

Hydesville Tower School's 3-year plan for Trips and Visits

Trips and visits form an important part of a child's educational experience, allowing the opportunity to take learning and character development in to real situations and localities. We aim to have all our day visits indicated in our termly calendar and with letters to parents in advance, detailing the nature of the trip and the associated costs if parents wish their child to attend. The Heads of School consider carefully the balance of trips in any term, ensuring the educational gains are balanced out by extent of time out of school and costs to parents.

Residential trips serve a similar purpose to the day trips but by their very nature, provide increased scope for independence, team-building and resilience. Appreciating the costs that are associated with these bigger experiences, we want to provide our 3 year plan so parents can consider what is ahead and budget accordingly. Each year, we will update this plan to enable a continuing sense of the opportunities on offer.

The Prep School has a clear, repeating structure of residential options for each year group from Year 2 upwards. Each trip builds on what happened previously and recognises the increasing age and capability of the children. The prices shown are indicative at this stage, and some locations may change as new opportunities arise:

Year 2 – School Hall with a late night film followed by breakfast and a Saturday morning cinema trip (1 night, cost approximately £20)

Years 3 and 4 together – alternating at Frank Chapman Centre one year, and Edmond Hall the next. (2 nights, £170)

Year 5 – Bushcraft (3 nights, £200)

Year 6 – Beaudesert (4 nights camping, £260 as a part of the Hydesville Challenge package)

The Senior School will have a more varied content as differing purposes of trips arise. The itinerary being planned is on the premise that if a child were to attend all the residential trips during their time at school, they would gain a blend of UK and overseas experiences. The prices shown are indicative at this stage:

Year 7: Beaudesert – **October 2019** – a team-building and friendship-forming trip, designed to provide challenges and problem-solving opportunities (2 nights catered, £110)

Years 7 – 11: Paris – **July 2020** – travel by coach to enjoy the beauty of France's capital city, with a river cruise, sight-seeing, and visits to Montparnasse Tower, Parc Asterix, Disneyland Paris and Musee du Chocolat (3 nights, £565)

Years 7 – 11 (children currently in Years 6 – 10): Brazil – **April 2021** – fly to Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo for our inaugural Latin America sports tour, being billeted by families from our sister Cognita schools and experiencing the sights, sounds and lifestyle of South America (14 nights, £1900)

Years 7 – 10 (children currently in Years 5 – 8): UK Adventure Week – **June 2022** – a chance to enjoy the great outdoors, with walking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, cycling, shelter building and coastering (5 nights, £500)

I trust you will be excited by what the future vision for Hydesville's trips and residential visits promises. We hope that the early warning will enable suitable planning to occur for these trips to be committed to, and for the children to gain the most possible from what will be on offer.

Yours sincerely



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