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Dear Parents and Carers

Trips and Visits 2023-25

I write regarding our trips and visits programme.

There are many benefits to school trips and visits, including bringing learning to life and igniting a student's passion for the subject. In addition, research shows that trips and visits can develop self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-belief. Trips give young people the chance to experience new cultures, respect differences, and develop new friendships with their peers, thus broadening their horizons and knowledge of the world. Trips have long lasting benefits and many children remember their favourite exhibit, visit or destination with fond memories, years after they have left school.

At Chipping Norton School, we are proud of the wide range of trips and visits that we offer, from short day trips to our 10-day German exchange. I wanted to let you know about some of the trips and visits that we are planning to offer for the academic years 2023-25, including information on which year group is eligible, approximate cost and how frequently the trip usually runs. I have by no means included all of the trips that will be taking place here – just the more expensive trips, so that you are aware of what might be coming up and the approximate cost.

Trip	Year group	Time of year	Approximate cost*	Frequency of this trip
Art trip abroad (recent destinations include Florence and Rome but this can vary)	10-13	October	£600	Every year
Sports tour	10-11	October	£650 - £2000 (depending on destination)	Every 2 years, next trip not until 2024-5
A Level Biology field trip	13	October	£300	Every year
A Level Geography field trip	13	November	£520	Every year
Christmas Markets, Germany	9-12	December	£350	Every year
Ski trip	8-10	Easter holidays	£1400	Every year
History Battlefields trip, Belgium	10-13	March	£300	Every 2 years, next trip not until 2024-5
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh	9	May/June	£90	Every year

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Silver Duke of Edinburgh	10	May/June	£140	Every year
French and History trip to Normandy, France	8-10	June	£420	Every year
German Exchange	8-12	July	£500	Every year
Gold Duke of Edinburgh	12	July	£750	Every year

* Please note that the cost shown here is only an approximate estimation, based on how much these trips cost previously. The cost shown is just to give you an idea of the sort of price you would have to pay.

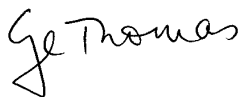
We provide financial support for students in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant and this will be stated in individual trip letters. For some trips, parents and carers are invited to contact Mrs De Bruyn (idebruyn@chippingnortonschool.org) to discuss a subsidy to help with the cost of the trip, which may be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on how many families apply. In addition, payment schedules to further support affordability can be arranged. You can find out if you are eligible for free school meals by following [this link](#).

The CNS Trust Fund is an additional form of support for students who wish to take advantage of activities (in or out of school) that will enrich their lives. Students need to complete a simple application form, which includes a supporting statement from a member of staff. Application forms can be obtained by emailing Mrs Robinson on mrobinson@chippingnortonschool.org.

We will also be running many other shorter day trips this year but the cost for these will usually be less than £50.00. You will receive a letter about each individual trip when it is launched by the trip leader, which will be at different points across the school year.

If you have any questions about trips and visits, do not hesitate to contact me on gthomas@chippingnortonschool.org.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs G. Thomas
Educational Visits Coordinator