

James Gillespie's High School Excursions 2017 - 2018



FOREWORD

Over the years there has been growing recognition of the benefits of offering out-of-classroom experiences and excursions to pupils. At James Gillespie's High School, we offer a wide and varied programme. School trips develop and reinforce concepts covered in the classroom, contribute to developing more rounded individuals and make learning experiences more interesting and relevant. Pupils gain enormously from learning in new and often unfamiliar environments. As a school we place a large emphasis on developing relationships based on mutual respect.

This excursion handbook has been prepared to provide an overview for the session ahead and is intended for parents, students and staff. Other less expensive trips (less than £200) will also be offered throughout the session.

Any excursion is to be considered as an extension of the school. Therefore, all rules and expectations that apply in school apply to an excursion as appropriate. (E.g. Code of Conduct, smoking, alcohol, drugs etc.). Each excursion leader will discuss expectations and issue a Code of Conduct appropriate to the trip they are leading.

The Headteacher reserves the right to remove any pupil from any trip as a result of inappropriate behaviour or attitude. In such a case any deposit paid will only be refunded if the place is filled by another pupil. Poor behaviour on a trip may lead to disqualification from future trips.

EE2 forms will be distributed to all pupils at the start of the academic year and will cover ALL excursions. Parents must advise the school of any changes to the details entered on the form.

Families may request financial assistance towards any of the excursions listed. Please contact your child's guidance teacher or the group leader for details. **Payments should be made using 'ParentPay' - an online payment system.**

The updated booklet will also be available to view on the school website, along with copies of all relevant letters and forms.

Excursion leaders will issue information to the pupils on the trips they will be leading.

Thank you to everyone involved in providing and contributing to such a rich and diverse programme of excursions.

Donald J Macdonald
Headteacher
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Excursions Calendar 2017/2018

September 2017

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
2-4 September	Mrs A Campbell Duke of Edinburgh	DoE Silver Assessed Expedition	S4	TBC
6 September	Mr C Stewart Geography	Higher Environmental Science Fieldtrip – Water of Leith, Edinburgh	S5-S6	£0
8 September	Mr C Stewart Geography	Higher Geography fieldwork – Holyrood Park, Edinburgh	S4-S6	£0
8-12 September	Mrs A Campbell Duke of Edinburgh	DoE Gold Assessed Expedition	S6	TBC
20 & 21 September	Ms M O'Connor Biology	Biology - Edinburgh Zoo: Adaptation & Evolution workshop	S4	£9.50
21-30 September	Mr J Warden	Pupil exchange – Hong Kong	S4-S6	£850

October 2017

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
3-6 October	Miss J McKenna Biology	Biology Advanced Higher Fieldtrip to Lagganlia	S6	£280
30 October	Ms M Smith Psychology	Leith Academy Psychology Workshops	S5/S6	£5
30 October	Mr J Warden	Hosting – Hong Kong (Hong Kong pupils in Edinburgh)	S3-S6	£0
October	Mrs R Harvey-Jamieson Geography	Higher Geography Urban SQA Assessment	S5/S6	Bus fare
October / Nov	Mrs L Stewart Biology	Biology Higher – National Museum of Scotland: Question of Taste: PCR workshop	S5	£9

November 2017

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
7 November	Mrs A Lyall Physics	S3 Physics – National Museum of Scotland “Get Energised” event	S3	£0

December 2017

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
6 December	Ms M Smith Psychology	Psychology Conference, Edinburgh	S4-S6	£27

January 2018

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
6-13 January	Mr A Digance	Ski Trip Alpe D'Huez	S2-S3	£950

February 2018

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
6-17 February	Mr I Porter Ms J McKenna	South Africa Trip	S6	£1500
2-9 February	Mr R Irvine Modern Languages	Hosting – Spanish Exchange (Spanish pupils in Edinburgh)	S3	£0

March 2018

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
15 March	Ms M O'Connor Biology	Biology Higher – Animal Behaviour Ethology Studies, Edinburgh Zoo	S5/S6	£9.50
23-25 March	Ms M Smith, Mrs E Edwards	S1 Residential Weekend Lockerbie Manor	S1	£150
March	Mr M Alexander Modern Languages	Hosting – German Exchange (German pupils in Edinburgh)	S3-S5	£0

April 2018

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
27 April – 4 May 2018	Miss A Kennedy History	Belgium / France Trip to the Trenches	S3	£600
April 2018	Mr N Ponte Modern Languages	Hosting – French Exchange (French pupils in Edinburgh)	S3	£0

May 2018

Dates	Lead member of staff / Dept.	Excursion (brief description)	Year Group	Approx. Cost
2-9 May	Mr R Irvine Modern Languages	Spanish Exchange La Laguna Tenerife	S3	£550
8-11 May	Geography Dept.	Geography - Environmental Science Trip – Arran	S3	£400
11-18 May	Mr N Ponte Modern Languages	Visit - French Exchange Sausset-les-Pins	S3	£500
14-21 May	Mr F Carstairs PE Dept.	PE Multi-sports trip Madrid	S2-S3	£720
May	Ms McGough	Alternative Timetable	S1-S3	£0-£30
May	Geography Dept.	Geography – Loch Lomond Field trip	S3	£10

June 2018

Dates	Various staff / depts.	Alternative Timetable Various Activities Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	All years	Approx. Costs
11 – 15 June	Mrs A Briggs Duke of Edinburgh	DofE Gold – Practice walk Knoydart	S6	£150
22 – 26 June	Miss R Reilly Modern Languages	Gaelic medium outdoor activities weekend – The Isle of Skye	S1-S4	£250
22 – 29 June	Mr M Alexander Modern Languages	German Exchange Bavaria (Wolnzach, Munich)	S3-S5	£450
22 – 29 June	Miss L Halliday Modern Studies	Modern Studies Trip to New York & Washington	S5-S6	£1500
June 2018	Mrs A Lyall Physics	Torness Nuclear Power Station & Crystal Rig Windfarm	S3	£8
June 2018	Mrs N Carruthers / Mrs R Harvey-Jamieson	Social Studies Trip to Sorrento	S5	£800
June 2018	Ms M O'Connor Biology	Hermitage of Braid Nature Reserve: Sampling techniques	S3	Bus fare
June 2018	Mr B Lewis Maths / Science	Geneva and the Large Hadron Collider at CERN	S4-S5	£520