

MURRAY PARK SCHOOL



TRIPS & VISITS 2025-2026



"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
Autumn Term ➤ York ➤ The National Space Centre Spring Term ➤ Lea Green Residential ➤ Natural History Museum ➤ Bletchley Park Summer Term ➤ The Big Bang Fair ➤ Lincoln ➤ Jamia Mosque ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Drayton Manor	Autumn Term ➤ Tudor World Spring Term ➤ Sikh Museum & Gudwara ➤ Bletchley Park ➤ Theatre visit Summer Term ➤ Peak District Residential ➤ Bank of England visit ➤ Cromford Mill ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Drayton Manor	Autumn Term ➤ Guardian Workshop ➤ Imperial War Museum Spring Term ➤ Wollaton Hall ➤ Bletchley Park ➤ Theatre visit ➤ Harry Potter Studios Summer Term ➤ National Holocaust Centre ➤ Holderness Coast ➤ Bank of England visit ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Alton Towers	Autumn Term ➤ Manchester Music Visit Spring Term ➤ Hardwick Hall ➤ Poetry Live ➤ Harry Potter Studios Summer Term ➤ Manchester Art Trip ➤ Birmingham Art trip ➤ Enrichment trips ➤ Alton Towers	Autumn Term ➤ Manchester Music Visit ➤ Geography field trip Spring Term ➤ Poetry Live ➤ Peak District field trip ➤ Galleries of justice ➤ Manchester Art Trip ➤ Macbeth Theatre Visit



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.

*This trip is full but will run again in 2028.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - SKIING 2026



- Departing Spring 2026.
- Runs bi-annually.
- Approximate cost £1300.
- Includes meals and ski passes.
- 8 day visit including 5 days of skiing in Italy.

*This trip is full but will run again in 2028.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - PARIS 2026



- Departing October 2026.
- Runs annually.
- Approximate cost £600.
- Includes breakfast and dinner.
- Includes a visit to Disneyland Paris and time in Paris.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS – BATTLEFIELDS 2026



- Departing Autumn 2026.
- Runs bi-annually.
- Approximate cost £600.
- Students will stand on historic battlefields, seeing first-hand the places where history was made.
- Students will also experience local towns, food, and culture beyond the classroom.
- Includes breakfast and dinner.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS – CHINA 2027



- Spring Term 2027
- Runs every 2-3 years.
- Approximate cost £2500.
- 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. If we are successful, a partial refund will be made. This cannot be guaranteed.

*This trip will launch Autumn 2025.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - ITALY 2027



- Spring/Summer Term 2027.
- Runs bi-annually.
- Approximate cost £850.
- Includes breakfast and dinner.
- Includes a visit to the Phlegraean fields, Pompei, Mount Vesuvius and the Amalfi coast.
- Enjoy pizza and gelato.



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS - ICELAND 2028



- Spring/Summer Term 2028.
- Runs bi-annually.
- Approximate cost £1200.
- Includes breakfast and dinner.
- Includes a visit to the Secret Lagoon, the spectacular sites of the Golden Circle and incredible geographical features on the South Shore Adventure.
- Open to KS4 Geography students.



ARTS & TEXTILES



Join us for an unforgettable art adventure in Manchester! 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

Get ready for an inspiring GCSE Textiles trip to Manchester! This visit will give you the chance to explore real-world ideas linked to your coursework themes. Year 10 will dive into the Built World, sketching and photographing amazing structures around the Trafford Centre, while Year 11 will capture the stunning colours and patterns of Sealife. With 60% of your GCSE based on coursework, this is the perfect opportunity to collect unique photos and creative inspiration to make your projects stand out!



ENGLISH



Experience Shakespeare's tragedy like never before with our GCSE English trip to see Macbeth live on stage! This powerful performance will bring the text to life, helping students deepen their understanding of the play's themes, characters, and language. Seeing the drama unfold in a theatre setting is an invaluable way to prepare for exams and enrich classroom learning.

* Approximate cost is £20

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



GEOGRAPHY



Stay in the heart of the Peak District and explore the stunning landscapes and rich geological history of the area. Highlights include a visit to Pool's Cavern in Buxton, where you'll discover an underground world of remarkable rock formations and fascinating geology. Back above ground, take part in a guided walk through the breathtaking hills and valleys around Castleton, developing your understanding of how natural processes have shaped the landscape over millions of years. This immersive residential combines adventure, learning, and the chance to experience first-hand one of the UK's most remarkable natural environments - perfect for deepening your knowledge of geography, geology, and the great outdoors.

Get ready for an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum in London! Students will have the chance to explore fascinating exhibits on the natural world, from volcanoes and earthquakes to oceans, animals, and the environment. This visit is a brilliant opportunity to discover more about the planet we live on, sparking curiosity and bringing geography to life outside the classroom.



GEOGRAPHY



Students will embark on an adventurous Geography trip to the **Holderness Coast**, exploring this dramatic coastline first-hand. They will investigate erosion, coastal management, and the impact of the sea on local communities, while carrying out **hands-on fieldwork** such as measuring cliffs, observing rock formations, and recording data. With stunning views, fresh sea air, and real-world examples, this trip brings geography to life and provides unforgettable experiences of the natural world.

As part of the GCSE Geography course, students will take part in two compulsory field trips. The Peak District trip will explore rivers and landscapes, giving students the chance to see physical geography in action. The Birmingham trip will focus on urban environments, helping students understand cities and how they change. Both trips bring classroom learning to life and give students practical experience to support their studies.



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 splendour 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 joint **History and English** trip to Stratford-upon-Avon! Students will explore the birthplace of Shakespeare, discover the rich history of Tudor England at the **Tudor World Museum**, and experience the magic of theatre by watching a live **Shakespeare performance**. This immersive journey brings history and literature to life, offering a fascinating glimpse into the Tudor era while deepening students' understanding of one of the world's greatest playwrights. * Approximate cost £38



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

We are delighted to offer Year 7 students the chance to visit the historic city of York, a place rich in culture and heritage. This trip will allow students to step back in time as they explore the city's medieval streets, iconic landmarks, and fascinating museums. From discovering the legacy of the Vikings to learning about York's role in medieval England, students will gain a deeper understanding of the past through engaging, hands-on experiences. This immersive visit will bring history to life and inspire a lasting curiosity about the world around them.

*Approximate cost £30



HISTORY



We are excited to offer students the chance to visit Cromford Mills, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Through guided tours and interactive activities, they will learn about Sir Richard Arkwright, explore how the factory system transformed society, and gain a deeper understanding of this pivotal moment in history. *Approximate cost £15.

We are thrilled to offer students the chance to visit the Imperial War Museum in London, where history comes alive through gripping exhibitions and real-life artefacts. Students will explore the stories of people affected by conflict, uncover the realities of war, and also enjoy time discovering some of London's iconic landmarks, gaining a broader insight into the city and its history. *Approximate cost £35.



COMPUTING & MATHS



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 excited to offer students the opportunity to visit the Bank of England in London, where they will discover how mathematics underpins the world of finance and economics. This trip will provide a fascinating insight into topics such as money, inflation, and interest rates, with interactive activities and the chance to explore the Bank of England Museum. Students will also enjoy time in central London, connecting their classroom learning to the real world through the city's architecture, engineering, and design.

*Approximate cost to be announced



RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Students will visit the Sikh Museum and Gurdwara in Derby to explore Sikh beliefs, practices, and culture in a real-world setting. They will experience Sikh traditions, learn about the history of the faith, and see how it shapes daily life for its followers. The trip provides the chance to ask questions, take part in interactive activities, and gain a deeper understanding of Sikhism beyond the classroom, making their learning both meaningful and memorable.

*Approximate cost £10.

Students will visit the Jamia Mosque to explore Islamic beliefs, practices, and culture in a real-world setting. They will have the opportunity to see the mosque, learn about daily worship, and understand how faith shapes the lives of Muslims. The trip includes interactive activities and the chance to ask questions, helping students gain a deeper understanding of Islam beyond the classroom and making their learning both meaningful and memorable. *Approximate cost £10.



SCIENCE



Year 7 students will visit The National Space Centre for an exciting and hands-on experience of space and astronomy. They will explore interactive exhibits, learn about planets, stars, and space exploration, and take part in engaging activities that bring science to life. The trip offers a unique opportunity to spark curiosity, ask questions, and discover more about our universe beyond the classroom, making learning both fun and memorable. *Approximate cost £25.

Students will visit Wollaton Hall and Museum for an exciting science-focused reward trip. They will explore the fascinating exhibits, learn about natural history, and take part in interactive activities that bring science to life. The trip is a fun and memorable way to celebrate students' achievements while discovering more about the world around them. *Approximate cost £10



SCIENCE/ENGINEERING & DESIGN



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



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
Warwick Castle	Black Country Living Museum	Heights of Abraham	Go Ape
Twycross Zoo	Long Eaton Water Park	Ice skating & bowling	Long Eaton Water Park

