

College Visits and Trip Guidelines for Parents and Students 2025-26

Student participation in educational visits and trips forms an integral part of a student's experience of the taught curriculum and opportunities to enhance cultural, sporting and educational activities during their time at Wyvern.

We expect exemplary behaviour whilst on trips and visits or at any time when representing Wyvern College.

All of our Pride and Respect behaviours are maintained whilst students are on any type of study visit or trip. 'PRIDE and RESPECT' expectations will be made clear to students at the start of each visit to ensure a safe and pleasant visit for all.

Selection

There are trips and visits which are integral to the taught curriculum which all students need to attend in order to successfully complete their studies. These are students' entitlement: all students are offered the opportunity to attend these visits providing their in-college behaviour meets our expectations.

There are other trips and visits which enrich the taught curriculum but which students do not have to do in order to complete work, assessments and exams. Students do not need to attend these to fully understand the learning objectives of the planned curriculum/lessons. These are examples of enrichment, rather than entitlement, in the same way that extra-curricular clubs, teams and performances are. Sometimes these are over-subscribed and we have to make the decision about whether we increase the number of spaces or not.

We also have the new Praise and reward trips which are offered to students who meet specific, published criteria across a specified period of time.

The number of places on trips is sometimes limited by the capacity at venues and or the logistical and staffing capacity of the College to run the trip.

In the event of a trip being oversubscribed, selection will be made using the following criteria:

- Consideration of a student's behaviour and attendance. For example, students who are repeatedly truanting from lessons or failing to follow instructions in College, may not be deemed suitable for inclusion on certain visits or trips.
- The number of educational visits that students have already attended- consideration will be given to those who have attended fewest (across each Key stage separately)
- Money owed to the College. Students will not be eligible until all monies owed are paid (exclusive of trip in question)
- Names out of a hat- this will be the final selection criteria

In the event your child is unsuccessful they will be placed on a waiting list and will be offered a place in strict numeric order if places become available

Consideration of trip applications will be made by carefully considering the criteria above and will involve a wide range of staff and take into account the particular circumstances relevant to the trip in question.

Year ahead

In response to parental feedback we are outlining here the proposed educational visits that are currently being planned to take place during the next school year 2025-26

This is to allow you and your children to be able to select carefully visits that will be most applicable to your children's interests and courses and allow you to budget for likely expenditure across the year, if your child chose to apply and was successful. Prices in the grid are used as a guide only and based on previous trips.

At this stage of the year this is only an expected guide as **we cannot guarantee that all these visits will run or at the times indicated.** Many elements of planning are involved in organising an educational visit which can be subject to change.

Like other schools, Wyvern has experienced a significant cut to its funding this year. As such, making difficult decisions about what it can afford to run and in every area of college life, how costs can be minimised. This will have an impact on number, range and size of the extracurricular activities, trips and visits. Where we are able, we will continue with the core elements of our trip and visit programme, but college leaders will need to regularly review the published programme. The table below shows the proposed visits for the year ahead, but the constraints of running the College on a day-to-day basis will continue to be felt this year and has the potential to affect some of this trip and visit programme. We are determined however, to work hard to avoid this wherever possible but felt that it is important to be transparent with you regarding the situation we are all facing.

We hope you find this guide helpful and informative, and we look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Proposed and provisional Educational Visits 2025-26 (2024/25 prices listed)

Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7		Globe Theatre and Tate Gallery - English £28.00	Rivers-Geography £5.50 Black Country Museum- History £50.00 KS3 Praise trip £32
Year 8		Marwell- Geography £15.00 Fort Nelson –History £19.00	Germany -MFL £550 (already signed up) KS3 Praise trip £32
Year 9			Parliament and Supreme Court- Citizenship – £30.00

	DofE Walks - £150.00 for the year	DofE Walks	(Citizenship students only) Portsmouth and Southsea - Geography £33.00 Battlefields - History £410.00 DofE Walks & Camps KS4 Praise Trip £32
Year 10	DofE Walks - £150.00 for the year	DofE Walks	Battlefields - History £410.00 Swanage – Geography £21.00 DofE Walks & Camps KS4 Praise Trip £32
Year 11	Whiteley- Geography £13.00	Poetry live- English £35.00	

There are other trips that may be planned but with no specified timing yet: eg Theatre and Music events, or trips specifically for certain courses or classes.