



Activities Days Dyce Academy



2020



Monday 4th May– Wednesday 6th May 2020

RESIDENTIAL & 3-DAY TRIPS



Activities Days 2020

Monday 4th May– Wednesday 6th May. Please note some trips will be longer than 3 days - see individual trips for full details on dates. There is an exciting variety of residential and 3-day trips on offer to all S1-S3 pupils which will take them to capital cities, the great outdoors... and even overseas! If you are in S3 please see the section on Work Experience below.

Within this booklet you will find details of the activities which will be on offer along with their estimated cost and proposed itinerary.

Each pupil will have been given an Activities Day Choice Form to complete, indicating which activities they would prefer to take part in. You can nominate one choice or up to three.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note activities will only run if there are sufficient numbers. If you are keen to go on a residential trip you should use your three choices in case one of them fails to run, or in the event that a trip is oversubscribed. In the event that a trip is oversubscribed, priority will go to older pupils as this will be their final chance to participate in Activities Days.

Please make sure you discuss with your parents/ guardians before you submit the form.

Nearer the time **day trips and in school activities will also be organised**, there will still be plenty more for you to participate in during Activities Week! If you plan on staying in school or going on day trips please select this option on the form. See page 13 for more details (those activities requiring resources will face a small charge to cover costs.)

S3s ONLY—instead of participating in Activities Days there is an option to **self-arrange Work Experience**. This will have to be approved by the school. See page 12 for more details.

Payment Information

At Dyce Academy we feel that Activities Days are an important part of a young person's journey through school. We want to give a variety of opportunities to ALL pupils both home and away. Participation in Activities Days is about enhancing every pupil's educational experience.

Most trips are paid for in instalments. Once each pupil has been allocated a trip the leader will be in touch for an immediate deposit and with details of a payment schedule.

In order that we have inclusion for all there may be an opportunity to arrange an alternative payment schedule, or apply for a Travel Grant., if applicable.

If you require further information please tick the box on the Choice Form for more details.

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Here is a list of trips on offer for 2020 with the teachers in charge. If you have any questions about any of the trips, please see the trip leader for more information.

If you wish to be a part of one of these trips, you **MUST** submit the online form by

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Trip Leaders:

Miss Hosie & Mr Nicoll



Approximate Cost:

Based on 40 pupils:

£285

Price may change dependant on pupil numbers.

Sunday 3rd (Night) – Wednesday 6th May 2020

Are you a thrill seeker?

If the answer is yes, then join us for the twists and turns of the UK's best rollercoasters; followed by gallons of fun at the waterpark!

Includes:

- ♦ Two nights stay in the Premier Inn Derby Riverlights on a half board basis (breakfast and dinner). Pupils will need to provide their own lunch and spending money.
- ♦ Travel Insurance
- ♦ Executive Coach Travel

MONDAY:

Travel overnight
Sunday into Monday
Then all day at Alton
Towers followed by
an evening activity
such as cinema or
ten pin bowling.

TUESDAY:

All day at Alton
Towers followed by
an evening activity
such as cinema or
ten pin bowling.

WEDNESDAY:

A half day at Alton
Towers Water Park.
Then heading home
to arrive late evening.





Amsterdam



Holocaust Education Trip

Trip Leader: Miss Paton

Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th May 2020

Cost: approx. £450- 500 per pupil [20 Pupils Minimum Required]

Amsterdam is a fascinating and diverse city that over the three days pupils will be able to explore. With a focus on Holocaust Education, this cultural visit will educate and inspire you looking into the lives of people who lived in the Netherlands under Nazi rule. We will look at how the city changed during WWII and hear the stories from those who lived through it. For those who have attended Berlin or Budapest, this trip would further your learning and understanding. For those who haven't attended one before this would offer a great introduction in the history of the Holocaust.

Day One:

Flying from Aberdeen

Arrive Amsterdam and make way to Meininger Hotel Amsterdam

Amsterdam Dungeon

Walking tour of Amsterdam

Day Two:

Visit to the Anne Frank House

Workshop at the Anne Frank House

Dutch Resistance Museum

Amsterdam at night

Day Three:

Guided Tour of Camp Vught

Depart to Amsterdam Airport

The cost of the 2 nights/3 days in Amsterdam covers Breakfast, Lunch (allocation of euros to spend) and Dinner plus entry to all attractions, travel and accommodation.

'I have now been on several trips and this course has taught me so much about the Holocaust that it's changed my life'

S2 pupil, Berlin 2018

Barcelona

Trip Leader: Mrs Turnbull

Cost: approx. £550-£600 per pupil [30 Pupils Minimum Required]

Day One:

- Bus from Dyce to Edinburgh Airport
- Have lunch at hostel
- Visit Sagrada Familia
- Exploring at La Rambla and Barcelona's historic Gothic area
- Magic Fountain Show



Day Two:

- Visit Gaudi's Parc Guell
- Exploring Barcelona's beach
- Placa Espana viewpoint



Day Three:

- PortAventura Park (subject to availability)

Day Four:

- Fly home
- Travel from Edinburgh airport to Dyce



Please note lunch x3/spending money are not included in the total cost

Dates: Sunday 3rd May- Wednesday 6th May 2020



The cost of the 3 nights/4 days in Barcelona covers Breakfast, 1 lunch, (on arrival day) , dinner each night plus entry to all attractions, travel (bus ,flight and metro) and accommodation.

Harry Potter Trip to York

Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th May 2020

Includes:

3 days and 2 nights Bed and Breakfast at StayCity Hostel.

Flamingoland Entry

Harry Potter Tour of York

Ghost Tour

Breakfast and Evening Meals

Cinema

Travel Insurance



Trip Leader:

Miss Farquhar
(English)

Cost:

£350 per pupil

Based on 20

Monday

Travel by train from Aberdeen to York

Evening meal at ASK Italian

Cinema

Tuesday

Harry Potter Walking Tour

Shambles (Diagon Alley) Shopping Trip

Meal at Pizza Express (Sampson Square)

Ghost Bus Tour

Wednesday

Flamingoland

Travel by train from York to Aberdeen

(Did you know they filmed the train scene from the first film at York train station?!?)

Musical Theatre & Harry Potter London Trip

Cost Includes:

4 days / 3 nights Bed and Breakfast
Return rail travel to London & travel in London
Evening Meal each night
Travel Insurance

SAMPLE ITINERARY (subject to change):

Monday

Travel by train from Aberdeen to London
Evening meal
Evening Harry Potter walking tour

Tuesday

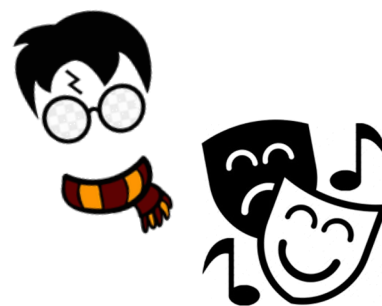
Travel by coach to Warner Brother Studios
The Making of Harry Potter Studio Tour
Return by coach to London
Evening meal
Game of Bowling at Queens Bowling

Wednesday

Musical Workshop and Backstage Tour
Evening Meal
Evening showing of a Musical

Thursday

Visit to London Eye
Travel by train from London to Aberdeen



Trip Leader:

Miss Ferguson
(Music)

Cost:

Approx.£550 per pupil
Min 30 pupils

Dates:

Monday 4th–
Thursday 7th
May 2020
(4 days)

Please note lunch/
spending money are
not included in the
total cost





Adventure in Aberdeen

Trip leader - Mr Murray

Activity Cost - £100-£125 max.

depending on numbers

This is a non-residential trip and is being offered as a fixed package of three days., leaving from Dyce Academy each day. All transport, equipment and qualified instruction will be provided by Adventure Aberdeen.

[See Last Year's Highlights Here](#)

- Day 1- Coasteering and Scrambling. Jumping into and swimming round the coastal pools, caves and sea-cliffs around Cove.
- Day 2- Mountain Biking. Trail cycling at a local estate or trail centre. Maybe a campfire and marshmallows!
- Day 3- Gorgewalking. A high octane walk along a river, both in and out of the water. Rock slides, high jumps, shoot yourself out of a waterfall!



Pupils should be confident swimmers and cyclists. Pupils will need to provide a packed lunch and snacks each day.



Loch Insh Outdoor Centre

Trip Leader: Mr R. Macdonald

This year Dyce Academy's supported residential experience is planned to take place at the Loch Insh Centre near Aviemore. Loch Insh offers a wide variety of accessible and inclusive activities. These can include windsurfing, paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing and archery. The Centre provides highly experienced staff who deliver and plan activities based on the individual pupil need.

The trip is an excellent opportunity for our less confident pupils to gain new experiences, overcome new challenges and forge new and lasting friendships .

Please see www.lochinsh.com for further details of activities.



The current projected cost of the trip is **approximately £300**.

This cost covers transport to and from Aviemore, all food, accommodation, instruction, support staffing and equipment.

The accommodation is chalet based, which will be staff supervised.



The final group would be limited to 12 pupils and two staff (6-1 ratio) leaving on Monday morning, 4th May 2020, and returning to Dyce Academy Wednesday 6th of May, early evening. The Academy staff who will be leading the trip have many years of experience in supporting pupils with complex and additional needs.

Additional local authority funding may be available dependant on family circumstances.

Dyce Academy's Activities Week runs from 4th-6th May 2020



S3 Work Experience



Trip Leader - Mrs Keith

Activity Cost - No cost

Duration: - 3-5 days

This is a non-residential activity giving pupils the chance to experience what it is like to be part of a work force.

Although Dyce Academy may be able to offer some placements, which pupils can apply and attend an interview for, parents are asked to find Work Experience placements for their children.

If you are interested in taking part in this activity, the Faculty of ICT & Enterprise will provide information regarding which types of placements are suitable and the documents which need to be completed. This will take place during their Skills for Work classes.

Comments Received from Employers after the Work Experience Placements in May 2019

"She has shown great enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to have her with us at the hotel"

"I am confident he has the right mid-set and attitude to be an asset to any employer in his future"

"He was eager to learn and learned processes quickly and was able to repeat these without instruction the following day"

"The children adored her"

"He has been a joy to have in the office for the past 4 days, he has been keen to develop new skills and learn about what we do as a company"

"A credit to family and school - was a pleasure to work with"

"It was a pleasure having her working within the Engineering Department and hopefully she gained some valuable insight into the Oil and Gas Industry during this placement"

This is a very worthwhile activity to participate in, which may be of benefit in obtaining either part-time or full-time employment in the future!

Day Trips and In-School Activities

For those not attending a residential trip there will be plenty of activities taking place as day trips and in-school.

Sample day trips (with prices ranging from approx. £35–£60 each) may include:

- Landmark
- Foxlake Adventures
- Lochter
- Transition Extreme
- Paintballing

In-school Activities (each pupil will participate in three activities per day)

Free activities may include

- Movies
- Quizzes
- Nature walks
- Sing-a-long a musical
- Sports, e.g. table tennis, pool activities, football, design your own circuits
- Board games and Chess
- Minecraft
- Decorate your nails

Paid activities (approx. £2–£5 per pupil per activity to cover resources)

- Cook your own lunch, e.g. pizza, curry etc.
- Design / decorate a mug or bag
- Make your own bracelet / weaving
- Get crafty with glitter, glue, card and more!

Full details of all confirmed day trips and in-school activities will be sent out to those not taking part in residential trips in **February 2020**.

Pupils will then be given the opportunity to select day trips, in-school activities or a combination of both.

If there are any questions pupils should speak to their guidance teachers.

ACTIVITIES DAYS 2020 CHOICE FORM

Activities Days are taking place before the Mayday Holiday weekend, and an email has been sent out with a booklet containing information about all the trips on offer. If you did not receive this email, or would prefer a paper copy please let the school know and we will arrange this for you.

The dates are from **Monday 4th May to Wednesday 6th May 2020.**

(Please note some trips are longer so please pay attention to individual trip dates).

Please discuss the options and then complete the form below.

If you would like to participate in day trips or in-school activities we will provide further information on this closer to the time, you must still return a form, just select that option below.

You can make up to 3 choices - please rank them in order of preference.

We will try and accommodate your first choice, however, trips will be dependent on numbers and insufficient numbers will result in a trip not running.

Please note that just choosing one trip will NOT automatically secure your place on it

Forms must be returned to your registration teacher by Tuesday, 17th September.

Sample Form

Use the picture below, of a sample choice form, to help you complete your choices.

Activities Days Choice Form

Name: Alex Bell

Class: 3R3

Parent/Guardian
Signature: 

1 st Choice	Amsterdam (Holocaust)
2 nd Choice	
3 rd Choice	
Day Trip / In-school	
Work Experience (S3 Only)	2 nd Choice ** This must be self-arranged and agreed by the school

I would like further information on
funding assistance for Activities Days ☐

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REGISTRATION TEACHERS
BY TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER**

Activities Days Choice Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____

1 st Choice	
2 nd Choice	
3 rd Choice	
Day Trip / In-school	
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