



SCHOOL TRIPS

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Our Approach



Purpose

Our programme of residential trips and excursions offers young people exciting opportunities to explore new environments, experience different cultures, develop independence and engage with real-world learning that brings the curriculum to life.

Whether it's a local excursion, a cultural city break, or an international adventure, these experiences are carefully designed to enrich pupils' understanding, build confidence and create memories that last a lifetime. Educational visits help to deepen subject knowledge, foster teamwork and develop critical life skills.

Our trips cover a wide range of interests and subject areas. Some trips run annually, others on a biannual basis, depending on the nature of the experience and the needs of our learners. Please note that some trips are only available to students enrolled in specific subjects or year groups. Each trip listing clearly indicates who is eligible to attend. The 'Overview of Trips' page details the year group pupils will be in when the trip departs. The trip listing provides details of the year group pupils will be in when the trip is first launched. Furthermore, all trips are subject to change each year due to a variety of factors including availability, staffing, costs and student interest.

We are proud to offer a diverse and evolving range of opportunities that support our commitment to holistic education and personal growth.

Overview of Trips



S1

Premiership Experience

S2

Premiership Experience

Ski Trip - Passo Tonale

S3

Outward Bound Loch Eil

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

InspireSport Football Barcelona

Activities Day

Harry Potter Studios & Alton Towers

New York

S4



Harry Potter Studios & Alton Towers

New York

London

Rome & Sorrento

South of France - Domaine de Segries

Berlin

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Harry Potter Studios & Alton Towers

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Italy - Val di Comino

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Iceland

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Iceland



Gold Duke of Edinburgh



A WORLD OF ADVENTURE
& LEARNING

Premiership Experience



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S1 - S2

Launch Date: October 2025

Departure Date: March 2026

Spaces: 52

Estimated Cost: £279

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Overnight trip

- Travel by coach to Liverpool.
- Overnight accommodation.
- Evening entertainment.
- Tickets to Everton vs Chelsea.
- Stadium tour at Premier League Ground.



Ski Trip - Italy



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S2 (sign up S1)

Launch Date: November 2024

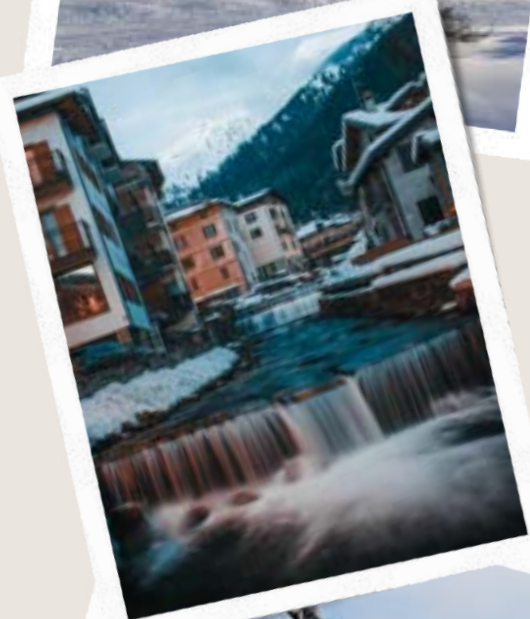
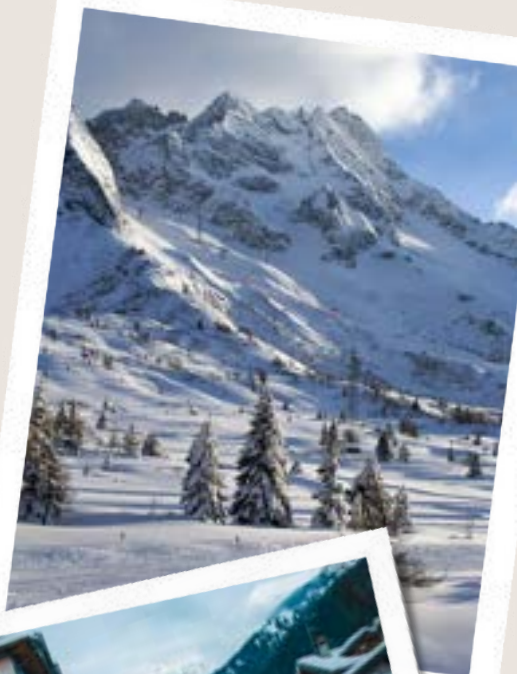
Departure Date: January 2026

Spaces: 72

Estimated Cost: £1300

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights.
- Coach transfer from Milngavie (if not Glasgow Airport).
- Transfers between the overseas airport and our accommodation in Passo Tonale.
- 7 nights full board accommodation.
- 6 day hire of skis, poles, boots and helmet.
- 5 hours ski tuition per day.
- 6 full day lift pass.
- 6 après ski activities (in hotel or in resort).



Outward Bound Loch Eit



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S3

Launch Date: September 2025

Departure Date: April 2026

Spaces: 36

Estimated Cost: £455

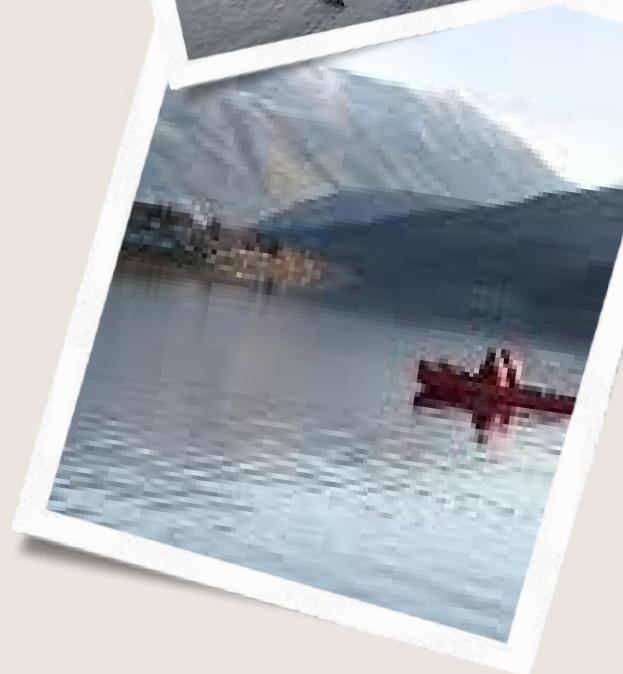
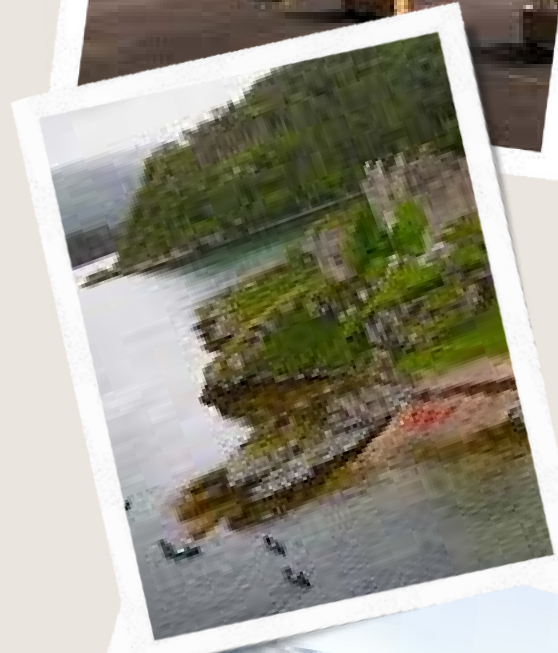
WHAT'S INCLUDED

5 day residential experience where pupils will participate in a number of different outdoor learning activities.

Activities may include:

- Gorge walking;
- Scrambling;
- Canoeing;
- High adventure activities;
- Hill walking;
- An overnight camping expedition.

Successful completion of the course will lead to a L5 Adventure and Challenge Qualification (equivalent to a National 5).



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S3

Launch Date: January 2026

Departure Date: May 2026

Spaces: 84

Estimated Cost: £130

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Pupils achieve the award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections - volunteering, physical, skills and an expedition.
- Pupils are required to take part in one expedition.
- The three-day model includes;
 - a one-day practice walk,
 - followed by a two day/one-night qualifying expedition.



Inspiresport Football Barcelona



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S3 (sign up S1)

Launch Date: May 2025

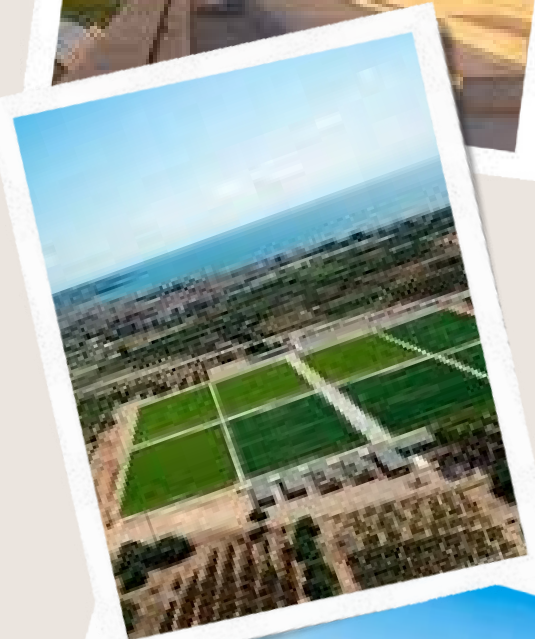
Departure Date: October 2026

Spaces: 30

Estimated Cost: £1033

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights to Spain.
- Return coach to Edinburgh Airport.
- 4 nights full board accommodation in Cambrils Park Sports Village.
- Training sessions in a state of the art Futbol Salou Sports Centre.
- Use of sports & leisure facilities including:
 - 5 a-side football pitch;
 - Swimming pool;
 - Table tennis;
 - Trampolines;
 - Basketball court;
 - Beach volleyball court.
- Behind the scenes tour of FC Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium, including a visit to the official club shop.



Activities Day



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S3

Launch Date: January/February 2026

Departure Date: May 2026

Spaces: 180

Estimated Cost: £20 - £45

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Choice between the activities below:

- Paintballing;
- Go Ape;
- Braehead & XCITE;
- Pinkston Watersports Centre;
- Round of golf at Clober Golf Club.



Harry Potter & Alton Towers



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S3-S6 (sign up S2-S5)

For Students Studying: D&T

Launch Date: March 2025

Departure Date: October 2025

Spaces: 43

Estimated Cost: £380

WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 day trip

- Return coach travel to London.
- 2 nights accommodation.
 - Day 1 – Travel to London via coach.
 - Day 2 – Visit Warner Bros Studios.
 - Day 3 – Visit Alton Towers. Travel by coach back to Glasgow.



New York



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S3 - S6 (sign up S2-S5)

For Students Studying: Dance & Drama

Launch Date: June 2024

Departure Date: October 2025

Spaces: 50

Estimated Cost: £1700

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Day 1 – Flight to NY, visit Times Square & dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner.
- Day 2 – Attend Broadway Dance Centre Workshops, visit Central Park & dinner at Hard Rock Café.
- Day 3 – NY Ride Tour, visit the High Line & Grand Central Station, dinner at Harlem Shake & visit the Apollo Theatre.
- Day 4 – Tour the Alvin Ailey Studios & attend a Dance Workshop, visit 9/11 Memorial & Brooklyn Bridge, dinner at an Italian on Times Square.
- Day 5 – Visit the Rockefeller Centre & flight to Edinburgh.
- Day 6 – Travel from Edinburgh Airport to Douglas Academy via coach.



London



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S4 (sign up S3)

For Students Studying: History & Modern Studies

Launch Date: December 2024

Departure Date: September 2025

Spaces: 40

Estimated Cost: £570

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return travel to London via coach.
- 3 nights accommodation.
 - Day 1 – Depart Douglas Academy to London, visit the London Eye.
 - Day 2 – Visit the Imperial War Museum, London Dungeons and see Hamilton at the theatre.
 - Day 3 – Visit Parliament, River Thames Cruise and see Wicked at the theatre.
 - Day 4 – Visit the Natural History Museum and travel back to Milngavie.



Rome & Sorrento



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S4 & S6 (sign up S3 & S5)

For Students Studying: Italian

Launch Date: September 2025

Departure Date: June 2026

Spaces: 40

Estimated Cost: £1250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Glasgow to Italy.
- Bus transfers whilst in Italy.
- 3 nights half board in Rome with evening meals at local restaurants.
- Excursions whilst in Rome (to include the Spanish Steps, the Trevi fountain, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and St Peters Basilica).
- Visit the Montecassino Abbey.
- 3 nights half board in the Sorrento area.
- Excursions whilst in Sorrento (to include Pompeii, Herculaneum & Amalfi).



South of France Domaine de Segries



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S4-S6 (sign up S3-S5)

For Students Studying: PE

Launch Date: August 2025

Departure Date: June 2026

Spaces: 40

Estimated Cost: £1050

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transport by bus to the Water Sports Centre Domaine de Segries.
- 5 nights full board accommodation at the centre in the Cabin Village.
- All water sports and activities on site including:
 - Canyoning;
 - Treetop high ropes course;
 - Swimming;
 - A canoe descent of the Ardèche river.



Berlin



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S4-S6 (Sign up S3-S5)

For Students Studying: Business

Launch Date: August 2025

Departure Date: September 2026

Spaces: 30

Estimated Cost: £965

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Edinburgh.
- Half board accommodation.
- General sightseeing (Brandenburg gate, Reichstag, Berlin wall).
- 2 Coach Excursions to Wolfsburg.
- Day Ticket to Autostadt.
- 75 Minute Workshop at Ritter Sport - Chocolate Workshop.
- Visit the Ritter Sport Chocopath.
- 1 Hour Cruise on the River Spree.
- Visit Berlin Dungeons.
- Visit Center Potsdamer Platz.



Italy - Val di Comino



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S5 (sign up S3)

For Students Studying: HFT

Launch Date: April 2025

Departure Date: June 2026

Spaces: 45

Estimated Cost: £1050

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Edinburgh to Rome or Naples.
- Airport Transfers.
- 4 nights accommodation including breakfast, lunch and evening meals.
- **Activities include:**
 - Day trip to Rome;
 - Pizza making class;
 - A beekeeping adventure with honey making;
 - Visit Cheese Maker;
 - Visit Montecassino Abbey;
 - Visit the Extra Virgin Olive Oil Factory;
 - Italian language class with food & cooking in a vineyard;
 - A culinary class;
 - A pastry making class;
 - Pasta lab & Sugo;
 - Bowling.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S5 (sign up S4)

Launch Date: March 2026

Departure Date: September 2026

Spaces: 56

Estimated Cost: £255

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Pupils achieve the award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections - volunteering, physical, skills and expeditions.
- Pupils will take part in two expeditions:
 - A two night, three-day practice expedition.
 - Followed by a two night, three-day qualifying expedition.



Iceland



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S5 & S6 (sign up in S3 & S4)

For Students Studying: Geography

Launch Date: October 2025

Departure Date: June 2027

Spaces: 40

Estimated Cost: £1300

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Glasgow airport.
- 4 nights full board accommodation.
- Transport within Iceland.
- **Activities include:**
 - Visit the town of Keflavík;
 - Visit the Reykjanes peninsula;
 - Visit the town of Hveragerði;
 - Visit the Seljalandsfoss & Skógafoss waterfalls;
 - Walk to the Sólheimajökull glacier;
 - Views of the Dyrhólaey peninsula;
 - Visit Reynishverfi beach;
 - Return ferry from Landeyjahöfn to Westman Islands;
 - Island tour of Heimaey;
 - Visit the Gullfoss waterfall & Geysir;
 - Visit the Efsti-Dalur dairy farm, restaurant & coffee shop;
 - Visit Thingvellir National Park.



Duke of Edinburgh Gold



OVERVIEW

Year Group: S6 (sign up in S5)

Launch Date: March 2026

Departure Date: Summer Holidays 2026

Spaces: 12

Estimated Cost: £325

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Pupils achieve the award by completing a personal programme of activities in five sections - volunteering, physical, skills, expeditions & residential.
- Pupils will take part in two expeditions:
 - A two night, three-day practice expedition;
 - Followed by a three night, four-day qualifying expedition.
- Pupils will also organise a residential activity.

