



Wildern School

Visits Prospectus

2019 - 2021



Wildern School has always offered a fantastic range of domestic residential and international residential visits. Some of our trips are extremely well-established and have been offered for many years; students and former students will talk glowingly about their school visits to Austria, Belgium, the USA, and Germany. Some have an entirely sporting focus (for example, our skiing trips and water sports trips). Others have had a particular curriculum focus (for example, our trips run by the History or Geography departments). Others have had a cultural focus (for example our exchange trips to Germany and Portugal). This prospectus indicates our current plans so that parents can see what trips are being offered, or are likely to be offered in the future. We cannot guarantee that every trip will run, nor can we guarantee that every child who wishes to go will secure a place. It may also be possible for a trip to be offered that is not in the prospectus. This sometimes happens when a new member of staff joins the school and is keen to offer a new experience. However, it is hoped this booklet will give a helpful guide and help parents plan accordingly.

Exchange Trips

Germany

The German exchange trip is an annual twinning event with our partner school in Kornwestheim, Germany. The exchange trip is open to students in Years 8-10 who learn German. We spend nine days in Germany at the end of the Spring term. Our German guests visit us for a similar length of time at the beginning of July.

The German exchange offers a uniquely international experience. Wildern students have the opportunity to develop their foreign language skills in an authentic context. They mix with and develop friendships with Germans of a similar age. They visit places of historic and international renown such as Heidelberg, the Black Forest and Lake Constance.

Over the last 40 years, the German exchange has been a life-changing experience for Wildern students. Many have chosen to study German and use it in their future profession. Friendships have even developed between the respective families of exchange partners.

	Easter 2020	Easter 2021
Location	Germany	Germany
Dates	29 th March – 7 th April	Easter TBC
Year groups offered	8-10	8-10
Focus	Language skills, Exchange visit	Language skills, Exchange visit
Approx. Cost	£400	£450
No. places available	30	30
Trip Status	Planned	In planning
Teacher to contact	Mr Horton	Mr Horton

Portugal

There are very limited places on this exchange visit. Wildern School has developed a link with a school in Silves, Portugal and has set up an exchange programme. Silves School in Portugal holds their own Tech Fest event each year and we send students who host families to Portugal in return. The students host a Portuguese student in July for 5 days including a day excursion during the school week and activities with the other hosting students. All students attend The Wildern Teach Fest event with their hostees and time is spent as British School children. In March the following year, we take the 6 students to Portugal so they can explore the Portuguese culture and live as Portuguese students.

Sporting trips

Skiing Trips

We offer an annual skiing trip for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. This will give students the opportunity to attend a skiing tour without affecting Year 11 examination revision. Trips are by coach to a major Alpine resort in Austria. Trips last nine days (including transfers) and are all inclusive.



	Easter 2020	Easter 2021
Location	Austria	Austria
Dates	3 rd - 11 th April	TBC
Year groups offered	8-10	8-10
Focus	Skiing	Skiing
Approx. Cost	£960	£1000
No. places available	45	45
Trip Status	Planned	In planning
Teacher to contact	Mr Mooney	Mr Mooney

Water sports Trips



From Summer 2018 we have been offering a Watersports trip to France or Spain. The trip promotes health and wellbeing in students as well as the opportunity to participate in many activities on the water. These can include; Sailing, Excursion to Waterworld or Barcelona, Stand up Paddle boarding, Canoeing, Kayaking, Snorkelling, Evening entertainment, Beach games, Pool swimming. Trips last 7 days (including transfers) and are all inclusive.

	Summer 2020	Summer 2021
Location	France	France
Dates	2 nd – 8 th August (CANCELLED)	25 th – 31 st July
Year groups offered	8-9	8-9
Focus	Water sports	Water sports
Approx. Cost	£500	£580
No. places available	Up to 72	44 or 72 depending on uptake
Trip Status	Planned	In planning
Teacher to contact	Miss Applegate	Miss Applegate

Culture Trips

German Language Tour

This is a weekend visit to the German Christmas Markets that runs annually in December. The trip spans two days and visit either Cologne or Berlin and the Christmas market. Price includes coach travel, B&B in a hotel, and various activities.



	Christmas 2019	Christmas 2020
Location	Germany	Germany
Dates	7 th & 8 th December	TBC
Year groups offered	9-10 language students	9-10 language students
Focus	Language skills, Cultural visit	Language skills, Cultural visit
Approx. Cost	£200	£220
No. places available	46	46
Trip Status	Planned	In planning
Teacher to contact	Mr Russell	Mr Russell

Stratford Upon Avon



This is a weekend visit to the home of Shakespeare runs annually in the Spring term. The trip spans two days and includes visits to see two productions, participate in a theatre workshop and a tour of the Royal Shakespeare theatre.

	Spring 2020
Location	UK
Dates	TBC
Year groups offered	9-10
Focus	Cultural visit
Approx. Cost	£180
No places available	30-35
Trip Status	In planning
Teacher to contact	Miss Ellwood

Paris

This is a trip launched in Summer 2019. It is a language detectives tour and offers the opportunity to experience some of the key Paris landmarks. Students stay at a PGL Chateau just outside Paris and visits to landmarks include Eiffel Tower, Snail farm, hypermarket, Montparnasse Tower, Seine boat trip and tour of Paris landmarks by night with PGL evening entertainment. The trip also includes a day at Disneyland Paris and is all inclusive. It is a 4-day trip.



	Summer 2020	Summer 2021
Location	France	France
Dates	10 th – 13 th July	TBC
Year groups offered	8-10 students of French	8-10 students of French
Focus	Language skills, Cultural visit	Language skills, Cultural visit
Approx. Cost	£495	£600
No places available	Up to 72	46-72
Trip Status	Planning	In planning
Teacher to contact	Mrs Lea	Mrs Lea

History Trips

The History department offers several well established and popular residential and non-residential trips. The residential trips reflects the GCSE syllabus studied.

Battlefields

We will be offering the opportunity for Year 9 students to enrich their experience of the History curriculum through a field trip to France and Belgium. Students will gain a detailed insight into the events of World War One through first hand experiences including: the trenches of World War One at Sanctuary Wood, the underground tunnels at Vimy Ridge, the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate, the contrasting British and German cemeteries at Langemark and Tyne Cot, and the most impressive interactive state of the art Memorial Museum in Passchendaele.

	Autumn 2020	Autumn 2021
Location	Belgium	Belgium
Dates	TBC	TBC
Year groups offered	9	9
Focus	History visit	History visit
Approx Cost	£340	£360
No places available	45	45
Trip Status	Planning	Planning
Teacher to contact	Miss Greensword	Miss Greensword

Washington

Washington DC is packed with American History. Students will have the chance to go and see the political and historical side of America. They will visit incredible museums to enrich their learning such as the National Museum of African American culture, the Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, the White House and many more. All of which links to their American Civil War topic on their GCSE paper. Students will deepen their understanding of slavery, the impact of the American Civil war and the political impact.

	Easter 2021
Location	Italy
Dates	Easter 2021
Year groups offered	10
Focus	History visit
Approx Cost	£1300
No places available	40
Trip Status	Planning
Teacher to contact	Miss Greensword

American West

We are excited to offer the opportunity for a pioneering visit to USA: The American West. Our main focus is for your child to experience first-hand Indian culture and traditions on reservations. However, we could not visit the USA and miss the fantastic geographical sights of the Grand Canyon, where flame colour rock plunges into the depths of the Colorado River as well as the breath-taking vistas of Monument Valley. The visit and activities will offer insights into an extremely different culture and country as well as being beneficial to your child's GCSE studies.

	Easter 2020
Location	America
Dates	3 rd – 14 th April
Year groups offered	10
Focus	History visit
Approx Cost	£2560
No places available	45
Trip Status	Planned
Teacher to contact	Miss Greensword

Geography Trips

New York

Our trip to NYC takes in urban regeneration with the first day spent at the Highline, a community project to bring life back to the derelict elevated railway. Now connected to 'The Yard' a \$13 billion project where the air rights over the Hudson train yard were purchased and a new mini-city is being built with its own power station. Over the next 4 days we visit Liberty and Ellis Island to consider one of the biggest waves of migration in America's history as well as a few tourist spots like a night visit up to the Empire State and a walking tour of central park.

	Spring 2021
Location	America
Dates	Easter TBC
Year groups offered	10
Focus	Geography visit
Approx Cost	£1200
No places available	45
Trip Status	Planned
Teacher to contact	Mrs Broadribb

Iceland

To provide GCSE Geography students at Wildern with the opportunity to experience the true awe and wonder of Geography and our living Earth we are running a trip to Iceland. The students will gain an enriched educational experience by the showcasing of tectonic hazards, tourism management, hazards management, glaciation and river management in real life. We hope to encourage students to aspire to see the World around them by gaining a new cultural experience.

	Autumn 2020
Location	Iceland
Dates	23 rd - 26 th October
Year groups offered	10
Focus	Geography visit
Approx Cost	£999
No places available	45
Trip Status	Planned
Teacher to contact	Mrs Dixon

Eden Project

A 3-day residential for students in the first year of their GCSE Geography takes in some adventure on a tree tops and zip wires course on our way west to Cornwall and involves a 2-night stay at the YHA Eden 'pods' converted shipping containers where our weekend of sustainable education begins. With all meals taken at the Eden project we not only study environmental issues but ecosystems spending times in the rainforest and Mediterranean biomes. A visit to the seaside village of Fowey and morning at the National Plymouth aquarium rounds out a packed 3-day trip!



	Summer 2020	Summer 2021
Location	UK	UK
Dates	5 th - 7 th June	TBC
Year groups offered	9	9
Focus	Geography visit	Geography visit
Approx Cost	£210	£220
No places available	45	45
Trip Status	Planned	In planning
Teacher to contact	Mrs Cooke	Mrs Cooke

Securing a Place on a Trip and Oversubscription Criteria

Each trip will have a published closing date to return reply slips and initial deposit. The School will not adopt a first-come-first-served basis for allocating places on trips. However, students applying by the closing date will be offered places before any student applying after the closing date. Students will not be able to secure a place on any trip if their parents owe the school money for other trips or activities. Where a trip is oversubscribed, the trip organiser will investigate whether it is possible to take additional students. Where this is not possible, students will be allocated on the following basis:

1. Priority will be given to students who have a particular educational need. For example, Year 10 students choosing GCSE History would have priority for a place on the American West trip.
2. Priority will be given to students who have been on the fewest previous trips or who do not have confirmed places on planned international residential visits organised by the School.
3. Names will be drawn randomly out of a hat by the trip leader. If multiple birth students have applied, all or no siblings will be offered a place.
4. A waiting list will be compiled and kept by the trip leader in accordance with points 1 to 3. Students applying after the published return deadline will join the waiting list in the order in which they have returned their reply slip.

The list of students on the trip will be circulated to the Director of Progress and Achievement. In consultation with SLT, the DOPA may remove a student from a trip where it is decided that recent behaviour gives rise to concerns about the impact the student might have on the safety, well-being or enjoyment of other students on the trip or where behaviour on any previous visit resulted in a sanction upon return to school. Parents will be informed of whether their child has secured a place on the trip.

Visits Code of Conduct

- Remember to be polite and cooperative at all times, whether dealing with each other, members of staff or members of the public. You are representing your school.
- Listen carefully to all instructions and act on them.
- Punctuality is important. Always report at the time and place agreed with members of staff.
- Never go anywhere without clear permission from a member of staff. Always go in groups of at least three, never alone.
- Treat others and their property with respect. Ensure hotel rooms or accommodation is kept and left tidy.
- Report all incidents or breakages to a member of staff immediately.
- Quiet and lights out at the agreed time.
- Coaches are to be kept tidy, no litter or chewing gum.
- No smoking and no alcohol. These and any other prohibited item must not be purchased to be brought back e.g. fireworks, penknives or laser pens.

Failure to follow this code of conduct will result in sanctions being applied:

Minor incidents will be dealt with on the visit by the member of staff with responsibility for behaviour. Sanctions may be a verbal reprimand or loss of free time.

Serious incidents will be dealt with on the return to school and could result in a ban from further visits.

In the unlikely event of a student committing gross misconduct the student will be sent home from the visit early at the expense of the parent.