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## MILLAIS SCHOOL TRIPS

Dear Parent

Throughout her five years at Millais School your daughter will be offered many opportunities to extend her learning and develop important personal skills through a wide range of enrichment activities.

The range of activities we currently offer reflects our broad curriculum in addition to our Specialist Language College Status. Parents have expressed a view in the past that it would be useful to have an overview of the enrichment 'offer' with specific reference to offsite and residential activities at the beginning of their daughter's school career to enable adequate planning for trips. I have included in this letter an outline of the opportunities that have been available to girls at Millais over the past two years, though I must emphasise that this is subject to change at any time and may do so without consultation with pupils and parents. As I am sure you appreciate all trips are dependent upon staff volunteers to plan and lead them and increasingly the responsibility that comes with leading off site activities is considerable.

Although we are able to offer some financial support to a small number of families in exceptional circumstances we do rely on voluntary parental contributions to enable us to adequately fund all our activities. Currently support is only available on activities identified as key to the curriculum and these have been marked with an asterisk to give you an idea of this. The cost of each trip fluctuates from year to year and is dependent on a range of factors. Costs are therefore included in this letter as a guide only.

### **Year 7**

Blackland Farm*	Team Building	Autumn Term	£32.00
Geology Walk	Science	Summer Term	Free
Day Trip to France*	Modern Foreign Languages	Summer Term	£30.00
Leeds Castle*	English/Humanities	Summer Term	£20.00
Theatre Visit	English	Autumn Term	£20.00
London Visit	Humanities	Summer Term	£28.00

### **Year 8**

Danish Exchange (Residential – 7 nights)	International	Autumn/Spring Term	£200.00
Stratford Upon Avon (Residential – 1 night))	English	Spring Term	£90.00
Hampton Court Palace*	Humanities	Summer Term	£17.00

### **Year 9**

Belgian Exchange (French) (Residential – 9 nights)	Modern Foreign Languages	Autumn Term	£255.00
WW1 Battlefields	Humanities	Spring Term	£40.00

### **Year 9 continued**

Ardres, France (Residential – 4 nights)	Watersports	Summer Term	£360.00
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award	Personal Development	Throughout the year	£75.00
Theatre Visit			£23.00

### **Year 10**

Ski Trip (Residential – 7 nights)	Outdoor Activity	Spring Term	£800-£1000
Spanish Exchange (Residential – 9 nights)	Modern Foreign Languages	Spring Term	£350.00
German Exchange (Residential – 9 nights)	Modern Foreign Languages	Autumn Term	£225.00
Imperial War Museum	GCSE History	Spring Term	£10.00
Docklands*	GCSE Geography	Summer Term	£11.50
River Ouse Fieldwork*	GCSE Geography	Spring Term	£10.00
Art Gallery Visit	GCSE Art	Autumn Term	£12.00
Theatre Visit*	GCSE Drama	Autumn Term	£36.00
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award	Personal Development	Throughout the year	£75.00
Hungarian Exchange (Residential – 5 nights)	Maths	Autumn Term	£200.00

### **Year 11**

Italian Exchange (Residential – 9 nights)	Modern Foreign Languages	Autumn Term	£320.00
Art (Residential – 2 nights)	GCSE Art	Autumn Term	£162.00
Art Gallery Visit*	GCSE Art	Autumn Term	£10.00
Theatre Visit	Drama/English/Humanities	Autumn Term	£30-£34
Poetry Live	English	Autumn Term	£25.50
Hitler on Trial*	History	Spring Term	£10.00
School Prom	Whole School	Summer Term	£25.00

In addition to these visits there are additional activities organised on an ad-hoc basis to the theatre to see both plays and dance and there is also a popular Humanities Club which runs a series of after school and weekend trips.

There is, without a doubt, a lot going on. We want to be sensitive to the demands of modern parenting and endeavour to offer a range of activities with an emphasis on safety, value for money, and quality of experience. Costs vary year on year and those shown here are for guidance only.

I would like to stress that these activities represent just one aspect of what we offer and that there are a wide range of extra curricular activities that levy no cost at all, taking place on a daily basis.

In years 8 and 9 girls are also offered a selection of activities to complete for 3 days during Activities Week. These are presented in a brochure, and include the trip to Ardres and a range of other options, some free and school based, others incurring additional cost.

### **Passports and European Health Insurance**

All girls taking part in trips abroad with the school are required to travel on their own passport and be in possession of a European Health Insurance card. We no longer travel on group passports.

**Payment, Consent and Deadlines**

As I am sure you appreciate the coordination and collection of payment and consent forms for this range of activities need to be carefully planned. We therefore ask for your cooperation by returning all payment and forms by the deadlines given.

**Parental Involvement on Off-Site Visits**

On occasion we would like to involve parents in accompanying trips. We see this as essential to building a good working relationship between home and school. If you would like to be part of a team of parent supervisors we would require you to complete a days training at school and complete a CRB check. Please write to me, Mr M Sutton, if you wish to be considered.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Sutton  
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