



29 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Baldragon Academy International and Overnight School Trips

As you will be aware, COVID restrictions hampered opportunities for local, national, and international school trips and educational visits. Since the lifting of COVID restrictions, we have seen a steady rise in offers and opportunities from businesses and attractions. At Baldragon Academy, we have been taking advantage of this. In the last few years, we have organised over 250 school trips to concerts, museums, heritage centres, sporting venues, outdoor learning and education centres, local businesses and charities, universities and many more. These opportunities have enhanced learning experiences and have helped our young people to further develop their skills for life. They have also brought enjoyment and helped create everlasting memories.

Building on this, I'd like to open further opportunities for international and overnight school trips. Considering the current financial challenges and the cost-of-living crisis that face us all, I want to ensure that we have the best deals for our families, payment plans that are manageable and proportionate support for families who need it the most.

The table below outlines the international and overnight trips that we are offering in the coming years. It is our intention to offer these trips annually and to become a feature offer at Baldragon Academy.

Who? (Target group)	How many? (maximum)	What and where?	When? (departure)	How long?	How much? (estimated)
S2 French	40 pupils	Paris – City Experience	June 2024	5 nights	£900
S3 Business Studies	40 pupils	Paris – Disney Land	February 2024	3 nights	£700
S3 (whole school)	40 pupils	Italy – Ski/Learn to ski	February 2025	6 nights	£1150
S4/S5/S6 Social Subjects	32 pupils	Belgium – WW1 Battlefields	June 2025	5 nights	£550
S4/S5/S6 Modern Studies	32 pupils	London – Parliament	September 2025	1 night	£200

Please note:

- The target group relates to the year group at the time of trip departure. For example:
 - the S2 French trip to Paris is June 2024, therefore the target group is our current S2 pupils.
 - The S3 Ski trip to Italy is February 2025, therefore the target group is the current S2 pupils.
- Participation places are limited. It may be necessary to establish a 'reserved list' if trips become oversubscribed. Places will also be allocated when taking into consideration factors such as school attendance and punctuality, behaviour, and attitudes to learning.

Teachers who are leading these opportunities will be in touch with the appropriate year group to start arrangements, secure pupil participation lists, and share payment plans.

Yours faithfully,

H McAninch
 Headteacher