

July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Spotlight on Trips

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

Curriculum trips are organised by departments and are spread across the year to minimise disruption to the running of a normal school day. Additionally, we run an Activities Week 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 at the end of their internal exam week.

We have a trip administrator who assists staff organising the trip, ensuring they run as smoothly as possible and that parents are kept informed.

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 table below shows a schedule for the larger residential trips we run, with approximate timings and costs, though these do change year by year. All residential trips are dependent on viable student numbers to run; pricing and dates can vary due to transport costs and schedules.

Residential Trips

Trip	Year Group	Time of Year	Approximate cost	Initial deposit
Languages – French Exchange	Years 9 & 10	May/June	£550	October
Languages – Spain	Years 10 & 12	May	£700	September
Languages – Japanese Exchange (every other year) Is organised for 2026.	Years 9, 10 & 11	March/July	£2,400	Already paid
Languages – Pau, France - A Level	Year 12	April	£600	October
History Battlefields Trip	Year 9	July	£500	October

History – Berlin (every other year) will take place in Feb 2026	Years 12 & 13	February	£680	September
Geography A Level Fieldtrip	Year 12	March	£350	October
Biology A Level Fieldtrip	Year 12	July	£280	March
Art & Photography A level, one year abroad, following year UK, 2026 is St Ives in Cornwall	Years 12 & 13	February	£350	September
Physics – Cern, Switzerland	Year 13	November	£580	Already paid for this year, March for the following academic year

Day Trips

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

Department /Trip	Year Group	Approximate Costs
Geography fieldwork	Years 8, 10 & 11	£20-£30
English, Drama and Music theatre trips	All year groups	£20-£50
Curriculum trips for English and Drama	Years 10 & 11	£20-£50
Art gallery trips	Years 10 & 12	£20-£30
RE trip	Year 10	£15
RE Sacred Places trip	Year 7	Free
History walking Trip Bristol for year 10	Year 10	£15-£20
Science, Maths & DT STEM trips e.g. to Renishaw	Various	Many of these are free
Psychology & Sociology trips	Year 12	£20-£30
Maths Challenge competitions	Various	Free
Careers - SGS College trip	Year 11	Free
Summer Proms	Years 11 & 13	£45-£55

Activities Week, Monday 6 – Friday 10 July 2026

We are currently organising the programme for next year's Activities Week. It was popular both this year and last year. We provide a wide range of activities and trips from which students can choose. These include local walks, ice skating, bowling, the cinema, Cattle Country, Paintballing, Climbing, Laser Fusion, the Cotswold Water Park (Lake 32) as well as onsite activities across many departments. Trips run at different costs; this year's trips ranged from a £7 cinema trip to Lake 32 at £55. Onsite activities are free.

Many year 9 students joined the History Battlefields trip during activities week.

Next year, as part of the week, we are planning an overnight camp for year 8; details will follow in the autumn.

Duke of Edinburgh

The school runs an extensive Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. We use an external provider for the expeditions. The award runs in the following year groups.

Level	Year Group	Approximate Cost	Initial Deposit
Bronze	9	£195	November
Silver	10	£295	November
Gold	12	£570 (canoeing) £410 (walking)	November

Trip Funding

As with all schools, trips must break even. As a school, we do not have the resources available to subsidise trips. This means, if insufficient numbers of students sign up, we may not be able to run the trip. Our costs include some staffing costs (kept to a minimum) and a small contingency, which is returned to families if unused. 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 on trip dates.

We hope you find this information useful.

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