

Our ref: MMC/RKR

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Dear Parent/Carer

Overview of Sir Thomas Wharton Academy Visits 2024/2025

So far this year, we have been able to share incredible experiences with our students by taking them to the Lake District, the North Yorkshire Coast, London, York, Paris, Berlin and more recently, to Italy, on a ski trip. It is our ambition to continue to broaden the enriching opportunities we offer as we seek to develop students holistically – not just academically.

Whilst we know that you are keen to enable your child to access as many of these opportunities as possible, the reality is that they come with a cost that requires advance notice and planning. Therefore, we have collated an overview of the upcoming residential visits that we will be running over the coming 24 months. Whilst the specific dates, numbers and costs may change slightly over time, we hope to stay as close to these details as possible to help you plan ahead with your child.

We have listed some additional information below which may be helpful for you to take into consideration as you think about the visits which may be of interest to your child:

Please note some of the below dates have been amended to allow a longer payment schedule, making the trip more accessible for all students.

- Our payment schedules will always be online through ParentPay.
- A deposit will always be required to secure your child's place – this will never be more than £100.
- There will always be 4 weeks between each payment installation.
- The final payment will always be 8 weeks before the date of departure.
- All communication about the visit, including consent forms, will be sent via ClassCharts.
- All visits follow rigorous and strict risk assessment processes.
- Every international residential visit is preceded with a parent/carers meeting.

Italy Ski Trip for 6 days from 29 March to 4 April 2025

60 students from years, 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to hit the slopes for £1380. This visit will run bi-annually after 2025.

Iceland for 5 days in on 3 July to 7 July 2025

This awe-inspiring visit will be open to 40 students in years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 at an approximate cost of £1200. Students from the Geography GCSE and A Level cohort will be prioritised for the places initially. This visit will run bi-annually after 2025.

Berlin for 4 days in July 2025



40 students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be able to see their exam content come to life as they discover the iconic city of Berlin for the approximate cost of £650. Students from the History GCSE and A Level cohort will be prioritised for the places initially. This visit has run twice previously and will continue to run annually where possible.

Bushcraft for 3 days in September/October 2025

50 students, at the start of year 9, will have the chance to escape to the wilderness and immerse themselves for two nights in Bushcraft. Students will learn to build fires, set traps, work safely with knives and compete in trials while staying in yurts. A few brave students (and staff) may even choose to camp out in their own built shelters under the stars. This visit will run annually after 2025 and comes with an approximate cost of £200.

Paris for 4 days in February 2026

40 students from years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will have the chance to see the 'City of Light' and see the beautiful sights it has to offer for approximately £500. Students from the French GCSE and A Level cohort will be prioritised for the places initially. This visit will run bi-annually.

Barcelona for 5 days from Sunday 24 May to 28 May 2026

50 students in years 8 and 9 will be able to play sports and discover the spectacular sporting venues and cultural sights that Barcelona has to offer for £1200. If successful, this visit will run bi-annually.

New York City for 5 days in June/July 2027

50 students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will have the opportunity to explore the 'Big Apple' and all it has to offer for approximately £1800. Students from the Business GCSE and A Level cohort will be prioritised for the places initially. If successful, this visit will run bi-annually.

Whilst we hope to continue expanding our offer, we hope this provides an overview of our current intentions for national and international residential visits. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: a.richardson@stwacademy.com.

Yours sincerely

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