



Parents Trip Policy

Ethos and Rationale:

Pate's recognises that pupils derive immense educational benefit by taking part in off-site visits which provide essential learning opportunities from first hand experiences. Such trips can not only develop pupil understanding in a real world context but can enhance the development of personal and social skills. The knowledge and experience gained beyond the classroom can consolidate and extend the taught curriculum within it. We classify our trips into two categories 'Core Curriculum Trips' and 'Enrichment Trips'. Further details about the differences between these two can be found below.

Practicalities:

Details of trips that we are offering as a school are always emailed to parents and students to minimise the need for hard copies. *Please note; all trips will depart from school and arrive back at school.*

However, should you require a hard copy, please contact our Trips Administrator Felicity Harrison at fharrison@patesgs.org

Trips Within The UK – Non Residential

- All students who wish to take part require the following;
 - Payment to be made via 'School Gateway' to secure place/ticket especially where limited places/tickets are available.
 - Parental consent on line via 'School Gateway'.
 - Contact and Student medical details to be checked on line via 'School Gateway'

Residential Trips/UK and Abroad

- All students who wish to take part are required to complete the following which will be available once the trip has been launched and sent to parents;
 - Payment via 'School Gateway' to secure place/ticket.
 - Details Form, consent is given as part of this form.
 - Passport Information sheet where required. (sent after launch to relevant students)
 - Code of Conduct Form (sent 2 weeks before trip to relevant students)

Over-Subscription

- We will always ensure that trips that are a 'Core Curriculum Trip' can accommodate every pupil in the year group who wishes to attend.
- However, for practical and health and safety reasons it is sometimes NOT always possible for every pupil to attend every 'Enrichment Trip' that is offered – it would be impractical and unsafe for example to take 150 students year 7 students to France each year.

- In the above circumstances, to ensure equality for all, a 'names out of a hat' approach (once the closing date has passed) will be taken. Students will NOT be allocated places on a 'first come, first served basis'.
- Students who apply but miss out on (for example) the year 7 French trip WILL be prioritised (although not guaranteed a place) for the year 8 German trip. All students are guaranteed a Language trip in KS3 (Year 7 French Trip, Year 8 German Trip or Year 9 German Exchange)
- Ski Trips can also be oversubscribed and again priority is given to those students who have applied previously but who have been unsuccessful in earlier years.
- No 'cross departmental' priority system is operated, only for similar trips within departments.

We make no guarantee that trips previously run will run each year, however for information a list of trips offered is attached.

Please do contact us if you have any questions or queries.

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Regular Trips in a normal year are listed below. Other trips are added throughout the year.

Approx DATE	Guideline of possible EVENT	YEAR	ORGANISER	Approx Cost
Sept 2020	Yr10 Art Trip to National Portrait Gallery	10	Art	£23.00
Dec 2020	Panto	7	Head of Year	£26.00
Dec 2020	Varsity – Rugby Trip to Twickenham	7	PE	£25.00
Jan 2021	Physics A Level Live	12	Physics	£35.00
Feb 2021	Chemistry A Level Live	12	Chemistry	£35.00
Feb 2022	SKI 2021	8,9,10	PE	£870.00
March 2021	Drama/Theatre Trip	10,11	Drama	£30.00
March 2021	Yr10 Malaga	10	Languages	£570.00
May 2021	Yr10 Trip to Cadbury World	10	Business Studies	£28.00
May 2021	Yr10 Geography Trip to North Wales	10	Geography	£250.00
May 2021	Yr8 German Trip	8	Languages	£365.00
June 2021	Wimbledon	11	PE	£57.00
June 2021 OED	Yr8 Camp (Compulsory Trip)	8	CCF	£145.00
July 2022	Yr11 South Africa Girls or Boys Trip (alternate years)	11	PE	£2,300.00
Mar 2021/May 2021	Annecy Exchange	9/10	Languages	£255.00
Oct 2020/Feb 2021	German Exchange	9/10	Languages	£300.00
July 2021	Yr7 Drayton Manor	7	Head of Year	£26.00
Sept 2021	Yr13 Geography Residential Trip	13	Geography	£400.00