



Linlithgow Academy

Together We Thrive

Residential trips Session 2026.2027

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 at some point after the Christmas holidays and then, 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 will fluctuate up and down each year. More Information can be viewed here:

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

Yours sincerely
Grant Abbot



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1. Gartmore House: Thursday 8th – Saturday 10th October 2026

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	£155	2

To provide in depth musical rehearsals within the pupil's ensembles working towards a concert.

2. London: Monday 15th March – Thursday 18th March 2027

Trip	Subject/Focus	Trip Leader	Year Group in session 2026.27	Approx. Cost	Nights
London	Geography	Geography Dept	S3	£550	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.

3. Iceland: likely week before and weekend of October holidays 2027

Trip	Subject/Focus	Trip Leader	Year Group in session 2027.28	Approx. Cost	Nights
Iceland	Geography	Geography Dept	S5/S6	£1330	4

We are planning an exciting educational trip to Iceland in October 2027, to allow plenty of time for payments to be made in instalments. The trip will give pupils the chance to explore Iceland's unique geology, renewable energy and culture through unforgettable experiences. The itinerary includes the Golden Circle, where pupils will visit Thingvellir (the meeting point of two tectonic plates), see the Strokkur geyser, Gullfoss waterfall, a volcanic crater, and enjoy a swim in the Blue Lagoon. They will also spend a day on the Reykjanes Peninsula visiting the Hellisheiði Power Plant and cultural sites, and another day on the South Shore exploring lava fields, glaciers, icebergs, black sand beaches, and waterfalls such as Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss, as well as attending the spectacular Lava Show in Vik. Travel will include return flights and coach transport within Iceland, with pupils staying in a comfortable half-board hotel where breakfast and dinner are provided. All excursions are included, so the only spending money required will be for lunches and airport travel.