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Residential trips Session 2025.2026

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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 less expensive day trips each year. Our S1 pupils will be attending the Theatre and there will be a specific day trip offer in S2 (Glasgow Science Centre) and S3 (venue still being considered) 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 for next session after the Christmas holidays 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 note, there will be a maximum number of places for each residential trip being organised. There will also be a deadline date for expressing an interest in a particular trip. Names will not be taken after this deadline if the trip is already full. If a trip is over-subscribed, then procedures to determine allocation, including use of a randomised ballot, will determine who can attend and who is on the waiting list.

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. As such, residential trips are unlikely to be available to every year group and trip offers may fluctuate each year. More Information can be viewed here: <https://linlithgowacademy.westlothian.org.uk/article/76894/School-Excursions-and-Trips>

Yours sincerely

Grant Abbot
Head Teacher

The residential trips for session 2025.2026 are below. Trip leaders will begin advertising these trips after the Christmas holidays.

The trip information below is deliberately brief, dates provisional and subject to change.

1. London: Last week of term, provisionally Tuesday 23rd June – Thursday 25th June 2026

Trip	Subject/Focus	Trip Leader	Year Groups in session 2025.26	Approx. Cost	Nights
London	Drama	Ms Balkwill	S4/S5/S6	£550	2
An inclusive London theatre trip which includes coach transfers to and around London, a two-night bed-and-breakfast hotel stay, a National Theatre tour, a Globe Theatre workshop and tour, and a visit to Harry Potter Studios. Enjoy a professional theatre show, a streamed performance at the hotel, dinner on two evenings, and free time exploring the vibrant South Bank and Covent Garden, where you can watch live performances from talented street and theatre artists.					

2. Gartmore House: Thursday 9th – Saturday 11th October 2025

Trip	Subject/Focus	Trip Leader	Year Groups in session 2025.26	Approx. Cost	Nights
Gartmore House	Music/Orchestra	Mrs Bisson Ms McLellan-Smith	S1-S6 pupils	£150	2
To provide in depth musical rehearsals within the pupil's ensembles working towards a concert.					

3. Italy Ski trip: 5 nights in January 2026

Trip	Subject/Focus	Trip Leader	Year Group in session 2025.26	Approx. Cost	Nights
Ski trip	Skiing	Mr Carson	S3	£1250	5
The S3 ski trip to Italy is an exciting wider educational and recreational opportunity designed to enrich the overall development of our students. The trip will promote physical health and well-being, cultural and social enrichment, support students in developing their responsibility and independence skills, build teamwork and communication and support building resilience skills					

4. London: Monday 16th March – Thursday 19th March 2026

Trip	Subject/Focus	Trip Leader	Year Group in session 2025.26	Approx. Cost	Nights
London	Geography	Mrs Pearson	S3	£525	3
Our S3 focus on Sustainability invites pupils to explore the critical challenges of climate change and the creation of sustainable cities. This engaging trip includes a guided tour of London's Olympic Park, renowned as the most sustainable Olympics, a Thames boat trip, a flight on the London Eye, and visits to the Natural History Museum, Sky Garden, and London Eco Waste Park. Pupils will also explore the redevelopment of Battersea Power Station and enjoy a West End show. Through these experiences, pupils will consider how they can contribute to a more sustainable future while exploring innovative urban redevelopment.					

5. York: Tuesday 9th September – Thursday 11th Sept 2025

Trip	Subject/Focus	Trip Leader	Year Group in session 2025.26	Approx. Cost	Nights
York	English	Mrs Carney	S5/6	£500	3
The aim of this trip is to bring classic literature to life and inspire creative and journalistic writing. This trip is open to current and past English pupils. Embark on an exciting journey to the historic city of York, packed with culture, fun, and adventure! We will explore the Bronte Parsonage Museum, diving into the life and works of the Bronte sisters. In the evening we will experience the thrills of the Original Ghost Walk of York, uncovering the city's eerie secrets, and delve deeper with a half-day guided tour of its iconic landmarks. There will be also time to take a step back in time at the York Castle Museum and enjoy a relaxing York River Cruise with stunning views of this medieval city. In the evening there will be time to relax and write about the experiences of the day. The adventure concludes with a visit to Flamingo Land, where adrenaline meets entertainment before returning home to Linlithgow.					