



Ready, Respectful, Resilient
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SC/DM

29th September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Following the success of the Year 7 London residential trip, that took place last academic year, we are delighted to announce that next year, we would like to take 50, Year 8 pupils to a new destination: Edinburgh. The trip will be a 4 night, 5 day residential. We will travel via coach from school to Crewe train station where we will then travel via train to Edinburgh on Monday 1st July 2024, returning on Friday 5th July 2024. We will be staying at the A&O Hostel, in the heart of the city.

Cost - £430.00 Includes:

- Travel to and from Edinburgh
- Accommodation
- All meals (breakfast, lunch and evening meal)
- A full and exciting itinerary

Itinerary

We plan to visit many iconic places in Edinburgh, including the Edinburgh Dungeon, Surgeons' Hall Museum and many other attractions to support your child's learning.

Places available

We have 50 spaces available and we anticipate a very high demand. Places will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. Pupils who are not successful in gaining a place will be put onto a waiting list in the order that deposits are received on Arbor.

Payment

A deposit of £70 will be required; once the first 50 full deposits have been received the waiting list will open, Arbor will be opened on Monday 2nd October at 6:00 pm. Once deposits have been paid, the below payment schedule must be adhered to:

James Bateman Middle School, Park Lane, Knypersley, Staffordshire, ST8 7AT.
Telephone: 01782 973900 **Email:** office@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk

1. £70 to be paid by 31/10/23
2. £60 to be paid by 30/11/23
3. £60 to be paid by 31/01/24
4. £60 to be paid by 29/02/24
5. £60 to be paid by 31/03/24
6. £60 to be paid by 30/04/24
7. £60 to be paid by 31/05/24

The school has a contract with the Hostel and the train company to pay all monies due prior to the visit, so it is important that the payment plan is adhered to. Failure to meet the payment schedule could result in your child's place being allocated to a pupil on the waiting list.

Non-attendance

If for any reason your child is unable to attend, then we will be unable to refund any monies paid. Children on the waiting list will be offered any available spaces determined by their place on this list. If we are able to fill the space your child had, then we will refund monies paid, but all deposits are non-refundable.

We would like to emphasise that inclusion on the trip assumes that your child is consistently well behaved throughout the school year and can demonstrate the positive values in their behaviour as promoted by the school. If their behaviour dips below what is expected regarding their behaviour score or number of incidents, your child may be removed from the trip. Unfortunately, you will not be refunded the payments that you have made. Attendance also needs to remain in line with the school target of 96%.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns or queries about this trip.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Champ
Year 8 Progress Leader