republic

For: Years 10, 11, 12 and 13

When: October 2023

Duration: 5 days, 4 nights

Cost: £990

This fascinating trip to Prague and the Czech Republic is designed for those students currently in Years 8, 9, 10 or 11 who are thinking of studying Economics, Psychology and/or Politics who will be in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 when the trip runs. In Economics, there are planned visits to the Skoda Car plant, a glass factory, a talk about the Czech economy and a talk about inward investment into the Czech Republic. In Psychology, there are planned visits to Terezin concentration camp, a visit to Lidice and a walking tour of the Jewish quarter of Prague. In Politics, there are planned visits to the Czech Parliament, the Communist Museum and the Cold War Museum. In addition, there are other planned activities including; an ice hockey game or Black Light theatre visit, a river cruise with dinner, a mystery activity and a day trip to the spa town of Karlovy Vary.

This trip has already been launched and is now full. If you would like your daughter to be added to the waiting list please email residentialvisits@oxf.gdst.net



Physics trip to CERN, Geneva

For: Years 11-13

When: October Half Term 2023

Duration: 2 days

Cost: £465

The large hadron collider at CERN, Geneva, is the world's largest particle experiment. At CERN, you will hear, first hand, about what's going on at the forefront of physics, and you will see the scale of the engineering and technology required to help us answer some of the big questions: What are the basic building blocks of matter? How did the Universe begin? The CERN visit includes an introduction by a particle scientist, a guided tour of some of the facilities and experiments, and a chance to visit two exhibitions where students can explore the world of CERN and use hands-on exhibits to find out more about the technologies used. In addition to our visit to the CERN site we spend time exploring Geneva; this might include a boat tour of the lake, visits to some of the fascinating museums, (which include the United Nations and International Red Cross museum), a tour of the Philippe Patek watch museum and free time to explore the historic centre (and its shops!).

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Spring 2024



OHS Selected U13 Netball Weekend

For: Year 8 (by invitation only)

When: March 2024

Duration: 3 days Friday - Sunday

Cost: Approximately £280

This weekend netball residential at PGL in Swindon provides a fun filled weekend where the pupils get to engage and play some competitive netball, as well as taking part in exciting outdoor education activities like zip wire, crate challenge, high ropes, and archery. All activities are held on the PGL site, and it is a lovely experience for them to have alongside their peers.



French Language trip to Angers

For: Years 10-13 studying French

When: March 2024

Duration: 6 days/5 nights

Cost: Approximately £750

This home stay visit will be organised by ELS Euro-séjour, Bonchamps-les-Laval, a well- established French travel agent specialising in schools' travel. In this language study visit, the students will be staying in French families in and around Angers. There will be language classes taught by qualified French teachers on two mornings (groups of different levels will be organised depending on the number and levels of students going), and cultural visits and activities in the afternoons. Among other things, they might spend an afternoon in a French school, doing activities with the French students; have workshops in French; they will discover the lovely town of Angers through a town trail; they will also discover one of the beautiful Château de la Loire. The day trip to the famous Futuroscope theme park in Poitiers is always a highlight. The students will also have the opportunity to learn how to make French Pastries with a professional pâtissier. Their last full day in France will be spent with the families.

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Residential trip to China

For: Years 9 - 13

When: March 2024

Duration: 9 days

Cost: Approximately £2,200

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the cultural marvel and ancient cities of Beijing and Xi'an, in China. It is a biannual trip for Y9 to Y13 girls. The trip will combine the language learning with cultural activities, exchange to Xi'an Gaoxin No 1 School and a visit to penpal homes, as well as excursions to some of the most famous sights in and around Beijing and Xi'an, which include the Great Wall of China, Tian-Anmen Square, Forbidden City and Terracotta Army Museum. This trip is open to all, but of particular relevance to those students studying Mandarin.

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Summer 2024



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition - Bronze Award

For: Year 9

When: May, July and September 2024

Duration: 3 weekends

Cost: Approximately £330

The expeditions form part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. This is to help students meet the requirements of the expedition section and, hopefully, form memories that will last a lifetime. For the Bronze award there are three weekends: training, practice and qualifying expeditions. The training weekend is held at Hill End where students are taught skills including map reading, navigation, outdoor cooking on a stove and putting up tents. For the expeditions students will work as a team, navigating their route and camping for one night.



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition - Silver Award

For: Year 10

When: February, March and May 2024

Duration: 3 weekends

Cost: Approximately £495

For the Silver Award, the students start with a day's training to recap skills learned at Bronze and plan routes for the subsequent expeditions. The Practice and Qualifying expedition weekends are three days with two nights' camping. The terrain is more challenging than Bronze, with previous expeditions in the hills of the Chilterns, the Cotswolds and the White Peak. For students who have not completed their Bronze Awards, there is an additional training day to learn the skills needed.

Summer 2024



Whole Year Residential - Kilve

For: Year 7

When: June 2024

Duration: 5 days

Cost: Approximately £540

This residential team building visit for all Year 7 is a chance for the year group to get to know each other even better and develop their outdoor education skills including team work and resilience. Students can look forward to trying mountain biking, caving, high ropes, abseiling, kayaking, mountain boarding, a beach study and SUP. Students will have the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves, whilst also having a memorable and enjoyable experience.



Whole Year Residential - Amsterdam

For: Year 8

When: 4th - 7th June 2024

Duration: 4 days

Cost: £660

This exciting trip to Amsterdam offers a unique blend of fabulous museums, historical sites and ground-breaking exhibits that will extend our pupils' understanding of another country and its people; provide an enriching experience; broadening their horizons, whilst providing cultural and cross-curricular opportunities that they can enjoy as a year group.

Summer 2024



Creative Writing Course - Arvon

For: Years 11-13

When: July 2024

Duration: One week

Cost: Approximately £500

This residential trip is for keen creative writers to develop their writing skills and extend their experience. An Arvon week is both totally absorbing and intense but also very relaxed! This is achieved through a balance of morning workshops which are led by expert tutors and writers, and afternoons of free time in which you can explore the wonderful grounds of The Hurst in the Shropshire hills, or hang out in the comfy sitting room, complete your writing tasks for the following morning, or read. The week includes a one to one with each of the writers and a mid-week reading and discussion by a visiting playwright or novelist. We cook the evening meal in cooking groups, using local ingredients. During the week an editorial group puts together an anthology of our best poems and the final evening we celebrate its launch with a poetry reading. The week is enriching and peaceful - a really rare treat to cut yourself away from everyday pressures to focus on your writing.



Geography trip to Iceland

For: Years 10-13

When: August 2024

Duration: 5 nights

Cost: £1750 - £1975

Iceland is an optional geography field trip to enhance students' understanding of physical geography. This trip includes exciting activities such as a glacier walk, taking an amphibious vehicle on a glacial lagoon and swimming in the famous Blue Lagoon. Students will have the opportunity to see waterfalls, geysers and hot springs, and fjords, as well as making visits to cultural sites. This is an extraordinary trip and a memorable experience.

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English Residential

For: Year 13 English students

When: September 2024

Duration: Friday-Sunday

Cost: Approximately £290

Linked to the coursework, this three-day trip will immerse Year 13 English students in literature, writers and the places that shaped them. Whether you find yourself reading poetry by Sylvia Plath's grave, delivering excerpts from 'Wuthering Heights' on the Haworth moors, reciting Samuel Taylor Coleridge's 'Under the Lime Tree Bower' under the actual lime tree bower, or imagining the life of an Austen heroine as you don 19th century garb and learn to dance like Lizzie Bennett in an English stately home, you will end the trip with a deeper understanding of the themes of our coursework texts and a profound understanding of the links between identity, place and writing.



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Classics and Italian trip to Naples

For: Years 10-13

When: October Half Term 2024

Duration: 7 days

Cost: Approximately £900

This visit is for students studying a classical subject or Italian. The Classics and Italian Departments intend to take a visit to the Bay of Naples, Italy in October half-term 2024. We will be using the premier school tour provider Hellene School Travel, with whom we have had very many extremely successful trips. Our visit aims to be an intensely busy week of cultural exploration with Roman archaeology at its heart. We will also explore modern Italian culture with the Italian students spending some time using their Italian and everyone engaging in regional activities. It is not exam-syllabus based but will enhance the study of both classical subjects and Italian. We will visit Pompeii, Mount Vesuvius, Herculaneum, Paestum, Capri, Positano, Cumae, Solfatara and stay in a 3/4* hotel in Sorrento.



Economics, Politics and Psychology trip to New York and Washington DC

For: Years 12 and 13

When: October Half Term 2024

Duration: 10 days and 8 nights

Cost: £2,900

This exciting trip to New York and Washington DC is designed for those students who will be in Years 12 and 13 when the trip goes and who are thinking of studying Economics, Psychology and/or Politics. For Economics, there are planned visits to: the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; the World Bank; a United Nations Briefing; Meeting a Finance Professional, as well as a talk about economic development. For Psychology, there are planned visits to: the 9/11 Memorial Centre; the Holocaust Museum; Arlington Cemetery; a Psychology of terror workshop and a talk on forensic psychology. In Politics, there are planned visits to: the United Nations; the National African American Museum of History and Culture; the Pentagon; the White House; the US Supreme Court and the US Congress, housing the House of Representatives and the US Senate. Other planned activities include: a Broadway show; the Lincoln and other memorials; museums in Washington DC; a possible basketball game; a river cruise; a mystery activity and sightseeing and shopping time.

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Spanish Study Tour

For: Year 9-10 students studying Spanish

When: March 2025

Duration: 5 days

Cost: Approximately £800

An opportunity for students of Spanish in Years 9 and 10 to learn Spanish and enjoy cultural visits at Spark Spanish School in Puerto de Santa María in the bay of Cádiz on the south coast of Spain. We will stay in Spark accommodation, have two hours of lessons each day and also learn new skills such as cooking paella, having shopped for the ingredients, and dancing flamenco.



Munich Exchange

For: Year 9-13 Germanists

When: March 2025

Duration: 8 days

Cost: Approximately £650

We are delighted to be able to offer a German exchange in March and April, 2025. This will be our tenth exchange with the Gymnasium (grammar school) Fürstenried-West in Munich, one of Germany's most beautiful and interesting cities. The exchange is open to Germanists from Years 9 to 13. Our students will be paired with a German student of a similar age and, as far as possible, similar interests. The group from Munich will visit Oxford towards the end of the Spring term, staying with their exchange partners' families. The weekend and evenings will be spent with host families; on weekdays the visitors will spend a little time in school, but otherwise have a separate programme of visits and sightseeing while the host partners attend school as normal. The return visit to Munich will be during our Easter holidays - an excellent opportunity to practise just before the GCSE and A-level oral exams, which are ahead of the written papers. The Oxford students will spend time with their host families, experience life in the Munich school, and visit some of the many wonderful attractions in the area. Past programmes have included visits to film studios, sports venues, a chocolate maker, BMW, Oberammergau and the fairytale castles of Bavaria.

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History Trip to Berlin

For: Years 9, 10

When: July 2025 (straight after end of term)

Duration: 3 days

Cost: Approximately £690

For students taking GCSE History, this incredible 3-day trip to Berlin will enhance classroom learning. Covering both the Weimar and Nazi Germany topic, and the Cold War, we will be visiting key places of interest such as the Reichstag, Sachsenhausen concentration camp, Cecilienhof Palace (the site of the post-WW2 Potsdam conference) and remnants of the Berlin wall. With knowledgeable guides to help us interpret the history around us, this promises to be a fantastic opportunity to delve deeper into the GCSE topics (or, for those in year 9, to get their history GCSE off to a flying start).

Summer 2025

Proposed residential trips for Autumn Term 2025 - further details to be announced:

Religious Studies trip to Israel, October 2025 - Years 12 and 13

Physics trip to CERN, October 2025 - Years 11-13

Economics, Politics and Psychology trip to Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna, October 2025- Years 11-13



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