



26th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 12 - Edinburgh Residential Trip – Monday 24th May – Thursday 27th May 2027

We are delighted to be offering Year 12 students the opportunity to take part in a 4-day residential trip to Edinburgh during the May half term in 2027. The trip will run from **Monday 24th May to Thursday 27th May 2027** and promises to be an exciting and enriching educational experience for students as they continue their Post-16 studies.

This trip has been carefully designed to provide students with a range of valuable academic, cultural and personal development opportunities. Edinburgh is one of the UK's most historic and intellectually vibrant cities, and the itinerary has strong links to a wide range of curriculum areas including History, Politics, English, Geography, Science and the Arts.

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£625 per student**, with places allocated on a first come, first served basis.

A highlight of the visit will be the opportunity for students to visit St Andrews historic university and town, develop their aspirations for higher education. Through exposure to the city's academic culture and historic institutions, students will gain a greater understanding of the opportunities available to them beyond Sixth Form. This forms an important part of our commitment to raising aspirations and supporting students in making informed decisions about their futures.

The trip also offers extensive opportunities for cross-curricular learning and the development of cultural capital. Planned visits include:

- Edinburgh Castle
- The Scottish Parliament
- The National Museum of Scotland
- Dynamic Earth
- Camera Obscura
- Arthur's Seat
- St Andrews University and town
- A guided ghost walk and other cultural experiences

These experiences will allow students to deepen their understanding of British history, politics, science, geography and culture outside of the classroom, while also developing independence, resilience and social confidence.



Travel will be by return train from St Albans to Edinburgh, with students staying for three nights at the Meininger Youth Hotel in ensuite accommodation and meals are included throughout the trip.

The tour company we will be using is Absolute Travel and Tours, an experienced educational travel provider with ABTA and ATOL protection, as well as the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge accreditation.

We are extremely excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our Year 12 students and are confident that it will be a memorable and highly beneficial experience for all involved.

To those entitled funding may be available towards this trip. Please contact Mrs Sen on 01727 731341 for details.

If you are interested in allowing your child to be involved in this exciting trip, we would ask for a **non-refundable** deposit of £100 on **Monday 29th June 2026 at 9.00am.**

Further payments will need to be made online using the School Gateway website and will need to be received as follows:

- £100 by Monday 29th June 2026 (non-refundable deposit)
- £125 by Friday 31st July 2026
- £100 by Friday 27th August 2026
- £100 by Friday 24th September 2026
- £100 by Friday 29th October 2026
- £100 by Friday 26th November 2026

School trips are a tremendous privilege and an important part of our wider curriculum. In order for these experiences to run smoothly and safely, we must have the utmost confidence in the exemplary behaviour of all participating students. The school therefore reserves the right to decline a student's place on a trip, or to withdraw a place already offered, if behaviour or attitude gives cause for concern or is deemed likely to place the success or safety of the trip at risk.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Ms H Redfern
Assistant Headteacher

Mrs C Griggs
Head of Drama



How to make payment:

Log on to: School Gateway

Select: Make a payment

Select: **Edinburgh 2027**

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

We will gain the following information for your child from Edulink:

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**
- **MEDICAL/DIETARY** information (if applicable)

No further information or comment is required.

