



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 9 Trips – June 2022

St Aidan's sees extra-curricular activities and residential trips as being of immense value to individual students within their particular year groups. We provide opportunities in each year for pupils to undertake different challenges / experiences that we hope will contribute to the all-round education of each child.

Given the successful rollout of the UK's vaccination programme and our Government's continuation with their road map, I feel now that with extreme caution, we can reintroduce some trips for our students in the next academic year

As a school, St Aidan's takes the current Covid-19 pandemic very seriously and the safety and well-being of all our students and staff is always paramount. We have therefore decided to proceed with the utmost of caution with our planning for the Year 9 trips next summer and run UK-based trips instead of travelling to Europe.

After many discussions with our tour operators, we are confident that they are continually monitoring the Government's guidance with regards to Covid-19 and they have adapted their policies to execute the trips in a safe and appropriate way.

The plans for the Year 9 trips are now underway and students will have the opportunity to participate in one of the five trips available, each of which will add to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The Year 9 trips on offer are:

- Netball and Football Tour to Loughborough Lightning and St George's Park
- London visit with day at the Warner Brothers Studios (Harry Potter)
- London visit with emphasis on drama and music, also with day at the Warner Brothers Studios
- Visit to Edinburgh
- Adventure trip to Snowdonia

As in previous years, some trips may be oversubscribed and therefore we ask you to return the attached form on or before **Monday 12 July 2021** so that we can make appropriate arrangements. We will try our very best to accommodate everyone's first or second choice however this is not always possible and students should think carefully about their first and second choices before submitting their form. If we offer your child their second or third choice, we will endeavour to keep their friends with them.

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As always, staff are acting in '*loco parentis*' just as they do in school when accompanying children on a school trip. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity.

Staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents and we follow a strict process. Following the deadline, we will look at each child's behaviour in Year 8 together with their attendance and well-being and decide as to whether they will be able to cope with the demands of the trip. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the Trip Leaders, the Head of Year and Senior Staff. You will be notified in writing if we feel your child is not eligible for a trip.

In addition to our school insurance policy, we will also be covered by the individual tour company's insurance policy for Covid-19. Over the last year, all tour operators have introduced new clauses to their booking conditions and you can be reassured that you will receive a full refund if we have to cancel the trip as a direct result of a further national lockdown or Government advice against residential stays.

Should you wish to know any further information about the trip or have concerns about making the deposit payment at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs McDonald (tmcdonald@staidans.co.uk) or Mr Holdsworth (d.holdsworth@staidans.co.uk).

I hope your son /daughter will enjoy reading the pack we have put together outlining the exciting trips and opportunities that are on offer in Year 9 at St Aidan's.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Regards

Mr C Burt
Headteacher

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Dear Year 8 Parent / Carer

Educational Visits for Year 9, June 2022

As Mr Burt's letter explains, we are delighted to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to benefit from the immense value of the educational trips that we offer. You will find attached a full information sheet on each trip to enable you to select the visit most suited to your son/daughter's interests. The trips are optional; a pupil does not have to go on a trip if they do not want to.

Please take note of the following important information:

- Please rank the trips in order of preference using the form attached
- Please return the form **by Monday 12 July 2021 at the latest** even if your child does not wish to go on a trip
- If it is important to your son/daughter that they travel with friends, please take the time to discuss all the trips with you and their friends prior to making their choice
- In September, we will then allocate each student to a trip. An email will be sent out to parents informing students which trip they are on
- The exact price of each trip cannot be determined until we know the numbers for each trip, therefore a guide price has been given below and this will be confirmed in your child's letter in September
- Deposits will be asked for towards the end of September/beginning of October. To help with your planning, the deposits will be in the region of £100.00-£200.00
- For those pupils who do not wish to go on a trip, they will be expected in school and they will enjoy a week of activities organised by different departments in and around school.

All students will be covered by our school insurance policy that we hold with Zurich, together with additional insurance from the tour operators for Covid-19.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk

Regards

Mrs T McDonald
Trips Administrator

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Netball and Football Tour to St George's Park and Loughborough Lightning Monday 13 June 2022 to Friday 17 June 2022

An exciting opportunity for both boys and girls who play netball and football as we have organised training sessions at **Loughborough's Lightning Academy** for netball training or **St George's Park**, the English Football Association training ground for football training. We will also play three netball and football matches against local teams.

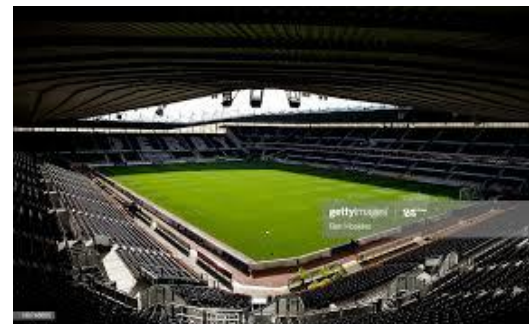


As the matches are against local teams instead of schools, they will be played in the late afternoon or evening, allowing for training sessions to take place during the day,

Travel is by coach from St Aidan's and the accommodation is booked in multi-bedded rooms at a local hotel and we will enjoy our evening meals at local restaurants.

The itinerary is action-packed and will include the following:

- 2 x Loughborough's Lightning Academy training sessions for netball
- 2 x St George's Park training sessions for football
- Alton Towers
- Pride Park Stadium Tour
- Go Ape Belay Course – Cannock
- 3 x Football fixtures based on 3 teams
- 3 x Netball fixtures based on 2 teams
- 1 x game of bowling at Hollywood Bowl



The cost of this trip is approximately £520.00-£560.00 for netball and £570.00-£600.00 for football which includes all transport, accommodation, training sessions, activities and evening meals in restaurants. Students will leave school by coach on Monday 13 June 2022 at 09:00, returning to school on Friday afternoon, 17 June 2022. Further details will be made available once the trip is confirmed.

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London Sightseeing Tour Monday 13 June 2022 to Friday 17 June 2022

This is a very exciting opportunity for our Year 9 students to visit London, the largest city and capital of England and the UK. Enjoy seeing the major landmarks that attract tourists to England every year; the imposing Houses' of Parliament, the iconic Big Ben clock tower, Buckingham Palace and many more.



Students will travel to London by coach and stay in a YHA hostel in multi-bedded rooms where they will enjoy two evening meals at the accommodation and two evening meals in local restaurants.

An example of the itinerary is:

- Explore the Natural History Museum
- Ride the London Eye
- Best way to see London with a Sightseeing Guided Tour
- Enjoy a Thames River Cruise
- Exciting and memorable West End Show
- See your favourite stars in Madame Tussauds
- London Zoo – all your favourite animals
- Tower of London
- National Gallery
- Free time in Leicester Square and Covent Garden for shopping. Visit the M&M store!
- Harry Potter Studio



Perhaps a highlight of the trip is the visit to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour to walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter and to explore the wonders of the Wizarding World. We will spend the day at the studio before returning home.

The approximate cost of this trip is £540.00-£600.00 and the price is dependent on the number of students who wish to go. The price includes all transport, accommodation on a half board basis, activities and shows. Students will leave school by coach on Monday 13 June 2022 at 09:00, returning to school on Friday 17 June 2022. Further details will be made available once the trip is confirmed.

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Edinburgh Tour Monday 13 June 2022 – Friday 17 June 2022

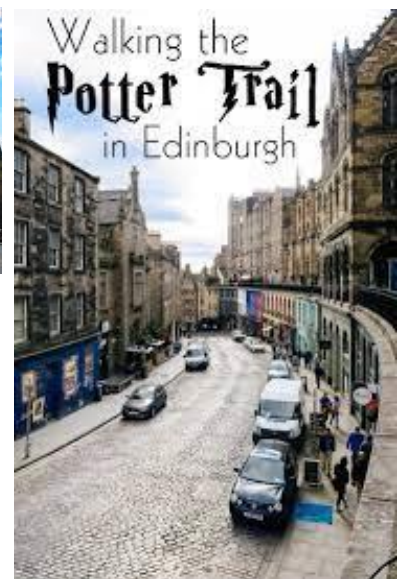
With the city's skyline, cobbled streets and colourful characters as your backdrop. Edinburgh is not only one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, it is a city with a fantastic position and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the UK. Students will enjoy an action-packed week with friends exploring this wonderful city.



Travel to Edinburgh is by coach and students will stay at a local youth hostel in the city centre on a half-board basis.

An example of the itinerary that the students will enjoy:

- Famous Edinburgh Castle
- Unforgettable day at Edinburgh Zoo
- Amazing Edinburgh Dungeons
- State of the Art Dynamic Earth
- Step aboard the Royal Yacht Cruise
- Bowling
- Over 100 illusions at Camera Obscura, World of Illusions
- The Potter Trail-ultimate experience for Harry Potter fans
- Forth Boat Cruise – Three Bridge and Inchcolm Island Cruise
- Free time on the Royal Mile to explore the shops
- Climb Arthur's Seat



The approximate cost of this trip is £450.00-£500.00 and the price is dependent on the number of students who wish to go. The cost includes all transport, accommodation on a half board basis, activities and shows. Students will leave school by coach on Monday 13 June 2022 at 09:00, returning to school on Friday afternoon, 17 June 2022. Further details will be made available once the trip is confirmed.

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Adventure Week at Outward Bound Monday 13 June 2022 – Friday 17 June 2022

Disappointed that your Year 8 Ullswater trip was cancelled – then this is the trip for you. Students will enjoy spending 5 days in the outdoors at the Outward Bound Centre in Snowdonia. The instructors are well-qualified and experienced practitioners with the ability to provide a challenging, yet enormously rewarding experience for all participants. This trip will undoubtedly become one of those great memories that our students have of their time at school.



Students will travel to Snowdonia by coach and stay at Ogwen Cottages on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park. Rooms are multi-bedded and comfortable and the students will enjoy freshly prepared food each day. There is a games room to chill in after a busy day of activities.



Examples of the activities that the students will enjoy are:

- Overnight camping expedition
- rock climbing
- raft building
- Ghyll scrambling
- orienteering
- jog and dip
- river trips in kayaks
- Tyrolean Traverse



The approximate cost of this trip is £550.00 and the price is dependent on the number of students who wish to go. The cost includes transport, accommodation on a full board basis and all activities.

Students will leave school by coach on Monday 13 June 2022 at 09:00, returning to school at approximately 16:30 on Friday 17 June 2022. Further details will be made available once the trip is confirmed.



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Year 9 Educational Visits, June 2022

Please return to main reception at St Aidan's by Monday 12 July 2021

Name of pupil Form

Parent/Guardian signature Date

**Please enter your choices below where
1 is your preferred choice and 6 is your least preferred choice**

| Year 9 Trips | Number from 1 to 6 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| London Visit | |
| Football and Netball Sports Tour | |
| London Visit Music and Drama | |
| Edinburgh Visit | |
| Outward Bound Visit | |
| No trip at all – remain at school | |

Places are allocated in September 2021

Please choose carefully, especially your first and second choices.
If it is important that you go on a trip with your friends,
please all put the same choices.

Thank you

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