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Dear parent/carer

## Residential trips Session 2023.2024

As a school we understand the positive impact that residential school trips can have on young people. Going on a residential trip encourages students to step out of their comfort zone and embrace the world without their parents/carers. For many children, a school residential trip will be the first time that they are away from their family, which aids social development through creating bonds with their peers and teachers. Ask many adults and the memory that stands out the most from school is a trip away! Students view the world differently, see different cultures and a school residential trip may ignite a passion for travel, adventure or working abroad.

However, we also need to be very mindful about the additional financial pressures that are impacting heavily on families and ensure any residential trips we offer consider very carefully questions around equity, for example payment timelines if trips are more expensive, purpose and length of trip, year group selection, time of academic year and awareness of unintended financial pressures on families.

As such, in addition to residential trips, the Academy is also offering day trips each year. Indeed our S1 pupils recently were at the Theatre and discussions also on going about the viability of a specific day trip offer in S2 and S3 as well. This will mean every child should have the opportunity to go on a trip, whether that be a day trip, a subject specific day or evening trip and/or a residential trip during their time at Linlithgow Academy.

To ensure you have a clear overview of all residential trip offers for the upcoming academic session, at a specific time each year (this year it is now) we will letter parents/carers with a summary of the agreed residential trips that are being arranged. No other residential trips will be agreed for the next academic session out with this time, unless under exceptional circumstances. By giving you this information at one time each session, it gives you

- time to decide whether any of the upcoming residential trips are appropriate for your child
- time to spread the trip cost over a fair timeframe and
- confidence that no other residential trips will be arranged at a later point for the next academic year that may impact on your decision making now.

Trip leaders will begin to advertise their trips in the coming weeks/months and at that point, if you wish to proceed, more detail will be shared with you. I hope you find the residential trip summary on the next page useful so you can start considering these opportunities.

Please remember residential trips are organised by staff who volunteer to do this, staff time out of school must be planned and be reasonably covered without a detrimental impact on our core business and as such, residential trips are unlikely to be available to every year group and trips on offer may fluctuate each year.

Information about our school trips and relevant rationale can also be viewed on our website here:

<https://linlithgowacademy.westlothian.org.uk/article/76894/School-Excursions-and-Trips>

Yours sincerely

Grant Abbot  
Head Teacher

The agreed residential trips for session 2023.2024 are below. Trip leaders will begin advertising these residential trips over the coming weeks.

**Please note the information below, including trip cost, is all provisional and subject to change. As such please only view this information as an initial guide.**

**1. Gartmore House: 29th September 2023 - 1st October 2023**

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Subject/Focus</b>	<b>Trip Leader</b>	<b>Year Groups (session 2023.24)</b>	<b>Appox Cost</b>	<b>Nights</b>
Gartmore House	Music/Orchestra	Mrs Bisson Ms McLellan-Smith	S1-S6 pupils	£140	2
To provide in depth musical rehearsals within the pupil's ensembles working towards a concert.					

**2. London: October/November 2023:**

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Subject/Focus</b>	<b>Trip Leader</b>	<b>Year Groups (session 2023.24)</b>	<b>Appox Cost</b>	<b>Nights</b>
London	Drama	Mr MacDonald	S4-S6 pupils	£450	3
This trip will give pupils the opportunity to see live theatre and experience this in the capital of the UK and theatre industry. Pupils are also given the opportunity to demonstrate their maturity - staying in a hotel, etc and seeing some of the sights in London.					

**3. Madrid: Monday 18th Sept 2023 - Thursday 21st Sept 2023:**

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Subject/Focus</b>	<b>Trip Leader</b>	<b>Year Groups (session 2023.24)</b>	<b>Appox Cost</b>	<b>Nights</b>
Madrid	Language/Culture	Ms Leblanc	S4 pupils (ideally studying Spanish)	£400	3
The aim of this trip is to submerge pupils into a Spanish cultural experience; it brings the language to life and allows them to practice their skills in a real life context. Visiting a different county helps them gain a deeper understanding of other cultures, as well as can trigger ideas and thoughts about the wider world they wouldn't have been familiar to before. It gives them the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills, and can also broaden their horizons and provide them with wider future aspirations					

**4. French/Italian Alps: January/February 2024**

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Subject/Focus</b>	<b>Trip Leader</b>	<b>Year Groups (session 2023.24)</b>	<b>Appox Cost</b>	<b>Nights</b>
French/Italian Alps (tbc)	Skiing	Mrs Wright/Mrs Dickson	S3 & S6 pupils	£900- £1150	5
Excellent outdoor learning experience which gives students an appreciation of another culture as well as develops health and wellbeing in a variety of ways. A range of skills are actively and explicitly promoted and enhanced, for example, team work, communication, pupil leadership, inter-personal, problem solving and critical thinking. Helps to develop pupils' skills for life, learning and work in a challenging environment as well as providing them with long-lasting friendships and memories.					