



Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to share some exciting changes to our educational visits for the upcoming year. Instead of a single "Horizons Week," we have introduced three distinct periods during which our staff can plan trips. This enables us to offer a wide range of diverse and comprehensive opportunities for our students, while also avoiding congested periods in the calendar, especially around exam times.

You can now find all the proposed trips available for viewing on our school website. Please click <u>here</u> to access the information. The proposed trips will have different statuses, with some open for sign-ups and others still in the planning stages. However, this overview will assist you in making an informed decision regarding which trips to consider. It's important to note that the running of any trip is contingent upon meeting the minimum number of students required for feasibility.

The trip windows are as below. Please note that exact dates for each trip can be found online:

Window 1: Week Beginning October 2nd 2023

Window 2: Week Beginning February 5th 2024

Window 3: Week Beginning June 24th 2024

KS3 Residentials will complement the larger trips on offer. We are providing our KS3 students with the chance to participate in a one-night residential experience within their respective year groups. These residencies will take place in Dubai or neighboring Emirates during the cooler months of the year. They will provide students with immersive, hands-on learning experiences that go beyond the boundaries of a traditional classroom setting. Further details regarding these opportunities will be available on the website.

To sign up for the trips, please refer to the information provided on the <u>school website</u>. Kindly note that specific trips may only be available for certain year groups. In most cases, securing a place for your child will require a deposit payment made to the cashier. For trips where student capacity is expected to be reached, an application letter will need to be completed by the student and submitted to the trip leader. You can find a copy of this application form on the online portal.

We are confident that these changes will enhance the educational experiences and opportunities available to our students. Available on the online portal is a "Frequently asked questions" section, however should you have anything that requires further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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