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Dear Parents and Carers

Trips and Visits 2025-27

I am writing to give you some information about the trips and visits programme at Chipping Norton School.

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. They 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 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 2025-27, 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 and visits 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, Rome, Paris and Amsterdam)	11-13	October	£750	Every one to two years - next trip is October 2026 to Paris
Sports tour	10-11	October	£750 - £2000 (depending on destination)	Every two years, next trip October 2026 to Malta
A Level Biology field trip	13	October	£400	Every year
A Level Geography field trip	12	March	£400	Every year
Christmas Markets, Germany	9-12	December	£450	Every year
Ski trip	8-10	Easter holidays	£1500	Every year

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Bronze Duke of	9	May/June	£100	Every year
Edinburgh				
Silver Duke of Edinburgh	10	May/June	£150	Every year
French and History trip	8-10	June	£450	Every two years –
to Normandy, France				next trip June
				2027
German Exchange	8-12	July	£620	Every year
Gold Duke of Edinburgh	12	July	£700	Every year

^{*} Please note that the cost shown here is only an approximate estimation, based on how much these trips have 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 Armistead (yarmistead@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 the headteacher's PA on office@chippingnortonschool.org.

We will also be running other shorter day trips this year, including theatre trips and international sports matches, 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.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs G. Thomas

Educational Visits Coordinator

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