



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

June 2015

Dear Parent / Guardian

## YEAR 9 TRIPS – JUNE 2016

As I am now sure you understand St Aidan's sees extra-curricular activities and residential trips as being of immense value to individual students within the particular year groups. As a consequence, the school provides opportunities in each year for pupils to undertake different challenges / experiences that we hope will contribute to the all round education of each child.

The plans for Year 9 are now underway and I write to give you details of the opportunities available so that you can indicate particular preferences. There are 6 different activities catering for different needs.

1. A performing arts trip to London followed by workshops in school for those who may be thinking of taking Drama, Music, Dance at GCSE.
2. A trip to Valkenburg, Holland, particularly appropriate for students contemplating PE at GCSE.
3. A Coast to Coast cycle ride from Flamborough Head to St Bees challenging students to ride between 40 – 50 miles per day and spending each night in a different youth hostel.
4. A trip to Sorrento, Italy for students who are interested in geography and are contemplating taking it for GCSE.
5. A trip to Brussels, Bruges and Ypres in Belgium which allows pupils to enjoy cultural sights and sounds of the Head of the European Union and the surrounding area.

As in previous years some trips may be oversubscribed and therefore we ask you to return the form attached so that we can make appropriate arrangements. We will try our very best to accommodate everyone's first preference but we may need to prioritise some children with particular interests and career plans.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Wood  
Headteacher

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Dear Year 8 Parent

## Educational Visits for Year 9, June 2016

As Mr Wood's letter explains we are again delighted to offer your son / daughter the opportunity to benefit from the immense value of the educational ventures that we offer. You will find attached a full information sheet to enable you to select the visit most suited to your son/daughter's interests.

If you would like to participate please rank the trips in order of preference using the form below. **The trips are optional and it is important that you return the form below even if you do not wish to participate in any of the trips.** We are of course unaware as to how students may opt and adjustment to balance the numbers may be required. Some trips do get oversubscribed so in that instance we put all the names into a hat and pick them out. If a pupil is unsuccessful in their first choice they will be given their second choice so choose your trip careful.

For those pupils who do not wish to go on a trip they will be expected to be in school, however they will enjoy a week of activities organised by different departments in and around school.

**Any student opting for either the Brussels, Sorrento or Valkenburg trip will require his/her own valid passport plus an EHIC Health Card (check expiry date). Please check these as soon as possible.**

Please return this form via school reception by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Places will be allocated when we return to School in September. Letters will go out around the middle of September to ask for deposits. The deposits will be around £100 for a UK based trip to £150 - £220 for a European trip. **If your son / daughter is intending to apply for the Australian Exchange would you please indicate if you would like/would not like to go on a Year 9 trip also. The Australian students will be offered the same trips and they usually choose the trip their St Aidan's partner has chosen to go on.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Sewell  
Trips Administrator



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**Educational Visits for Year 9, June 2016 – Please Return to Reception by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

Name of pupil ..... Form .....

Signed:..... Parent / Guardian Date:.....

(please indicate your order of preference 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)		Australian Exchange	Year 9 Trip	Yes / No (please delete)
				Please tick trip box
Performing Arts Trip, London	<input type="text"/>	Brussels, Belgium	<input type="text"/>	
Sorrento, Italy	<input type="text"/>	Valkenburg, Holland	<input type="text"/>	
Coast to Coast Cycle Ride	<input type="text"/>	I do not wish to take part in a trip	<input type="text"/>	

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