



# Haslingden High School and Sixth Form

Residential Trips 2019/2020



Dear Parents/Carers

Haslingden High School offers a number of residential trip opportunities, designed to provide enriching and diverse experiences throughout school.

We cannot always guarantee that trips will take place but appreciate that parents/carers need help with planning. I do hope this booklet will give you an outline of the residential trips that are likely to happen on a yearly and biennial basis.

We do have the facility to put payment plans in place for the majority of our residential trips as they are planned many months in advance. Further details can be obtained from our finance officer Mrs Tod.

#### Withdrawal of a student from an educational visit

Students participating in school trips are representing Haslingden High School and must behave in a manner that is consistent with our school's expectations. As such, students are expected to enter into an educational visit behaviour contract.

In cases where a student is withdrawn from a visit there should be no financial cost to the school. The only entitlement to refund would be if the place was sold to another participant.

For clarity, the scenarios below, whilst not exhaustive, cover most foreseeable eventualities.

- a. A parent or carer decides to withdraw their child from the visit.
- b. A child is no longer a member of our school at the time of the visit.
- c. The school reserves the right to withdraw a student from the visit on the grounds of their poor behaviour.
- d. A medical issue arises with a student where the school decides that their attendance on the visit compromises the safety of the group and this cannot reasonably be mitigated (eg. it has a serious adverse effect on staffing ratios).

## Visit Cancellation/Curtailment

In cases where the visit has to be cancelled or curtailed for any reason the school cannot be responsible for any financial loss incurred. The only entitlement to refund would be for monies which are recoverable through the insurance policy or travel company. School, as always, will work closely with parents/carers should such an unexpected situation arise.

Parents/carers are strongly advised to read carefully the insurance policy that is specific to the visit. If a parent/carer feels that the policy does not fully meet their requirements they are advised to make separate arrangements.

Should the travel company deem it necessary to cancel or postpone the visit, for any reason, all monies paid will be refunded once received by school, in line with the arrangements within the insurance policy.

In exceptional circumstances, the school reserves the right to make the decision to postpone, cancel or curtail the visit at any point for reasons of safety. If our assessment suggests the risk to the safety and/or wellbeing of students and/or staff is too high, we may cancel or postpone the visit. This includes situations where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has not recommended restrictions on travel or where there are no official restrictions in visiting the listed venues. This would also include where adverse weather presents a significant risk to safety at any point during the visit. In this eventuality, payments made are not refundable, except in cases covered by insurance. We will aim to recoup as much of the paid money as possible, or at our discretion re-arrange the visit, but we may not be able to refund the whole amount or, in some cases, any, of the money.

Parents wishing their son/daughter to take part in an educational visit should fully understand the financial implications of their son/daughter being withdrawn from the visit or the visit being cancelled or curtailed.

Mark Jackson

Headteacher

# Lower School Residential Visits (Year 7 and Year 8)

*Year 7/Year 8/Year 9*

## ***Ski Trip***

*Annual: Easter Holidays*

*Approximate Cost: £1070*

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy skiing in a European destination. The resort chosen will cater for complete beginners as well as more experienced skiers. The price includes all lessons, lift passes and full board catering.

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*Year 8*

## ***Maths Inspiration Trip Anglesey, North Wales***

*Next running in September 2020*

*Approximate Cost: £180*

This two night, three days trip provides a wide range of activities which aid mathematical and problem solving skills, teamwork and communication in an outdoor environment.

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*Year 8*

## ***French PGL Trip Le Pre Catelan, Northern France***

*Annual: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

*Approximate Cost: £400*

This long weekend to France gives students a taste of French life and the opportunity to practise their language skills. The trip includes team building games, a bakery trip, town trail and a visit to a theme park.

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*Year 8*

*German Exchange, Bad Aibling, Germany*

*Biennial: Next running in July 2021*

*Approximate Cost: £350*

In collaboration with our host school in Germany, students will stay with their host families and get a taste of German life and the opportunity to practise their language skills.

# Upper School Residential Visits

## (Years 9, 10 and 11)

**All of upper school trips are aimed to support the curriculum area which your child has opted to study**

### **CBM Faculty**

*Year 10 to Year 13*

***New York City***

*Biennial: 14<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

*Approximate Cost: £1,800*

This trip, designed to increase knowledge and appreciation of the wider business world, includes visits to various places linked to business, media and computing such as Wall Street, Radio City tour, NYC film academy as well as a number of cultural sites such as the 9/11 memorial, Liberty Island, Empire State Building.

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### **Humanities Faculty**

*Year 9*

***Belgium Battlefields***

*Annual: 8<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

*Approximate Cost: £285*

History students will gain an understanding of life in the trenches, this links directly with the new GCSE history specification which demands the study of a specific historical environment.

*Year 10*

***Iceland***

*Annual: April 2020*

*Approximate Cost: £1000*

Geography students will enjoy the unique geographical features of Iceland, icecaps, glaciers, hot springs, geysers, volcanoes, lava flows, mighty rivers and

thundering waterfalls. This five day trip is packed with excursions that fit with units on the GCSE exam but also gives students an experience they will never forget.

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## PE Faculty

*Year 9, Year 10, Year 11*

### ***Valencia***

*Biennial: next running in 2021 usually February half term*

*Approximate Cost: £900*

GCSE PE and sport students will get a chance to experience the football culture in Spain by visiting the Mestalla Stadium, participating in football training and playing matches.

*Year 9, Year 10*

### ***Wimbledon***

*Biennial: next running in July 2021*

*Approximate Cost: £200*

GCSE PE and sport students will get a chance to experience this elite sporting event and spectate at the championships. The trip also includes a mini sightseeing tour of London and Covent Garden.

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## Sixth Form Residential Visits

*Year 13*

***A Level Geography Fieldwork***

*Annual:* November 2019

*Approximate Cost:* £270

A level geography students will experience fieldwork, collect data, practise statistical testing and analyse results from a variety of different environments. This is a compulsory 4 day fieldwork trip.

*Year 12 invited students only*

***Oxford University***

*Annual:* June 2020 one night stay (awaiting confirmation of dates)

*Approximate Cost:* nil

Invited year 12 students will get the chance to attend the Oxford University open days to help them understand more about applications to and life at university.

# Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Year 10 to Year 13)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for young people. It is recognition of a young person's successful journey of self-discovery and development, renowned by employers and universities alike for the qualities young people have who've achieved a DofE Award. We are very proud as a school to be able to offer students the opportunity to work towards bronze, silver and gold awards, starting in year 10 all the way through to year 13.

Participants must select and complete objectives in the following areas:

- Volunteering
- Physical Activity
- Skill Activity
- Expedition
- Residential (Gold Award participants only)

Expeditions are arranged in groups through school and all involve overnight camping. These are bonding experiences for all the pupils involved, allowing them to rise to the challenge, overcome obstacles, work as a team, and use their independence and initiative.

## ***Bronze - Year 10***

Practice Expedition:

Assessed Expedition:

Approximate Cost:

## ***Silver - Year 11***

Practice Expedition:

Assessed Expedition:

Approximate Cost:

## ***Gold - Year 12/13***

Practice Expedition:

Assessed Expedition:

Approximate Cost: