



DYCE ACADEMY RESIDENTIAL TRIPS



7th-9th May



2025



PUPIL SELECTION

There are limited spaces available for each trip, so unfortunately it may not be possible to secure your first choice of activity. We will, however, ask for reserve options and we ask for your understanding where this is the case.

For those pupils who select a residential trip, we will ask you to indicate your choices in order of preference. Priority for residential trips will be given to S3 pupils, and we will also take account of those who have already had a residential experience last session. Where spaces remain on residential trips, we will then look at the choices made by our S2 and S1 pupils. This allocation process will continue in future years to ensure an equitable approach.

For anyone who is not successful in securing a place on a residential trip, you will be included in the options process for the in school and Day Trips during Activities Week.

Our aim is to ensure that pupils have a variety of experiences over the three years of Activities Days experiences.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

We are very aware of the rise in the cost of living at present, and we have taken this into consideration in our planning.

In addition to the residential offer outlined in this booklet, we will also offer a range of activities in school with varying cost levels, including ones where no costs will be incurred.

We have also included on the following page details of the Aberdeenshire Educational Trust Grant which can be accessed to provide financial support.

For those pupils who are allocated a residential trip, the trip leader will subsequently be in contact to request the initial deposit which is required to secure your child's place.

Information will then be shared regarding a remaining payment schedule for this experience.

TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION

Most pupils who live within the Dyce Academy catchment area should be eligible to apply for an **Aberdeenshire Educational Trust grant**.

Partial cost of day trips and residential trips can all be applied for through this fund. One application per academic year can be made, per pupil.

Please be advised that the deposit will have to be paid by parents / carers, prior to the grant being approved to secure your child's place.

The deposit will cover the costs for the trip that are not covered by the grant.

Please use the link below for more information on the travel grant and to find out if you would be eligible and apply. (Please note they do set stipulations on how and when this is paid).

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/educational-grants/>



TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION

If you live outwith the school catchment and are unable to apply for an Aberdeenshire travel grant, you can apply for a travel grant with Aberdeen City. They will pay up to 50% of the total cost.

Please be advised that the deposit will have to be paid by parents / carers, prior to the grant being approved to secure your child's place.

Please use the the link below for more information on the travel grant and to find out if you would be eligible. (Please note they do set stipulations on how and when this is paid).

Use the link below and choose apply for a school travel grant

[http://www.aberdeenendowmentstrust.co.uk
/Educational_grants.html](http://www.aberdeenendowmentstrust.co.uk/Educational_grants.html)



ACTIVITIES WEEK

OPTIONS

2024-2025



DAY TRIPS AND IN-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



For pupils that choose in school and day trips, we will be running a variety of experiences to suit different interest areas. The full programme of this will be shared in February and pupils will be asked to indicate their choices in order of preference. Please see below a sample of activities and day trips that have ran in previous years.

SAMPLE DAY TRIPS

- Landmark
- Wild Shore Dundee
- Lochter
- Cinema Trip
- Paddleboarding
- Codonas
- Hill walking



SAMPLE IN-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities may include:

- Nail Studio
- Sports, e.g. table tennis, pool activities, football
- Board games and Chess
- Crafting
- Cook your own lunch, e.g. pizza, curry etc.
- Ceramics
- Gaming Cafe

S3 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience provides pupils the chance to experience what it is like to be part of a work force giving them the opportunity to explore areas of interest or future career path options.

Pupils would be required to source their own work experience placement with the support of parents/carers. This will allow for greater personalisation and choice. This could extend from 3 days to the full week, depending on individual circumstances.

Further information will follow, once participants have been identified.

Quotes from previous Work Experience employers.

“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”

“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”

A scenic landscape featuring a clear blue sky with wispy white clouds. In the foreground, there is a dense forest of evergreen trees, some with golden-brown foliage, suggesting an autumn setting. The background shows dark, jagged mountain peaks. The entire image is framed by a bright yellow border.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

2024-2025

ALTON TOWERS



TRIP LEADER: MISS MACDONALD

DATES:

Departs Tuesday 6th May (at night)

Returns Friday 9th May

APPROXIMATE
COST:

£450

(BASED ON 40 PUPILS)

Are you a thrill seeker?

If the answer is yes, then join us at the UK's largest Theme Park Resort for the twists and turns of its record-breaking rollercoasters; followed by gallons of fun at the waterpark!



Includes:

- Two nights stay in the Alton Towers Splash Landings Hotel on a half-board basis (breakfast and dinner)
- Two full days at Alton Towers Theme Park
- Half day at Alton Towers Waterpark
- 1 round of Crazy Golf
- Executive Coach Travel
- Travel Insurance



*Please note pupils will need to provide their own lunch and spending money.
Itinerary subject to change.*



DALGUISE

TRIP LEADER: MR HAMILTON

WHAT'S DALGUISE ALL ABOUT?

Dalguise is a fantastic forested site located in Perthshire overlooking the River Tay.

it's about having fun while taking part in all sorts of adventurous activities designed to help learn and develop new skills and really shine as an individual and also as part of a team. You get to try out a variety of activities; we will pack in as many as we can across the Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday and Friday morning.

Activities could include: Abseiling, canoeing, archery, zip line etc.

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays/centres/dalguise>



THE COST INCLUDES:

- Return coach travel from school
- A full daily programme of adventure activities - our programme will start on Wednesday afternoon and finish on Friday morning.
- Fun evening entertainment
- All meals and accommodation - our first meal will be the evening meal on the Wednesday. We will depart after lunch on the Friday.



Wednesday 7th
- Friday 9th
May 2025

COST:
Approx. £430

(Based on 40 pupils)

PLEASE NOTE:
All pupils will need to take their own sleeping bag/duvet and pillow.

NOT INCLUDED:
Breakfast & lunch on the Wednesday.

BARCAPLE

Wednesday 7th
- Friday 9th
May 2025

TRIP LEADER: MRS TAYLOR

WHAT'S BARCAPLE ALL ABOUT?

The SFL department would like offer your child the opportunity to join a supported 3-day residential trip to Barcaple, Castle Douglas, Scotland. The Barcaple centre offers comfortable accommodation in a peaceful countryside location.

During this activity pupils will gain new experiences and face challenges which will help them to grow in confidence, independence and resilience, whilst deepening their relationships with peers and connecting with nature.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Mountain biking
- Rock Climbing
- Crate climbing
- Kayaking
- Archery
- Team building through adventure

COST:
Approx.

£300

Due to the supported nature of this trip, there will be only 12 spaces available.

NOT INCLUDED:
Breakfast & lunch on the Wednesday.



BLACKPOOL



TRIP LEADERS: MR DUNCAN

DATES:

Depart Wednesday 7th May

Return Friday 9th May

ACTIVITIES:

- Madame Tussauds
- Sea Life Centre
- Pleasure Beach
- Blackpool Tower Eye
- ten Pin Bowling

Some activities to be confirmed.

Estimated COST:

£400

(Based on 40 pupils)

INCLUDES:

- Two nights stay in Blackpool
- Breakfast and dinner
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- All Coach Travel
- Travel Insurance

Please note pupils will need to provide their own lunch and spending money.

Itinerary subject to change.



NOT INCLUDED:
Breakfast on the
Wednesday

ADVENTURES IN ABERDEEN

TRIP LEADERS: MR MURRAY AND MRS MCGARRITY

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A THREE-DAY BUNDLE OF ACTIVITIES LEAVING EACH DAY FROM DYCE ACADEMY, NOT A RESIDENTIAL TRIP!



Days One and Two; full days with Adventure Aberdeen to include one day gorgewalking or coasteering. Second day activity to be confirmed (hillwalking or rock climbing or kayaking?)

Day Three; Trail cycling on the Formartine and Buchan Railway Line.

COST:

£120 max.

(Based on 24 pupils)

INCLUDES:

- Full instruction from qualified instructors at Adventure Aberdeen
- Safety clothing and equipment
- Coach transport to all activities

Please note pupils will need to provide their own lunch and drinks on each day.



ACTIVITIES DAYS 2025

From Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th of May, there is an exciting variety of residential trips, day excursions and in school activities on offer for our S1-3 pupils as part of our Dyce Academy Activities Days offer. We also have the option of a work experience placement for our S3 pupils during this time.

At Dyce Academy we feel that Activities Days are an important part of a young person's journey through school. Participation in Activities Days is about enhancing every young person's educational experience, helping them to develop their skills set and build their confidence as they move through the Broad General Education years.

Within this booklet you will find some examples of what our excursions and in school activities have looked like in the past to help give you an idea of what might be on offer as part of this experience. The detail of this year's offer will be shared with you later in the year.

We have also included an overview of the Work Experience option which is specifically for our S3 pupils.

Finally, you will find the residential trips which will be on offer along with their estimated cost and proposed itinerary.

Please be advised that in all cases activities will only run if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable.

At this stage, what we are looking to find out is whether you wish to participate in the in school and day trip option, the work experience option, or whether you want to be considered for a residential experience. All options should be discussed with parents/carers before making your choices.

There is a link to the Activities Days Google Form in the covering email that you should complete to indicate your preferences.