

MURRAY PARK SCHOOL



TRIPS & VISITS 2024-2025



"PROUD TO BE HERE"

Students have access to a wide and rich set of experiences. Each activity is coherently planned within and beyond the normal taught curriculum and school day to maximise every opportunity to aid a student's personal development.

Students participate enthusiastically in a wide range of extra-curricular activities such as clubs, visits, sports, outside speakers, teams, leadership opportunities, a careers programme and performing art productions. These develop a student's talents and interests beyond the formally taught curriculum and enhance character, well-being, social interactions, interests and wider skills. Visits that enhance learning are very much encouraged, as are those that promote cultural capital. For example, trips to the theatre are both popular and frequent.



'Pupils enjoy a wide range of clubs and activities. They attend history club, table tennis club and football practice. Leaders provide opportunities for pupils to visit other countries, such as the United States of America and Costa Rica. Pupils learn about different cultures and faiths. Diversity days allow pupils to learn about different cultures.' Ofsted 2022



VISIT OVERVIEW

| YEAR 7 | YEAR 8 | YEAR 9 | YEAR 10 | YEAR 11 |
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| Autumn Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lincoln ➤ The Three Musketeers ➤ Williams Racing Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lea Green Residential ➤ Bletchley Park ➤ Chester Zoo reward trip ➤ A Midsummer Night's Dream Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Big Bang Fair ➤ Silverstone ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Drayton Manor | Autumn Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matilda the musical ➤ The Three Musketeers ➤ Harry Potter Studios ➤ Williams Racing Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Castleton & the Peak District ➤ Bletchley Park ➤ Tudor World ➤ Chester Zoo reward trip Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Silverstone ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Drayton Manor | Autumn Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matilda the musical ➤ YHA Geography trip ➤ The Three Musketeers ➤ Harry Potter Studios ➤ Williams Racing ➤ A Christmas Carol Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regent Theatre ➤ Chester Zoo reward trip ➤ Bletchley Park Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Holocaust Centre ➤ Birmingham Art trip ➤ Silverstone ➤ Adventure residential ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Alton Towers | Autumn Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matilda the musical ➤ Harry Potter Studios ➤ The Three Musketeers ➤ Parliament visit Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hardwick Hall ➤ Poetry Live ➤ Regent Theatre ➤ Birmingham field trip Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An Inspector Calls ➤ Birmingham Art trip ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Alton Towers | Autumn Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matilda the musical ➤ The Three Musketeers ➤ Parliament visit ➤ London Fashion Museum Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Galleries of Justice ➤ Poetry Live ➤ Peak District field trip ➤ Galleries of justice |



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS – CHINA 2025



*This trip is now full.

- Spring Term 2025
- Runs every 3-5 years.
- Approximate cost £600.
- Includes all meals.
- This trip runs in partnership with the Global School Alliance and includes a visit to our partnership school.
- We apply for DFE funding to provide financial support.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - ITALY 2025



*This trip is now full.

- Spring/Summer Term 2025.
- Runs bi-annually.
- Approximate cost £800.
- Includes breakfast and dinner.
- Includes a visit to the Phlegraean fields, Pompei, Mount Vesuvius and the Amalfi coast.
- Enjoy pizza and gelato.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - PARIS 2025



- Departing 1st October 2025.
- Returning 3rd October 2025.
- Runs annually.
- Approximate cost £550.
- Includes breakfast and dinner.
- Includes a visit to Disneyland Paris, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - BERLIN 2026



- Departing Spring 2026.
- Runs bi-annually.
- Approximate cost £600.
- Includes breakfast and dinner.
- Includes entry to Sachsenhausen Concentration camp, tour of key sites and the zoo.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - SKIING 2026



- Departing Spring 2026.
- Runs bi-annually.
- Approximate cost £900.
- Includes meals and ski passes.



ARTS



Join us for an unforgettable art adventure in Birmingham! Explore world-class galleries, dive into vibrant street art, and engage in hands-on workshops with local artists. Don't miss this chance to expand your creative horizons and experience the dynamic art scene of one of the UK's most exciting cities!

* Approximate cost £30

Experience the magic of London with a spectacular trip to see "Matilda the Musical"! Delight in Roald Dahl's beloved tale brought to life on stage with dazzling performances and captivating music. Don't miss this chance to enjoy an unforgettable theatre experience in the heart of the city!

*This trip is full



ENGLISH



We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to attend a theatre production of *A Christmas Carol*, the classic holiday tale by Charles Dickens. This heartwarming story of Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation from a miser to a man filled with generosity and Christmas spirit is a timeless reminder of the importance of kindness, empathy, and community. Approximate cost £20

We are excited to announce an upcoming school trip to the theatre to watch *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, one of William Shakespeare's most beloved comedies. This enchanting play, filled with magical mishaps, romantic entanglements, and comedic misunderstandings, offers a wonderful opportunity for students to experience live theatre while engaging with classic literature. Approximate cost £50



ENGLISH



We are pleased to announce a school trip to see *An Inspector Calls*, the gripping and thought-provoking play by J.B. Priestley. This classic drama explores themes of social responsibility, morality, and class, as a mysterious inspector arrives at the Birling family's home to investigate the tragic death of a young woman. The play's suspenseful plot and rich dialogue make it a powerful educational experience for students.

*Approximate cost £30

Poetry Live is a fantastic event for GCSE students to develop skills that will support success in the GCSE English Literature examinations. The event includes a session with the Poet Laureate, **Simon Armitage**. He is one of Britain's best poets, with a superb ear for language. This is a great opportunity to hear Simon read his work from the GCSE English Literature Anthology. There will also be sessions with other poets and they will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems.

Approximate cost £30



ENGINEERING & DESIGN/SCIENCE



Embark on a magical journey with our Harry Potter Studios Design and Engineering trip! Dive behind the scenes to explore the intricate design and groundbreaking engineering that brought the wizarding world to life. This unique experience offers an inside look at the creativity and craftsmanship that shaped the iconic film series. Don't miss this chance to be spellbound by the art of movie-making!

* Approximate cost £40

Discover the wonders of science and technology at the Big Bang Fair at the NEC! Dive into interactive exhibits, thrilling live shows, and hands-on activities that make STEM subjects come alive. Join us for an inspiring day of exploration and innovation, perfect for sparking curiosity and igniting future passions!

* Approximate cost £20



GEOGRAPHY



Embark on an exciting geography trip to Pool's Cavern in Buxton! Discover the stunning underground world with its remarkable rock formations and fascinating geological history. This immersive experience offers a unique opportunity to explore the natural beauty and secrets of one of the UK's most intriguing caves, perfect for deepening your understanding of geology and nature.
* Approximate cost £30

We are excited to offer students a fantastic geography residential trip to Sherwood Forest, staying at the Sherwood Forest Youth Hostel. This trip will provide students with hands-on learning experiences, exploring the natural environment, ecosystems, and human impact on this historic forest. It's a unique opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of geography while enjoying outdoor activities and team-building exercises.
*Free



GEOGRAPHY



We are pleased to inform you about an upcoming compulsory field trip to the Peak District, which is an essential part of the GCSE Geography course. This physical fieldwork trip will give students the opportunity to collect primary data, engage with geographical processes, and develop fieldwork skills that will be directly assessed in their third exam.

We are excited to announce a Year 11 field trip to Birmingham, where students will engage in essential human geography fieldwork. This trip forms a key part of their GCSE Geography studies, focusing on urban environments and human settlements. Students will collect primary data in the city to explore urban patterns, development, and regeneration, preparing them for their GCSE exam.



HISTORY



Uncover the rich history of Lincoln with our immersive trip to Lincoln Castle and Cathedral! Explore the majestic medieval architecture of the castle and discover its storied past, then marvel at the stunning Gothic splendor of the cathedral. This educational adventure promises a deep dive into historical marvels and architectural wonders, ideal for history enthusiasts and curious minds alike!

* Approximate cost £25

Step back in time with our captivating history trip to Stratford-upon-Avon and the Tudor World Museum! Explore the birthplace of Shakespeare and delve into the rich history of Tudor England through immersive exhibits and interactive displays. This journey offers a fascinating glimpse into the past, perfect for enriching your understanding of one of history's most intriguing eras!

* Approximate cost £30



HISTORY



Join us for an unforgettable educational trip to the Holocaust Centre in Newark, where students will have the opportunity to learn about history, tolerance, and the importance of standing against injustice. This thought-provoking experience will deepen their understanding of the past while inspiring empathy and compassion for others.

* Approximate cost £30

GCSE students visit the Galleries of Justice museum in Nottingham to discover Nottingham's brush with the law. We will explore the Victorian Courtroom, Georgian gaol and ancient cells. This trip allows students to gain a deeper understanding of the Crime & Punishment unit.

* Approximate cost £30



HISTORY



Join us for an enriching trip to Hardwick Hall, where students will explore one of England's most stunning Elizabethan estates. They'll discover the rich history of its architecture, learn about the life of Bess of Hardwick, and experience the grandeur of centuries-old art and design. This trip is a fantastic opportunity to support GCSE History studies, bringing key topics to life in a memorable way!

* Approximate cost £25

Don't miss our exciting enrichment trip to Warwick Castle and the Black Country Museum! Students will explore the grandeur of Warwick Castle, delving into medieval history with interactive exhibits and thrilling demonstrations. At the Black Country Museum, they'll experience life during the Industrial Revolution, gaining a deeper understanding of our nation's rich heritage. This hands-on adventure promises to bring history to life in an unforgettable way!

* Approximate cost £35



MATHS

KS3 trip to Bletchley Park



From Ancient Greece to the modern day, people have been using increasingly complex codes and ciphers with the intention of communicating secretly and keeping information secure. Enigma was one such cipher. Students will enjoy the rare opportunity to use a genuine Enigma machine as well as encountering a range of historical codes and ciphers as they work together to decipher messages in order to solve a puzzle.

*Approximate cost £30

We are thrilled to offer students an exciting opportunity to visit Williams Racing, one of the leading Formula 1 teams. This trip will provide a unique chance to see how mathematics is applied in the high-performance world of motorsports, from aerodynamics to data analysis and vehicle optimization. Students will gain real-world insight into how mathematical concepts are critical to success in a fast-paced, technology-driven industry.

*Approximate cost to be announced



MATHS & TEXTILES



We are excited to announce an upcoming maths-focused educational trip to Silverstone Circuit, the home of British motorsport. This trip will provide students with a fascinating look into the world of Formula 1 racing, showcasing how mathematics is integral to various aspects of motorsport, from race engineering and aerodynamics to data analysis and vehicle performance. Students will see first-hand how their mathematical skills are applied in one of the most technologically advanced sports in the world.

*Approximate cost £30

We are excited to announce an upcoming trip for our students to the London Fashion Museum, which will include a visit to the latest fashion exhibition. This trip will offer students a fantastic opportunity to explore the history and evolution of fashion, learn about cutting-edge textile design, and gain inspiration from some of the most influential designers in the industry. The exhibition showcases iconic fashion pieces, giving students a firsthand look at craftsmanship, techniques, and the creative process behind fashion innovation.

*Approximate cost £40



ENRICHMENT TRIPS

We are excited to offer a series of fun and educational enrichment trips during the summer term, giving students the opportunity to choose from a range of exciting activities. These trips are designed to provide memorable experiences outside of the classroom, promoting teamwork, personal growth, and enjoyment. Each year group will have the choice of two different trips, including historical explorations at Warwick Castle, thrilling ice skating, or a day of fun on water inflatables.

*Cost of trips linked to the rewards system.



| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 |
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| Warwick Castle | Black Country Living Museum | Heights of Abraham Nottingham Ice Rink | Carsington Water |
| Twycross Zoo | Long Eaton Water Park | | Long Eaton Water Park |

