

This document outlines all the information about trips in 2021-22.

All parents are asked to make a financial contribution to the cost of trips. The payment deadline for this is 11th October 2021. This can be paid by Parent Pay or in person in September. The details of how much is to be paid are outlined below. Many of you may prefer to pay off the total in smaller amounts rather than as one whole payment. We have created the option for you to do this on Parent Pay. Payments will be accepted from 1st August- 11th October, and you can pay off as much as you want any day or any week so long as the full total has been paid by 11th October.

Extended Learning; Residential and Day Trips

At King Solomon Academy we strongly believe in the power of purposeful academic and extra-curricular trips and visits. If we are to achieve our mission of providing a 'rigorous and transformational education' we need to look beyond the walls of this building for amazing opportunities in the real world that really broaden your children's horizons and raise their aspirations. We are delighted to once again, begin planning for a full trips programme for the 2021-2022 academic year after an enforced break.

What do we offer?

We plan and execute a very healthy number of trips and visits every year. Examples of the types of trips we run are shown below

| Type of trip | Purpose | Examples |
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| Local day trip | To bring the curriculum to life and make learning real. We are fortunate to have many wonderful opportunities on our doorstep in London | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception trip to Kew Gardens • Y10 Geography trip to the London Docklands • Y11 Business trip to LSE finance seminar • Sports fixture against another school • Y8 Trip to Charterhouse |
| Day trip outside of London | To visit specialist locations that provide great pupil experiences and broaden their horizons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 PRIDE Summit Prize trip to Brighton Beach • Y12 Geography coursework trip to Camber Sands |
| Residential Trip UK | University aspirational, broaden horizons and fun rewards for hard work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See full grid of academy residential trips on the next page |
| International Residential | Cultural enhancement and broaden horizons even further | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See full grid of academy residential trips on the next page |

Primary Day Trips

Day trips are an important part of the primary learning experience. We commit to taking all primary pupils on at least one day trip or bringing in one engaging externally provided workshop per term. These trips or visits will vary from year group to year group to ensure pupils experience a wide range of

‘out of classroom’ learning opportunities during their journey through primary. We will be sending more information about the specific day trips each primary class will be going on when we return to school after the summer holidays in September. Trips and workshops in the past have included the V&A Museum, the Science Museum, the London Zoo, Hyde Park Learning Centre, Tower of London, an Owl Experience Workshop, a T-Rex Workshop etc.

Secondary Day Trips

Wherever possible we aim to find government sponsored, grant based or free day trips in secondary because we recognise the cost of their big end of year residential trips and want to prioritise these. Pupils in secondary go on fewer day trips because it is important that they are learning consistently and making very strong progress towards exams in school. There are occasionally some day trips that do incur a cost because they involve subject specialist expertise.

Safety Information

All trips are thoroughly planned, and safety is always our number one priority. We will add detailed measures to all our trips to recognise and mitigate the risk posed by COVID-19 and will follow all government advice on this. The timing of trips is thought about carefully by the leadership team and they also consider the overall impact on the academy, the cost to the school and parents, the impact on the delivery planned curriculum lessons amongst other things. We aim to get the balance right.

Our marquee residential trips

Whilst we appreciate it is hard to let your children out of your site for even just one night, we strongly believe in the value of taking your children to new places both near and far. This amongst other things helps raise their aspirations from an early age and defuses some fears they may have about ‘the big bad world’. The trips in ***bold and italics*** below are ‘Whole Year Group’ residential trips; we expect all pupils to attend these trips as they build a strong sense of community and are the biggest form of reward for hard work and positive behaviour throughout the year.

The other trips are ‘opt in’ they are often subject specialist trips or an opportunity for pupils to develop a sense of independence and create strong experiences to refer to in their university personal statements

| Residential Trips at KSA | Year Group | Purpose |
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| <i>Sayers Croft Residential (5 days)</i> | 5 | Developing more outdoors experience and building sense of team in year group |
| <i>Oxford Residential (5 days)</i> | 6 | Fostering university aspirations and Developing more outdoors experience and building sense of team in year group |
| <i>Warwick University Residential (4 days)</i> | 7 | Fostering university aspirations and end of year payslip reward |
| <i>Jamie's Farm Residential – Bath (5 days): Including visiting Bath University</i> | 8 | Continuing to foster university aspirations, build character and sense of team as well as end of year payslip reward |
| <i>Jamie's Farm Residential - Sussex (5 days): Including visiting Sussex University</i> | 9 | Continuing to foster university aspirations, developing a love for the great outdoors and camping, teamwork and specialist skills and end of year payslip reward |

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| Optional: Bronze D of E Practice & Qualifier Expeditions | 10 | Internationally recognised award program; learning about and enjoying the great outdoors independently and creating university personal statement 'Gold Dust' |
| Belgium Residential (4 days) | 10 | Reflecting on WW1 and its impact on the world we live in today. Also end of Year payslip reward |
| Revision Residential to Wiltshire (3 days) | 11 | Continuing to foster university aspirations and post-mock exams payslip reward |
| Optional: Gold D of E Practice & Qualifier Expeditions (Wales) | 12 | Internationally recognised award program; learning about and enjoying the great outdoors independently and creating university personal statement 'Gold Dust' |
| Optional: Languages Trip (TBC) | 11 to 13 | Bringing the curriculum to life and exploring Spanish culture |
| Optional: 6th Form International Residential (Berlin/Prague) | 12 & 13 | Sixth form team building, cultural enhancement and broadening horizons |
| Student Leaders Residential | 7 to 13 | Developing leadership skills and creating a team of student leaders throughout the school with a joint vision and ethos |
| Upper School Orchestra International Tour (Europe) | 9 to 13 | Celebrating the success of our ground-breaking music program and rewarding pupils for their discipline & commitment to music |

Cost

We recognise that after what has potentially been more challenging financial period for lots of families, we need to keep costs down and have therefore reduced the day trip costs for the 2021-2022 academic year. We are communicating costs that we are asking parents to contribute to this side of the summer holidays, so that parents can plan for this and so we can ensure bookings (which we must make in advance) are held in place. Costs for the residential trips have been held at the lowest rate possible for a long time but we do need to move these up slightly this year to reflect increasing fees from suppliers, accommodation and travel companies. For families eligible for free school meals the school commits to paying approximately 60% of what it could cost per child for all trips they go on. We ask parents to cover the remaining 40% - this is the Extended Learning Fund. (In primary this includes day trips). For families not eligible for free school meals we ask parents to contribute 70% of the cost of these trips.

On average a residential trip will cost the school between £190 to £220 per child (depending on the length, distance away from school, the types of activities undertaken and the final total numbers of pupils who attend). A breakdown of trip costs year on year can be seen below.

Families Eligible for Free School Meals costs per year

| | Day trips & workshops | Residential trips | Total Extended Learning contribution |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Years N-R | £8 | N/A | £8 |
| Years 1-4 | £16 | N/A | £16 |
| Year 5 | £16 | £52 | £68 |
| Year 6 | £16 | £64 | £80 |
| Year 7-10 | N/A | £90 | £90 |
| Year 11 | N/A | To be confirmed in the autumn | TBC |

Families not eligible for Free School Meals

| | Day trips and events | Residential trips | Total Extended Learning contribution |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Years N-R | £15 | N/A | £15 |
| Year 1-4 | £28 | N/A | £28 |
| Year 5 | £28 | £91 | £119 |
| Year 6 | £28 | £112 | £140 |
| Year 7-10 | N/A | £155 | £155 |
| Year 11 | N/A | To be confirmed in the autumn | TBC |

Payment Deadlines:

We ask that all extended learning parent contributions are completed by **Monday 11th October 2021** so that we can secure the relevant accommodations, travel providers and focus on the planning of content. Trip payments must be done online using the Parent Pay website

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

A payment item will appear on your parent pay account from August 1st as 'Extended Learning Trips Fund 2021-22'. We will send a reminder in September. If your child is unable to attend any residential or day trip for whatever the reason, in most cases we will not be able to provide a refund. Refunds will only be possible in the following scenarios;

- Your child is not invited to attend their whole year group residential because they did not earn the trip on payslip (KSA£100 average secondary) or through persistently poor behaviour (primary)
- The school cancels the trip for any reason
- Partial refunds may be possible if your child has to pull out through serious illness last minute, but only on the amount that is recoverable by the school from any external providers

Optional Residential Trips – Secondary

The residential trips table above shows that we offer an additional range of trips which we encourage students to consider as part of their journey exploring their development as open minded and inquisitive young adults looking to the future. These trips, such as DofE, the Sixth form Residential, the Student Leadership Trip and the Upper School Orchestra Tour, allow students to develop independence, leadership, resilience and specific skills (subject related or otherwise) that enhance their schooling experience and help prepare them for university and beyond.

These trips are often more expensive than the regular whole year group trips as they can involve travel abroad, specialist external providers or external accreditation. We subsidise as much as we can but with the opt in nature, we do ask that parents of pupils who chose to sign up cover more of the cost. A

rough guide of these costs is below to help you plan. Some are year group specific and others run across different year groups.

Optional trips will often have separate payment deadlines to be communicate once student sign up has been confirmed.

| Trip | Cost |
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| Gold Duke of Edinburgh Programme & Expeditions (Y12 only): - Includes Westminster accreditation fees, travel, equipment loans, external providers, accommodation and camping fees etc. Total 10 days (2 separate trips) | £250 |
| Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Programme & Expeditions (Y10 only): - Includes Westminster accreditation fees, travel, equipment loans, external providers and camping fees etc. Total 4 days (2 separate trips) | £100 |
| Upper School Orchestra Tour (Y10 – 13 and some Y9s by selection) - Includes international travel, accommodation, food, tourist visits and activities etc. 6 days. | £250 |
| 6 th Form International Residential (Y12-13) - Includes all associated travel, accommodation 2 meals a day, access to some tourist attractions. 3 days. | £220 (approx.) |