

James Gillespie's High School Excursions 2019-2020



FOREWORD

Over the years there has been growing recognition of the benefits of offering out-of-classroom experiences and excursions to pupils. At James Gillespie's High School we offer a wide and varied programme. School trips develop and reinforce concepts covered in the classroom, contribute to developing more rounded individuals and make learning experiences more interesting and relevant. Pupils gain enormously from learning in new and often unfamiliar environments. As a school we place a large emphasis on developing relationships based on mutual respect.

This excursion handbook has been prepared to provide an overview for the session ahead and is intended for parents, students and staff. Other less expensive trips (less than £250) will also be offered throughout the session.

Any excursion is to be considered as an extension of the school. Therefore all rules and expectations that apply in school apply to an excursion as appropriate. (E.g. Code of Conduct, smoking, alcohol, drugs etc.). Each excursion leader will discuss expectations and issue a Code of Conduct appropriate to the trip they are leading.

The Headteacher reserves the right to remove any pupil from any trip as a result of inappropriate behaviour or attitude. In such a case any deposit paid will only be refunded if the place is filled by another pupil. Inappropriate behaviour on a trip may lead to disqualification from future trips.

Key Information and Consent Forms (KIC forms) will be issued to all new students at the start of S1. The KIC forms will cover various trips/excursions, outdoor classroom activities, concerts and performances. A new excursion form will be issued for ALL residential activities as and when they occur. Parents must advise the school of any changes to the details entered on the form.

Families may request financial assistance towards any of the excursions listed. Please contact your child's PSL teacher or the group leader for details.

The updated booklet will also be available to view on the school website, along with copies of all relevant letters and forms.

Excursion leaders will issue information to the pupils on the trips they will be leading.

Thank you to everyone involved in providing and contributing to such a rich and diverse programme of excursions.

Donald J Macdonald
Head teacher

June 2019

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Excursions Calendar 2019/2020

September 2019

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
5 September	Mr C Stewart Geography	N5 Higher Enviro. Science fieldwork – Water of Leith	S4	£6
17 September	Ms R Cox Music	Trip to Masterworks Concert at the Queens Hall – S4 Music Student only	S4 Music Students	Free
TBC	Mrs KA Matheson Geography	Heriot Watt design smash challenge for high students	S5-S6	Free

October 2019

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
TBC	Mr C Stewart Geography	Geography fieldtrip across Edinburgh	S5-S6	£4
3 October	Ms C Hobs History	Lessons from Auschwitz (2 pupils)	S6	£59

November 2019

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost

December 2019

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost

January 2020

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
4-11 January 2020	Mr A Digance	Sestriere, Italy 1 week Ski instruction	S1-S3	£885

February 2020

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
3-14 February	Mr I Porter SLT	S6 trip to Durban, South Africa	S6	£1800

March 2020

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
25-26 March	Miss C Ewing Duke of Edinburgh	DoE In house training	S3	£180
27-29 March	Mrs L Shearer Music Dept.	S1 Residential Lockerbie Manor	S1	£150 FSM free

April 2020

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
TBC	Miss C Ewing Duke of Edinburgh	DoE Expedition	S3	£180
TBC	Mr N Ponte Modern Languages	French Exchange Sausset-les-Pins (French visit to Scotland)	S3	£0
5 – 10 April	Miss C Ewing PE Dept.	Netball trip to Paris – Junior team	S1-S3	£600
30 April	Mrs KA Matheson Geography	Field trip to Loch Lomond	S3	£10

May 2020

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
TBC	TBC	Alternative Timetable	S1-S3	£0-£30
TBC	Mr N Ponte Modern Languages	French Exchange Sausset-les-Pins (Scottish visit to France)	S3	£500
TBC	Mr R Irvine Modern Languages	Spanish Exchange La Laguna, Tenerife	S3	£500
7-10 May	Mr C Stewart Geography	Geography and Enviro. Science fieldtrip to Arran	S3	£250
11-12 May	Miss C Ewing Duke of Edinburgh	DoE Bronze Assessed Expedition	S3	£180
TBC	Ms C Hohns History	France / Belgium Visit to The Trenches	S3	£650
24-28 May	Mr R Neithercut Modern Languages	Junior Gaelic medium trip to Whitewave Outdoor Activity Centre, Isle of Skyke	S1-S3	TBC

June 2020

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
TBC	Mr N Ponte Modern Languages	French Trip	S5	TBC
19-23 June	Mr R Neithercut Modern Languages	Gaelic Residential TBC	S1-S2	£250
21-24 June	Mr A Morrison Maths	Geneva visit to Cern	S5-S6	£550
22-26 June	Mrs KA Matheson Geography	Sorrento, Bay of Naples, Italy	S4-S6	£750

Upcoming excursions - 2021

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx Cost
June 2021	Miss C Garrett Modern Studies	New York & Washington	S4-S5	£1700