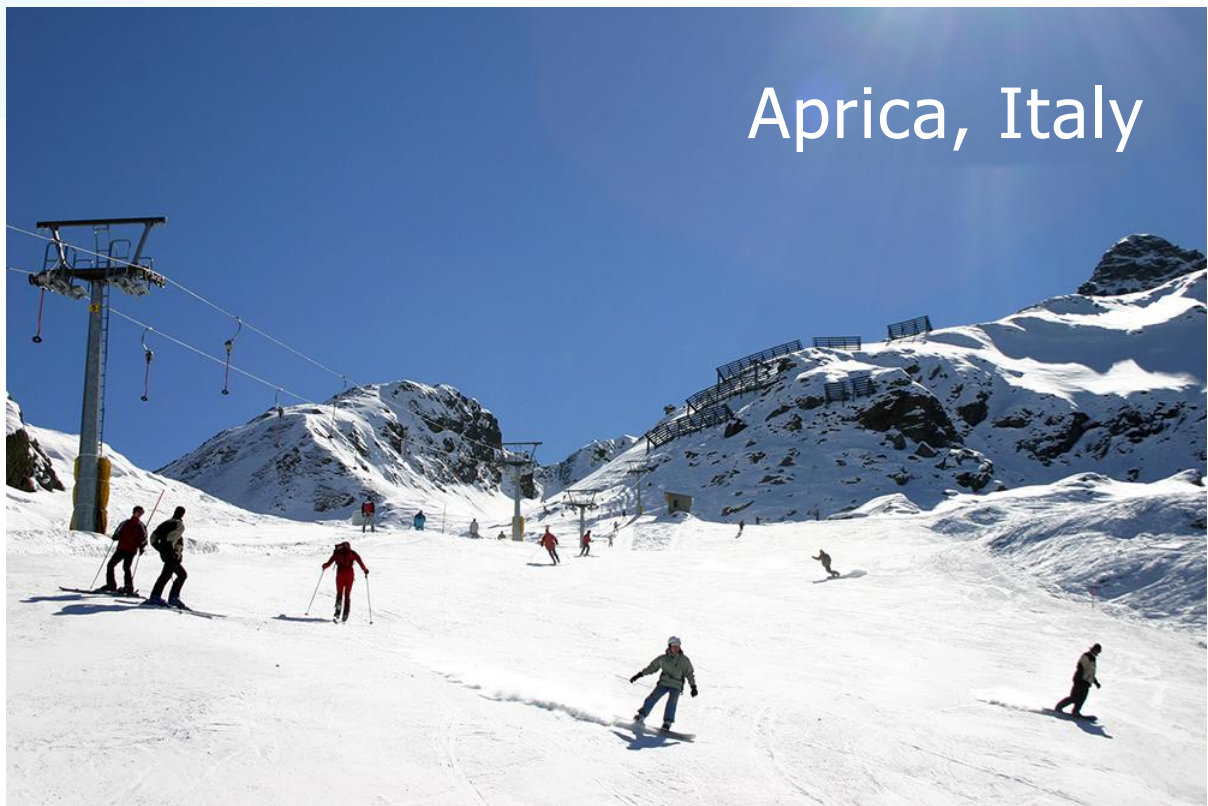


# Educational Visits

2025/ 2026



Resilience - Respect - Aspiration



# EYFS

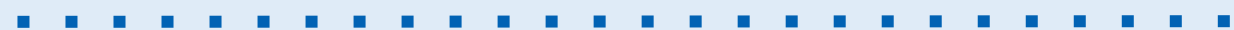


## Hatching Experience

(Month)

**Approximate Cost: Free**

During the 10-day experience the EYFS children will be able to watch the duck eggs hatch and the ducklings grow. When the eggs arrive, we learn all about how to keep them safe in their eggs and watch the eggs begin to hatch. Then once they have hatched we learn how to take care of the ducklings. We get to see how quickly they grow and change and take the ducklings for their very first swim!



## Woburn Safari Park

June

**Approximate Cost: £22.50**

During our visit to Woburn Safari Park, the children have a guided road tour of the safari park with one of the zoo keepers, learning lots of amazing facts and seeing a range of different animals. After this we take part in a learning workshop called 'All about animals' which allows the children to learn what the animals in the safari park eat and how they are cared for. Finally, we have an opportunity to explore the foot safari at the park seeing more amazing animals up close.



# Year 1



## The Castle Theatre – Wellingborough

February

**Approximate Cost: £17.50**

Our Year 1 children will visit The Castle Theatre in Wellingborough to enjoy a live performance of The Tiger Who Came to Tea. This exciting theatre experience will bring the much-loved story to life, inspiring imagination, developing listening skills, and enriching our English and storytelling curriculum.



# Year 2



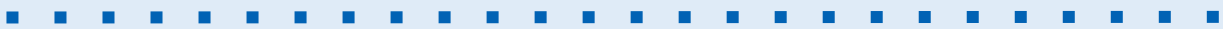
## Bucks County Museum

February

Approximate Cost: £24.00



In February, Year 2 travel to the Bucks County Museum. The Roald Dahl Gallery at the museum gives the children an opportunity to experience the magic of Roald Dahl and his books. The gallery provides the children with hands-on activities to see the world as Roald Dahl did, from giant peaches to shrinking machines. The children make their own dream jar and learn more about Roald Dahl's life.



# Year 3

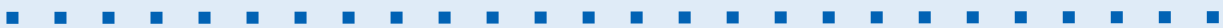


## Irchester Country Park

September

Approximate Cost: £19.00

Irchester Country Park is the setting for an enriching day of learning about the Stone Age. The children will forage for and identify natural resources and learn about their uses in this period. They will then take part in exciting activities, including archery, den building, clay ball making, and fire lighting.



## Benham Centre

November

Approximate Cost: £19.00

The Benham Centre, in Moulton, is home to Northamptonshire Trampoline Gymnastics Academy. We are very lucky that this friendly team extend an invitation to our Year 3 classes each year to participate in a day of new skills and physical pursuits. Trampolining, diabolo, juggling, stilts, and archery.



## Duston Wildes Quarry

May/June

Approximate Cost: Free

The final trip in Year 3 consists of a walk down to our local quarry. The children will put their knowledge of rocks to good use, participating in practical, real-world experiments. They will observe, sketch, hunt for clues, and learn about the history of the quarry and surrounding areas.

# Year 4

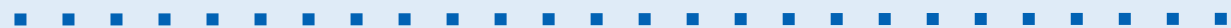


## Residential – Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre

**April**

**Approximate Cost: £140.00**

Year 4 children have the opportunity to experience their first school residential when they visit Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre for two nights. Students engage in outdoor activities such as den building, fire lighting, and orienteering and have the opportunity to study the plants and wildlife on walks to the local woodland.



# Year 5

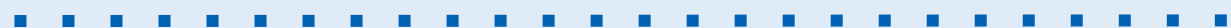


## Black Country Living Museum

**June**

**Approximate Cost: £22.00**

The Black Country Living Museum is an open-air museum in Dudley. It contains over 250 years of history from the Industrial Revolution to post-war prosperity. The visit will focus primarily on the coal mining industry during the Victorian time period. This visit enhances our work in history on the study of the Industrial Revolution and the impact this had, and continues to have, on people living in Britain. The children will have an opportunity to 'step back in time' and see how people at the time lived, worked and spent their leisure time. A particular highlight is an underground tour of a coal mine where the pupils will experience the harsh working conditions.



## Local Area Walk

**July**

**Approximate Cost: Free**

Children will have the opportunity to undertake some geography fieldwork on this visit to the local village of Duston. Prior to the visit, the children will research some of the issues faced by the residents of Duston. On the visit, they will carry out surveys and make observations to gather evidence to support or refute their theories. They will draw sketch maps and gather both quantitative and qualitative data. This information can then be used back in the classroom to write letters to our local council informing them of our findings.

# Year 5 & 6

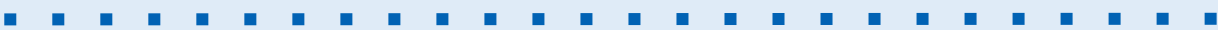


## Young Voices – Birmingham Arena

January

**Approximate Cost: £30**

We will be taking around 30 pupils to take part in Young Voices, a huge, arena-scale performance which combines an 8,000 strong children's choir with professional artists, musicians and dancers. Pupils will rehearse after school during the Autumn Term and take part in the Christmas Concert.



# Year 6



## Isle of Wight Residential

June/July

**Approximate Cost: £490.00 – 4 nights, 5 days**

During the summer term, Year 6 have the exciting opportunity to attend a residential experience in Sandown on the Isle of Wight. The aim of the residential is to provide an end-of-year, end-of-primary-phase educational experience with lasting memories for our Year 6 children. Excursions include HMS Victory Tour, Osborne House, Dinosaur Isle Museum, Carisbrooke Castle, Alum Bay, Needles Pleasure Cruise, Amazon World, Tapnell Farm Aqua Park and Monkey Haven.



# Year 7-13

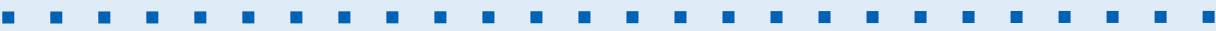


## Christmas Carols at Affinity Day Care

**December**

**Approximate Cost: Free**

Members of the TDS Choir will walk down to the village and sing Christmas-themed songs for the residents of Affinity Day Care, based at St Luke's Centre. After performing, there will be opportunities to talk with the residents and staff over tea and a biscuit, before heading back to school.



# Year 7

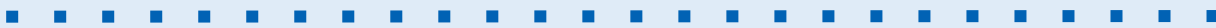


## STEAM Northants

**(Month)**

**Approximate Cost: Free**

Each year, Year 7 pupils attend the inspiring STEAM Northants Exhibition at the University of Northampton. With over 70 exhibitors, hands-on workshops, and interactive displays, students explore careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths—developing curiosity, creativity, and confidence through real-world learning experiences that ignite ambition for their future pathways.



## Warwick Castle

**April**

**Approximate Cost: £20.00**

Warwick Castle is one of the best-preserved and historically significant castles in the country. With over 1,100 years of history, the castle has stood as a fortress, royal residence, and symbol of English heritage since its foundation by William the Conqueror in 1068. Pupils will visit the castle within the normal hours of the school day.

# Year 8



## Twycross Zoo

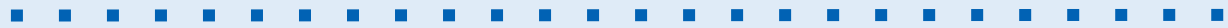
June

**Approximate Cost: £25.00**



In order to support pupils' cultural experiences and their KS3 Science curriculum, Year 8 will be heading to Twycross Zoo. This is an exciting opportunity for pupils to experience learning about animals and their habitats, seeing how different animals interact with each other and an opportunity for pupils to practise observation and research skills. Students will also look at the following scientific questions to help support the science curriculum:

- How are animals adapted to survive in their habitat?
- How are species classified?
- How do zoos contribute to maintaining biodiversity?



# Year 9



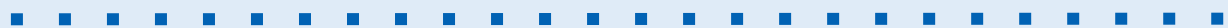
## Bletchley Park – Milton Keynes

June

**Approximate Cost: £25.00**



How Maths helped bring World War II to an end. Students will learn about the life of Alan Turing, life at Bletchley, and the multicultural team of codebreakers who helped bring the Second World War to an end. Students will have time to walk the exhibits, the mansion, and see the authentic Enigma machines. Students will also have a lesson, led by the Bletchley team, on modern-day codebreaking and password security.



## Pathfinders Programme – Lincoln College, Oxford & University of Lincoln (Years 9–11)

March

**Approximate Cost:** Free (covered by the Pathfinders programme)

This inspiring trip gives students the chance to experience university life through a range of interactive workshops, which may include medical simulations, live TV studio broadcasting, or careers guidance. Targeted at our Pupil Premium students, Pathfinders is part of the universities' commitment to recruiting talented young people from all backgrounds and encouraging applications from those under-represented in higher education. The programme raises aspirations and supports students to think ambitiously about their future.

# Year 10 & 11



## GCSE Geography Coursework Trip

**April**

**Approximate Cost: £?**

We're excited to share the plans for the upcoming GCSE Geography coursework trip, which promises to be both educational and enjoyable. The trip will include:

- A day exploring the stunning landscapes of the Peak District
  - An overnight stay at a welcoming Youth Hostel in the heart of the Peak District
  - A day discovering the dynamic urban environment of Birmingham City Centre
- Students will collect river data in Edale and investigate urban environmental quality in Birmingham—valuable experiences for coursework and real-world geography.

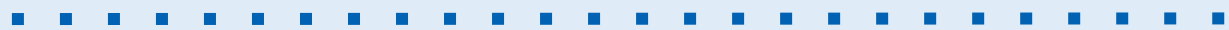


## GCSE Film and Media – Sky Academy Studios

**November**

**Approximate Cost: £24.00**

A trip to Sky Academy Studios offers film and media students a hands-on experience in television production. After touring the Sky News and Sky Sports studios, students plan, film, and edit their own news segment, taking on real broadcast roles such as reporters, directors, and camera operators, gaining valuable teamwork and media production skills.



## London Art Galleries

**October**

**Approximate Cost: £30**

This is a one-day trip open to all KS4 and KS5 art and design students to visit one of the London art galleries via coach directly from The Duston School. It is an exciting opportunity offering firsthand experience of live artworks. This enriching trip enhances visual analysis, deepens cultural understanding, and inspires creativity. Viewing original art supports curriculum learning and encourages personal responses beyond classroom-based study.

# Sixth Form

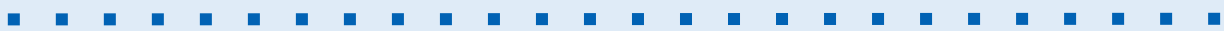


## A Level Geography – Regeneration NEA

**March**

**Approximate Cost: Free**

This free local field trip to Duston Village and Limehurst Square supports the Edexcel A-level NEA. Students will investigate urban landscape changes and regeneration, practice data collection techniques, explore sampling strategies, and gain insight into potential NEA topics.

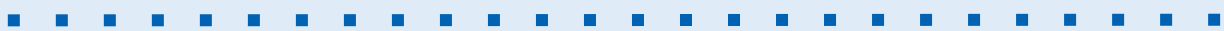


## A Level Geography – Carbon NEA

**March**

**Approximate Cost: Free**

This free local field trip to Harlestone Firs supports the carbon cycle element of the Edexcel A-level Geography course. Students will explore carbon storage in woodland ecosystems, apply fieldwork techniques, and analyse data collection methods..

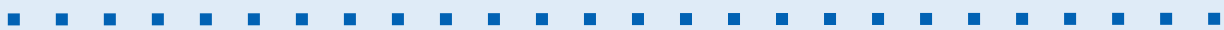


## A Level Geography – Coastal NEA

**June**

**Approximate Cost: £80.00**

This two-day residential trip to the Norfolk Coastline supports the Edexcel A-level Coasts topic. Students will compare a managed and a natural coastline, investigate coastal processes and management strategies, and apply fieldwork techniques. Staying at Sheringham Youth Hostel, it offers valuable insight for NEA development.



## Enrichment Week & Work Experience

**July**

Enrichment Week is a key part of the Sixth Form programme designed to broaden students' horizons through a mix of university exposure, careers guidance, and personal development. Activities include attending the UCAS Fair, workshops on employability and wellbeing, alumni talks, and support with writing personal statements. Parents are asked to contribute £15 to cover costs, with bursary students funded automatically. All Year 12 students are required to complete 30 hours of work experience, usually during this week.

# Residential Visits



**Years 8, 9, 10 & Sixth Form**

**CCF (Army Cadet) Summer Camp 2026**

**June/July 2026**

**Approximate Cost: £110**

We will attend a week-long camp at an army training base in June or July. Summer camp will allow each cadet to experience all aspects of their military training and we will take part in elements of the following: live firing on a range, an exercise in the field with blank firing, and all elements of our fieldcraft such as camouflage and concealment and cooking in the field with rations. In addition, we undertake a day of adventurous training, which has included coastering, water sports, and high ropes in the past. We have requested that 40 cadets attend; they must all have passed their WHT (Weapons Handling Training) and be able to swim confidently.



**Years 8, 9, 10 & Sixth Form**

**Aprica, Italy Ski Trip**

**February 2027**

**Approximate Cost: £1450**

School Ski Trip to Aprica, Italy. Students will enjoy professional ski lessons, beautiful alpine scenery, and a safe, fun-packed itinerary. The trip includes executive coach travel, accommodation, meals, and equipment hire. Whether you're new to skiing or experienced on the slopes, it's a fantastic opportunity to learn, bond, and make lifelong memories.



**Years 8, 9, 10 & 11**

**PGL Netball Residentials - Boreatton Park (3 Days / 2 Nights, All inclusive)**

**Years 8 & 11 (16 Students Max) - 6th-8th March 2026**

**Year 9 & 10 (16 Students Max) - 8th-10th May 2026**

**Approximate Cost: £210**

These are offered to pupils in years 8-11 who have shown the most commitment to attending extra-curricular netball club. The residentials offer an intensive weekend of netball fixtures. When not participating in games players have the opportunity to take part in various adventurous activities to help develop their teamwork and communication skills. Activities include, but are not limited to climbing, abseiling, archery, aeroball, Jacob's ladder, trapeze and giant swing. These are all inclusive trips, children just need to take bedding.

# Residential Visits



**Year 7 Netball (8 Students Max)**

**7-8 Football (8 Students Max)**

**9-10 Football (8 Students Max)**

**JCA Combined Football and Netball – Condoover Hall (3 Days / 2 Nights, All inclusive)**

**5th-7th June 2026**

**Approximate Cost: £220**

This trip is offered to 8 pupils in year 7 who attend netball club and 16 pupils in years 7-10 who attend football club. Pupils will experience a fun filled weekend combining adventurous activities and a competitive round-robin sports tournament. When not participating in sport they will have the opportunity to develop their teamwork and communication skills by participating in various activities such as climbing, abseiling, laser maze, high aerial trek, axe throwing, grid of stones, silent disco and trapeze.

All netball games are on site. The football players will be in 2 teams, 1 of year 7 and 8 pupils and the other year 9 and 10 pupils. Saturday will be spent at Shrewsbury Town Football Club with a day of intensive football matches.



**Year 13**

**New York Business & Media Trip**

**February 2026**

**Approximate Cost: £1800**

Our annual Sixth Form Business and Media trip to New York provides students with an enriching international experience that truly brings learning to life. The itinerary combines iconic landmarks, global business and media visits, and cultural exploration, helping students develop confidence, independence, and ambition through unforgettable real-world experiences beyond the classroom.