



Spotlight on..... Trips 2026-27

At KLB we run a wide variety of trips. Some take place within our local area, such as the history visit to the Kingswood Abbey Gate, whilst others are much further afield, including the languages trip to Japan. We believe that trips help students to experience ideas and places that widen the curriculum, and to build friendships with others on the trip.

Curriculum day trips are organised by departments and are programmed to try to minimise disruption to the running of a normal school day. Our trip administrator assists the staff with organising all trips, ensuring they run as smoothly as possible and that parents are kept well informed.

The school also run an extensive Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. We use an external provider for the practice and assessed expeditions.

Additionally, we run Activity days in the penultimate week of the school year to provide a wide range of experiences for all students in years 7-9. A separate Activities Week runs for year 12 in May, at the end of their internal exam week.

We know that families would like as much advance notice as possible of a trip, especially to stagger payments; this is particularly important for residential trips. The tables below shows a schedule for the variety of trips we run, with approximate timings and costs, which change year by year. Pricing and dates may vary due to transport availability, costs and schedules; more expensive trips invitations will allocate a payment plan. If non-curriculum trips are over-subscribed, we put names into a ballot, in line with our KLB Trips Policy.

The biggest component of the cost of all trips is usually transport; the price of coaches has increased significantly in recent years.

Duke of Edinburgh - the award runs in the following year groups:

Level	Year Group	Approximate cost 2026/7 (Enrolment & Expedition)	Enrolment Fee	Initial Expedition Deposit
Bronze	9	£240	Sept/Oct	Nov
Silver	10	£330	Oct	Nov
Gold	12	£635 (canoeing) £570 (walking)	Oct	Nov

Residential Trips

Trip	Year Group	Time of Year	Approx cost	Initial deposit requested
History Battlefields Trip	9	July 2027	£585	Sept/Oct 2026
Languages – French Exchange	9 and 10	May 2027 (UK- KLB) June 2027 (KLB to France)	£570	Sept/Oct 2026
Languages – Japanese Exchange (every other year) <i>Next trip 2028</i>	9, 10 and 11	Mar - KLB July 2028 Japan	£2,400	Feb 2027

Languages – Spain Trip	10	May 2027	£750	Sept 2026
Geography Trip – Naples (current Y10)	11	Oct 2027	£900	Oct 2026
Languages – Bergerac Exchange, France - A Level	12	Mar/Apr 2027	£600	Oct 2026
Geography A Level Fieldtrip (Wales)	12	Mar 2027	£350	Nov 2026
Biology A Level Fieldtrip (Swansea)	12	July 2027	£300	Mar 2027
History – Berlin 2028 (every other year) <i>Next trip 2028</i>	12 and 13	Feb 2028	£750	Sept 2027
Art & Photography A level, alternating between Europe and UK (2027 – Europe; 2028 - UK)	12 and 13	Feb 2027	£750 - Europe £420 – UK	Sept 2026
Physics – CERN, Switzerland	13	Dec 2026	£660	May 2026
		Nov/ Dec 2027	£680	Apr/May 2027

Day Trips

Annual day trips change year on year as opportunities arise. Curriculum trips include:

Department /Trip	Year Group	Approximate Costs
RE Sacred Places trip, Bristol	Year 7	Free
RE & History walking trips, Kingswood	Year 7	Free
Geography fieldwork	Years 8, 10 and 11	£15-£35
Curriculum trips for English and Drama	Years 10 and 11	£20-£60
Art trips	Years 10 and 12	£20-£30
RE trip, Cardiff	Year 10	£25
History walking Trip, Bristol	Year 10	£20
Psychology and Sociology trips	Year 12	£20
Careers - SGS Stroud College Taster Days and GCSE Boost	Year 11	Free
Summer Proms	Years 11 and 13	£55-65
Science, Maths and DT STEM trips e.g. to Renishaw, CANSAT	Various	Many of these are free
English, Drama and Music theatre trips	Various	£20-£60
Maths and English Challenge competitions	Various	Free

Activity Days, 14-16 July 2027

We will shortly be organising the programme for this academic year's Activity days. We always aim to provide a wide range of activities and trips from which students can choose. These include options such as, ice skating, bowling, skiing, cinema/Imax, Cattle Country, paintballing, climbing, high ropes, laser fusion, the Cotswold Water Park (Lake 32) and Wild Place. These off-site activities range in price from an £8 local cinema trip to Lake 32 water sports at £60. We will also arrange local walks in year groups as well as free on-site activities across many departments.

Many year 9 students will be on the History Battlefields trip during activities week.

Trip Funding

As a school, we do not have the resources available to subsidise trips, so all our trips must break even. If insufficient numbers of students sign up, we may not be able to run some trips.

Our costs include some staffing cover costs (kept to a minimum) and a small contingency, which will be returned to families if unused. Year 7-11 Students who are on Free School Meals (FSM) are often eligible for a discounted rate. If you think you may meet the criteria for FSM, please contact the school for more information. FSM students are also able to order a school packed lunch and collect these on trip dates. Year 12/13 students in receipt of a Pre-16 Bursary can opt to use some or all this funding towards certain trips.

Compulsory Curriculum Trips

Whilst many of our trips are organised by departments, a few are a compulsory requirement of GCSE and A level specifications. These include fieldwork for geography GCSE and A level, and for biology A level, as well as a theatre and music trips for GCSE Drama and Music students. Other trips offered are optional opportunities.

Numbers of Students

It is not always possible to take all students who apply for a place on a trip. An example of this would be a foreign trip where accommodation or transport is pre-determined. In this situation we follow our trips policy whereby a ballot takes place and then a waiting list held. A place on a trip may be withheld or withdrawn if there are concerns around behaviour. Typically, students on Stage 4 of the behaviour levels are not allowed to attend non-compulsory trips.

We hope you find this information useful.

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