

March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

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 trips are organised by departments and spread across the year to minimise disruption to the running of a normal school day. We have a trip administrator who assists the staff with organising the trips, ensuring they run as smoothly as possible and that parents are kept informed.

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 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 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, and pricing and dates can vary due to transport costs and schedules. If trips are over-subscribed, we will put names into a ballot in line with our KLB Trips Policy.

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

Residential Trips

Trip	Year Group	Time of Year	Approximate cost	Initial deposit
Languages – French Exchange	9 & 10	May - KLB June – France	£550	October
Languages – Spain	10 & 12	May	£750	September
Languages – Japanese Exchange (every other year) <i>Next trip 2028.</i>	9, 10 & 11	March - KLB July – Japan	£2,400	February (previous year)
Languages – Pau, France A Level	12 & 13	April	£600	October

History Battlefields Trip	9	July	£550	September /October
History – Berlin (every other year) <i>Next trip 2028.</i>	12 & 13	February	£700	September
Geography A Level Fieldtrip	12	March	£350	October
Biology A Level Fieldtrip	12	July	£300	March
Art & Photography A level, alternating between Europe & UK (2027 – Europe)	Years 12 & 13	February	£500 - Europe £320 - UK	September
Physics – CERN, Switzerland	Year 13	November	£600	March /April

Day Trips

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

Department /Trip	Year Group	Approximate Costs
Geography fieldwork	Years 8, 10 & 11	£30-£40
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, Cardiff	Year 10	£25
RE Sacred Places trip, Bristol	Year 7	Free
History walking Trip, Bristol	Year 10	£20
Science, Maths & DT STEM trips e.g. to Renishaw, CANSAT	Various	Many of these are free
Psychology & Sociology trips	Year 12	£15-20
Maths and English Challenge competitions	Various	Free
Careers - SGS College trip & GCSE Boost	Year 11	Free
Summer Proms	Years 11 & 13	£55-65

Activities Week, July 2026

We are currently organising the programme for this year's Activities Week. The week has proved popular over past years. We aim to 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, which this year will range from £8 for the cinema trip to Lake 32 at £60. Additional onsite activities are free.

Many year 9 students will be on the History Battlefields trip during activities week; other students will be in Japan.

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	£200	November
Silver	10	£290	November
Gold	12	£590 (canoeing) £530 (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, 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.

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 biology A Level, as well as a theatre trip for GCSE drama. Other trips offered are optional opportunities.

Numbers of Students

Whilst we will always try to accommodate the number of students who apply for a trip, it is not always possible to take all students. 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.

Best wishes

Ed Thomas



Deputy Headteacher

Antonia Clausen

Trips Administrator