



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

16 July 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

## Year 9 Trips in June 2025

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

From Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June 2025 next year's Year 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in one of three trips we are offering, each of which will add to their spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development. Plans are still being finalised for the trips however students will be able to choose from:

- **A netball and football tour to Manchester Thunder and Manchester City**

Students will have the opportunity to play 3 netball and football matches against local teams as well as receiving professional, coach and staff led training at the state-of-the-art City Football Academy (CFA) facility and Manchester Thunder 1st team and academy training facilities. A tour of Etihad Stadium and ten-pin bowling is also included.

On Friday before our return to school, we will spend the day at Alton Towers.

Travel is by coach and students will stay at a 3\* hotel with full board for 4 nights. The cost is approximately £750.00-£850.00.

- **A sightseeing trip to London**

Students will enjoy the sites of London including Buckingham Palace and the changing of the Guard, the London Eye, a River Cruise, Madame Tussauds, and the London Zoo as well as a West End theatre visit.

On Friday before our return to school, the group will enjoy a visit to Harry Potter World to walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter and to explore the wonders of the Wizarding World.

Travel is by coach with half-board accommodation in London for 4 nights. The cost is approximately £750.00-£850.00.

- **A PGL activity week at Borreaton Park**

Students will enjoy time at the PGL centre where they offer the ultimate multi-activity experience from dawn until dusk; students will experience thrilling activities, team building exercises and countless opportunities for fun and personal growth.

On the Friday prior to our return to school, students will spend the day at Alton Towers.

Travel is by coach with full-board accommodation at the centre for 4 nights. The cost is approximately £700.00-£750.00.

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Please note of the following important information:

- Please rank the trips in order of preference by clicking on this [LINK](#) and completing the information by **09:00 on Friday 19 July 2024** at which point the link will no longer be active
- Students will be allocated to a trip and an email will be sent to parents informing students which trip they are on.
- Please note some trips could be oversubscribed and we will try our very best to accommodate students with their friendship groups.
- The exact price of each trip cannot be determined until we know the numbers for each trip, therefore a guide price has been given per trip. Please note these are **only an approximate price**.
- Once your child's trip is confirmed by email, an immediate deposit payment of £50.00 must be received via ParentPay to confirm their place. A second payment will be due by Monday 9 September 2024. Further payments will be payable at the end of November 2024 and March 2025.
- 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.

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 can show an increased level of responsibility and maturity.

Staff must 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 9 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.

For peace of mind, the trip will be covered by our school insurance policy.

Should you wish to know any further information about the trip or have concerns about the financial cost, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs McDonald ([t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk](mailto:t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk)) or myself ([d.holdsworth@staidans.co.uk](mailto:d.holdsworth@staidans.co.uk)).

Yours faithfully

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