

Residential Trips

2025-2026

Churchill Academy



Personal development and residential experiences.

At Churchill Academy & Sixth Form we believe that we should support our students' personal development by providing opportunities that they may not otherwise experience. A key element of this is our programme of residential trips in the UK and abroad. These trips offer an unrivalled opportunity for the students to learn, develop and build their skills, knowledge, character and confidence beyond the classroom. They help forge new friendships and enhance their social skills through interactions with new cultures and beliefs as well as interacting with their peers in a new, unfamiliar and sometime challenging environment.

Included in this brochure are the residential trips that we are offering to our students for 2024-2025. It also includes information on residential trips that we operate on a rotation and should be departing in 2026/27 but will be launched in 2024/2025.

Payment for trips is through ParentPay. A non-returnable deposit of £100 will be needed and places are reserved on a first come basis following receipt of the payment. Payment schedules are always available should you wish to spread the cost. These schedules are often set by the tour companies. Please note that there is always a minimum number of students to make the trip viable.

Pupil premium students are eligible for some help towards the cost and should contact us via pupilpremium@churchill-academy.org. Financial assistance may also be available through outside organisations including feesfund.org who support Churchill Students who may need some financial assistance to access educational enrichment activities. For further information please see [FAQs | feesfund](#)

The trips will be available to book through parent pay from midday on the following dates.

- Wednesday 25th September - Creative writing and London Culture
- Monday 30th September - Academy Surf and watersports trip to Newquay
- Wednesday 2nd October - MFL Paris Trip
- Friday 4th October - History battlefields trip

Residential Program for 2024-2025



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| Duke of Edinburgh | Academy Ski trip | Creative Writing | MFL Trip | London Culture | Belgium Battlefields | Academy Surfari | Madagascar expedition | Geography Adventure |
| Mendip Hills, Quantocks, Bannau Brycheiniog, Yr Wyddfa, Dartmoor United Kingdom | Sestriere, Italy | Dorset, United Kingdom | Paris, France | London, United Kingdom | Ypres, Belgium | Cornwall, United Kingdom | Mahamovo Forest and Nosy Be, Madagascar | Sicily, Italy |
| June-July | February 2025 | Activities week 2025 | Activities week 2025 | Activities week 2025 | Activities week 2025 | Activities week 2025 | July | Activities week 2025 |
| Annual | Bi-annual | Annual | Bi-annual | Annual | Annual | Annual | Bi-annual | Tri-Annual (Iceland>Azores >Sicily) |
| 9-13 | 8-11 | 7-9 | 7-9 | 7-9 | 9 | 7-9 | 12-13 | 9-11 |
| DofE launch September 2025 | Anticipated Booking for '27 opens October '25 | Booking TBC September 2025 | Booking TBC September 2025 | Booking TBC September 2025 | Booking TBC September 2025 | Booking TBC September 2025 | Possible space available | Anticipated Booking for Iceland '27 opens February '25 |



Key Information

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| Trip Location | Sestriere, Italy |
| Trip Date | 14/2/2025 |
| Duration | 7 nights |
| Year groups | 8-11 |
| Launched | October 2023. Check with trip leader for available places |
| Cost | £1305 |
| Frequency | bi-annually |
| Trip Leader | Peter O'Connor |

Academy Ski trip 2025

Sestriere, Italy



Trip Itinerary Includes

- 5 nights full board accommodation
- 5 day hire of skis, boots, poles, helmets
- 5 day x 5 hours ski tuition
- 5 day lift pass
- A trip hoodie for each student
- Return coach travel by executive coach to and from school
- Return ferry crossing from Dover – Calais route
- Full Medical, Travel Insurance Cover
- Snow guarantee
- Evening Entertainment programme

The international resort of Sestriere lies in the middle of the Milky Way Ski Circuit and is known for being the oldest purpose-built resort in the Alps. This resort offers 400km of groomed runs across 5 different mountains to suit all abilities. Groups are able to begin their week in Sestriere and as they progress they have the benefit of skiing onto other mountains such as Sauze d'Oulx which offers panoramic views of the Milky Way.

Sestriere has also gained international recognition for hosting a number of World Cup events including the 2006 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. With its magnificent scenery, vast array of pisted runs and high altitude skiing this resort will not disappoint.



Academy Ski trip 2027 Sestriere, Italy



Key Information

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| Trip Location | Sestriere, Italy |
| Trip Date | February half term 2027 |
| Duration | 7 nights |
| Year groups | 8-11 |
| Launched | October 2025 |
| Cost | £TBC (2025 price was £1305) |
| Frequency | bi-annually |
| Trip Leader | Peter O'Connor |



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The 2027 Academy Ski trip is likely to return to Sestriere in Italy. The resort lies in the middle of the Milky Way Ski Circuit and is known for being the oldest purpose-built resort in the Alps. This resort offers 400km of groomed runs and 146 pistes to suit all abilities. Groups are able to begin their week in Sestriere and as they progress they have the benefit of skiing onto other mountains such as Sauze d'Oulx which offers panoramic views of the Milky Way. Sestriere has also gained international recognition for hosting a number of World Cup events including the 2006 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. With its magnificent scenery, vast array of pisted runs and high altitude skiing this resort will not disappoint.



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| Trip Location | Springhead, Dorset |
| Trip Date | 7/7/25 -9/7/25 |
| Duration | 3 days |
| Year groups | 7-9 |
| Launched | September 2024 |
| Cost | £186.50 |
| Places | 20 |
| Frequency | Annual |
| Trip Leader | Mr D.Grimmett |

Springhead Creative Writing Trip 2025



Trip Itinerary Includes

- Writing poems, story openings and plays.
- Getting ideas for our writing from the Grade 1 listed residence with its own lake and swans!
- A countryside walk in the hills
- Exploring a beautiful old village, graveyard and sweet shop!
- Marshmallows, camp fires and ghost stories
- Lots of time to craft and share our creative pieces of writing in a supportive environment.

Springhead lies at the foot of north Dorset's most spectacular downland. The downs, on the western edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, command stunning views over the Blackmore Vale and Hardy's Wessex. At the entrance, a range of thatched cottages and an 18th century mill house form a courtyard. A small pool at its centre is fed by running water that cascades beneath the mill house to become a gentle stream, flowing into the River Stour. At the head of the lake, where the chalk of the downs meets the greensand of the vale, icy, clear water bubbles up from seven mysterious springs that are crossed by a wooden bridge and overshadowed by huge and veteran trees.





Key Information

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| Trip Location | Paris and Parc Astérix |
| Trip Date | Activities Week 2025 |
| Duration | 7/7/25 -10/7/25 |
| Year groups | 7-9 |
| Launched | September 2024 |
| Cost | £577.50 |
| Places | 44 |
| Frequency | bi-annual |
| Trip Leader | Charlotte Monard |

Paris Trip



- Practise your French in a real life setting!
- Spend time sightseeing and souvenir shopping in the centre of Paris.
- Boat trip on the Seine.
- Full day at Parc Astérix theme park.
- Final morning spent in Montmartre.
- Evening meals taken in local restaurants



Open to all students studying French in Years 7, 8 and 9



- Half-board accommodation in comfortable hotel on the outskirts of the city.
- Travel by coach and ferry.



Key Information

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| Trip Location | London |
| Trip Date | Activities Week 2025 |
| Duration | 7/7/25 -10/7/25 |
| Year groups | 7-9 |
| Launched | September 2024 |
| Cost | £592.00 Please note students will also need money for their food market meal and lunches |
| Places | 40 |
| Frequency | Annual |
| Trip Leader | TBC |

London Culture

Trip Itinerary Includes

- Visit to London Dungeon
- Visit to Natural History Museum
- Visit to Tate Modern
- Thames River Cruise
- Theatre Performance
- Meals out -Honest Burger Meal Inc Soft Drink
- Buffet Meal with Soft Drink at Pizza Hut
- Visit and one meal at the Borough food market.
- Bed and breakfast accommodation at Premier Inn.



- London is one of the world's top tourist destinations and it is easy to see why. With its mixture of the old and the new, the theatre, the food markets, the museums, the river, the politics. The shopping and the palaces.
- We will have a non-stop adventure exploring this bustling, vibrant, multicultural and cosmopolitan capital city.



Key Information

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| Trip Location | Belgium and France |
| Trip Date | Activities week 2025 |
| Duration | 3 / 4 days |
| Year groups | 9 |
| Launched | September 2025 |
| Cost | £560.00 (TBC) |
| Frequency | Annual |
| Trip Leader | Andy Logan |

Belgium Battlefields

Trip Itinerary Includes

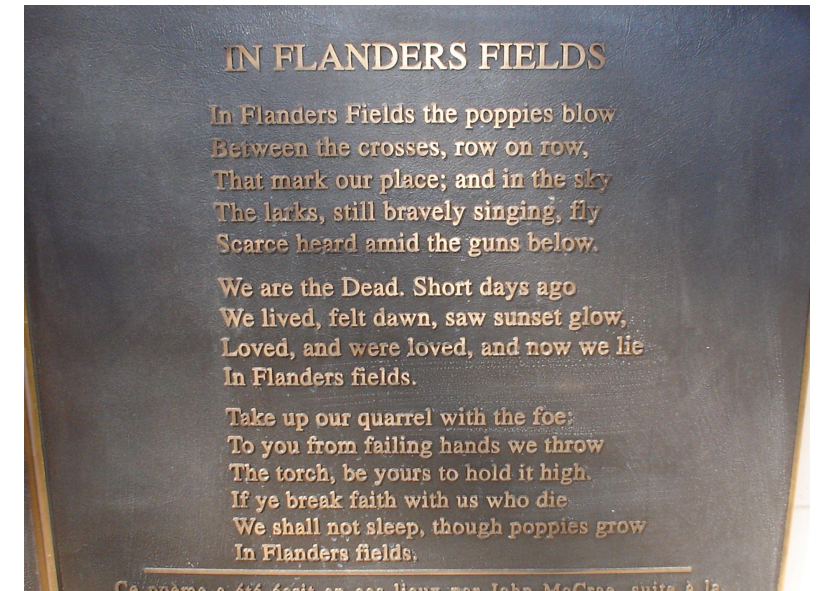


- Walking through original World War One trenches.
- World War One museum with interactive activities, underground dugouts and reconstructed trenches.



Destination

- Visit the beautiful market town of Ypres and sample the delights of Belgian chocolate!



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch, be yours to hold it high,
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields,

Ce poème a été écrit en ces lieux par John McCrae, suite à la



Key Information

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| Trip Location | Newquay, England |
| Trip Date | Activities Week 2025 |
| Duration | 7/7/25 -10/7/25 |
| Year groups | 7-9 |
| Launched | September 2024 |
| Cost | £565 |
| Places | 40 |
| Frequency | Annual |
| Trip Leader | Holly James |

Academy Surfari



Fistral Beach, Newquay

- Located on Cornwall's Atlantic Coast, Newquay has previously been voted as "One of the Nation's Favourite Seaside Towns" and has some of Cornwall's finest beaches!
- We will be based at Fistral beach with its golden sands, Atlantic swells and consistent crashing waves It has gained prominence over the years as the home of British surfing.
- We will visit different beaches for other water sport activities which could include Crantock, Towan or

Trip Itinerary Includes

- Surf lessons with the Quiksilver Surf School
- Coasteering
- Giant SUP
- Beach games
- Shopping
- Fully catered accomodation at the Four star Esplanade Hotel, Newquay
- Transport





Geography Adventure - Sicily 2025



Key Information

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| Trip Location | Sicily and Stromboli |
| Trip Date | Activities Week |
| Duration | 5 days |
| Year groups | 9, 10 and 11 |
| Launched | February 2024. Check with trip leader for available places |
| Cost | £1250 |
| Frequency | Annual but locations vary |
| Trip Leader | Helen Amer |



4 nights accommodation in a beach front hotel, full board, all transportation, meals and activities. Flights to and from Bristol Airport to Catania

Visit the historic city of Catania
Travel along the Cyclops Riviera
Ascend Mt Etna by cable car and 4 x 4 vehicles.
Visit lava caves
Boat trip to the Aeolian islands of Panarea and Stromboli
Etnaland water park
Tour of the beautiful hilltop town of Taormina
Authentic pizza making activity



Geography Adventure 2026



Key Information

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| Trip Location | Iceland (or Norway - TBC) |
| Trip Date | Activities week 2026 |
| Duration | 5 days |
| Year groups | 9, 10 and 11 |
| Launches | February 2025 |
| Cost | TBC depending on location (Iceland 2023 was £1350) |
| Frequency | Annual - varying locations |
| Trip Leader | Helen Amer |



4 nights accommodation, full board, all transportation, meals and activities. Flights to and from Heathrow Airport.



Visits to geothermal areas, waterfalls, whale watching, glacier trekking, boat trips on glacial lagoons.



Duke of Edinburgh



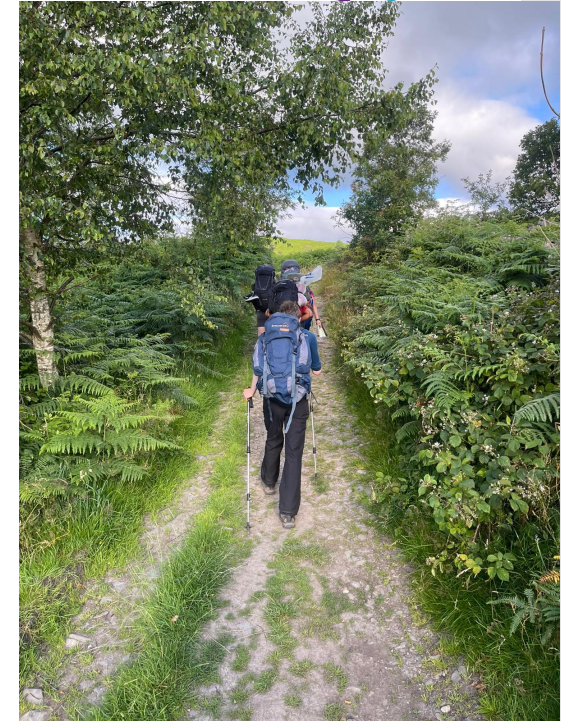
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| Level | Location | Durations |
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| Bronze | Mendips Quantocks | Practice 2 days Assessed 2 days |
| Silver | Dartmoor Bannau Brycheiniog | Practice 3 days Assessed 3 days |
| Gold | Bannau Brycheiniog Yr Wyddfa | Practice 4 days Assessed 4 days |

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme involves students from year 9 to 13. All expeditions, practice and assessed take place in term 6.

One of the two bronze assessed will take place during activities week on the 10th and 11th July. There will be a second assessed expedition for those year 9 students on residential trips during activities week.

For further information regarding Duke of Edinburgh please email Mr Waller NWM@churchill-academy.org



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