

YEAR 10

**RESIDENTIAL VISITS
&
WORK EXPERIENCE**

JULY 2019

INTRODUCTION

As part of the Year 10 curriculum, all students have the opportunity to take part in a Work Experience placement or in a Residential Visit in July 2019. This is something which we have been offering students at St Peter's for over 25 years and they have the opportunity to take part in some incredible extended learning experiences, in a residential setting. It is important to emphasise, however, that the residential visits are not holidays.

We are advertising the Residential Visits for 2019 at this point in Year 9, in order to give you the opportunity to budget for the costs and also to ensure that we are able to secure bookings and the best possible prices.

We are also asking you to make a choice for the Year 9 Learning Enrichment Week at the same time, to allow you to budget and plan ahead.

EXPECTATIONS AND BEHAVIOUR

The considerable success of previous Residential Visits has depended heavily on the excellent behaviour of our students. Staff at St. Peter's give up an enormous amount of their own time to run these trips and it is vital that students understand their responsibility to represent themselves and the school well.

Consequently, any student may find themselves banned from going on a Residential Visit if their behaviour is poor during Years 9 & 10 and if we determine that their participation would present a health and safety risk on the visit, even though a place has previously been secured. We wish to make this clear from the outset, so that there are no surprises, nor disappointments.

THE CHOICES AVAILABLE

This booklet contains details of the wide ranging activities from which the students are able to make a choice. All of the students have also had the opportunity to hear more about the individual visits and talk to the members of staff leading them, during a Residential Visits Fair. Please be aware that it may be necessary to cancel or modify Residential Visits depending on the numbers of people who opt for them.

Please note that individual passports and a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are required for all non-UK based visits.

MAKING A CHOICE

- Please indicate your **two choices** on the attached choices form.
- Please be **prepared to accept either of these choices**
- Return the **choices form to the Finance Office** by **Thursday 30th November 2017**.
- In early **January 2018** you will receive a letter confirming the place you have been offered.
- You will need to sign and return this letter together with the **deposit**, in order to confirm your acceptance of the place.
- Failure to make payments by the timetabled dates set out below, could result in both loss of the place and of money paid.

COSTS

Please be aware that the costs indicated for each visit are, at this point, **a best estimate** of what the final costs will be. In particular, over the past few months the costs of foreign trips have been significantly affected by changes in the value of the pound against the euro and the cost of fuel. This may continue to have an impact in the coming year.

Timetable for payment:

30th November 2017

Choices Forms returned to Finance Office

15th January 2018

Letter confirming choice offered sent home

28th February 2018

Signed offer letter returned to Finance Office together with deposit.

29th June 2018

Half of outstanding balance paid

28th February 2019

Remainder of outstanding balance paid.

The table below shows the deposits to be paid by 28th February 2018:

Residential Trip	Estimated Cost	Deposit Due	Residential Trip	Estimated Cost	Deposit Due
Work Experience	none	none	Surfing in Cornwall	£340	£50
The Paris Experience	£495	£50	Cycling in Holland	£400	£50
Water Sports in S France	£675	£60	Diving in Menorca	£995	£100
The London Experience	£615	£60	Malawi Expedition	£2100	£200

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are aware that the cost of a Residential Visit is likely to be a major financial commitment for many families and will do our best to help you.

For some families who are in receipt of certain **benefits**, receive **free school meals** or have received them at some point in the previous six years, **additional financial support** may be available. In other cases, we can sometimes adjust the payment deadlines or allow you to make payments over a longer period of time. **Please contact the Finance Office (ext 214)** if you have a problem with the timing of payments, meeting payment deadlines or wish to enquire about additional financial support.

The following educational charities may accept applications for financial support for some educational visits. Contact the addresses below to get application forms and to find out the detailed eligibility criteria.

Devon Educational Trust

The Clerk to the Devon Educational Trust

PO Box 86

Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8ZT.

Email: devonedtrust@talktalk.net

Web Site: <http://devoneducationaltrust.co.uk>

For anyone who lives in the **Exmouth** or **Topsham** area, the following charities have previously supported St. Peter's students taking part in visits and expeditions:

Adventure Trust for Girls (Girls only)

28 Richmond Road, Exmouth

EX8 2NB

or

Email: info@adventuretrustforgirls.org.uk

To qualify for financial assistance you must be over 10 years old and under 20 years old on the first day of your adventure and live or at least attend school within 8 miles of Exmouth Town Hall in Devon, and to the east of The River Exe and South of the M5.

The Pain Trust (Boys Only)

15 Rolle Street, Exmouth, EX8 1HA
Tel: 01395 275443 or 01395 275443

Email: admin@pain-trust.org.uk

To qualify for assistance applicants must be young males aged between 11 and 21 on the day of the expedition or activity, not on the date of application, who live within eight miles of Exmouth Town Hall or in East Devon, excluding the area west of the estuary of the river Exe.

EXPECTATIONS

In order to ensure that all our Residential Trips run successfully, we have very high expectations of courtesy, safety and behaviour for students who participate in these trips. It is very important that students and parents understand clearly these expectations and the consequences of any student failing to meet these high standards, so that there are no unpleasant surprises as a result of any incidents.

Consequently, **we ask parents to carefully go through the following points with their child**, and support the staff who are giving up their time and expertise to enable these trips to happen by underlining the importance of these expectations.

Students who take part in trips must, at all times;

- be courteous, helpful, enthusiastic and use their common sense
- be respectful towards staff, fellow students and members of the public
- expect to be actively engaged in the residential at all times – these are educational visits and NOT holidays!!
- display good manners
- not use bad language
- act responsibly during travel time – particular attention must be given not to distract coach drivers on coach journeys
- listen carefully to instructions given to them by any adult connected to the trip
- obey WITHOUT QUESTION any instruction given to them by an adult connected with the trip
- be PUNCTUAL to all assembly places
- be ALERT and SENSIBLE so that no-one's safety is compromised
- stay in their accommodation unless given express permission to leave it by a member of staff
- not be in any dormitory other than their own AT ANY TIME
- display good manners AT ALL MEALTIMES
- not purchase or use alcohol, cigarettes, matches, illegal drugs or other such materials
- be responsible for the care of their own property including money, cameras, watches, audio equipment, etc. Students will be liable to pay for any damage to other people's property if this results from a lack of due care and attention.
- There will be further expectations and rules specific to the accommodation provided – again, these rules must be listened to and obeyed without question.

It is extremely rare that a student lets us (and themselves) down by failing to meet these expectations. If that does occur, parents will be contacted, the Headteacher informed and details added to the student's permanent school record. In very serious cases, incidents may result in the student being sent home and/or excluded from school on their return.

If a student's place is removed because behaviour prior to the trip indicates that the health and safety of the visit may be compromised, the deposits remain non-returnable and the return of any other payments is dependent upon how much money has been committed to the organising company (or whether another student can be found to replace the removed student).

Thank you for your support in this, so that everyone – staff and students – can have an enjoyable and successful residential trip.

R1: WORK EXPERIENCE

COST: FREE

VISIT LEADER: Ms T Falconer

DATES: Monday 15 - Friday 19 July 2019

This is an opportunity to complete a week's work experience, develop important key skills and to explore career ideas and opportunities. Whilst support and guidance will be given, students will be expected to arrange their own work placements.

There are several points to remember if you choose this option:

Our aims are primarily for students to gain a greater understanding of the world of work and how businesses operate; and to embed the links between education and the world of work, to allow students to refocus and raise their aspirations for their futures.

However, the following are also what we hope our students will gain from this experience:

- Learn what an employer will expect of them as an employee i.e. punctuality, dress code, reliability, using your initiative, etc.
- Learn new skills such as sending a fax, using a photocopier, IT, speaking to customers on the phone, taking messages, working with others, following instructions etc.
- Help to decide what kind of work they might or might not choose, when they leave school.
- Get a realistic understanding of the skills needed for different jobs in order to make a more informed decision about your choice of career.
- Develop self-confidence - many students appreciate being treated as an adult and respond well to being given responsibility.
- It can be a very useful feature to include on their CV when they apply for a job after leaving school.

You will also have the opportunity to complete a second week of work experience in Year 10.

- Before you make arrangements you should think about what you would like to get out of the placement and what your career plans are.
- Your placement does not have to be in Devon, so if you have relatives in other parts of the country you might want to consider looking for a placement there. The employer is required to have public and employer liability insurance.
- Many other schools do work experience at the end of the summer term and therefore arrangements need to be made as early as possible, to avoid disappointment.
- Written confirmation of the placement from the employer must be provided to the school
- Ideally, work experience should not be with a close relative but we understand that sometimes getting a placement with a relative or family member is necessary because of the nature of the placement i.e. the NHS. Students are not permitted to arrange a placement where they already work part-time.

During the week you will receive a visit from the school and you must complete a diary of your experiences.

Make work experience a positive choice – choose it because you think it will help you to develop your employability skills and give you the opportunity to 'try out' a job for 5 days.

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R2: SURFING IN CORNWALL

COST:	approx £340
VISIT LEADER:	Mrs K Tarlowski
PLACES AVAILABLE:	24
DATES:	Monday 15 - Friday 19 July 2019

Why not learn a new skill – something that is fashionable, affordable and exhilarating? Why not come on the surfing Residential?

You will be taught by first rate instructors (British Surfing Association qualified coaches) at Polzeath in North Cornwall. They will provide you with the opportunity to develop your surfing skills quickly, effectively and safely. This is a residential designed for both girls and boys, whether a complete beginner or someone who has already experienced the thrills of surfing.

We will stay in luxury caravans at the Valley Caravan Park in Polzeath, which is right opposite the beach. You stay in groups of four or six and have a chance to develop your domestic skills too. You'll have a great experience, lots of fun and learn new skills too.

The price includes:

- Wetsuit, board hire etc
- Food
- Surfing instruction
- Transport
- Accommodation

R3: CYCLING IN HOLLAND

COST: approx £400

VISIT LEADER: Mr P Ruff

PLACES AVAILABLE: 24

DATES: Friday 12 - Friday 19 July 2019

FULL

Enjoy an active fun-packed cycling tour around beautiful Holland. This 8 day residential will provide a perfect opportunity to experience life on the open road in a country that was simply designed for cyclists. Cruise along the flat, safe cycle tracks and take in the unique rural scenery before setting up camp for the night and cooking your own scrumptious meal under the stars.

After loading the bikes into a van at St Peter's, we will set off by train to Harwich via London. Here you will be reunited with your bikes before boarding the ferry to the Hook of Holland where we will set off along the stunning coastal cycle path to our first stop at Duinrell. Duinrell is one of Europe's leading water theme parks and we will spend the evening cooling off and chilling out in the indoor water complex before hitting the tracks for a week of action and adventure.

Our journey will take us on woodland and riverside tracks deep into the Dutch countryside. We will also have a rest day at "Walibi World" Europe's largest roller coaster theme park.

You will be totally self-sufficient, carrying all your equipment for the week on the back of your bike (tent, sleeping bag, clothes, food etc). The camp sites that we will be using along the way have excellent facilities including sports fields, games rooms, snack bars and often swimming pools/lakes – a perfect way to cool off after a day in the saddle.

So get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and embark on a week of fresh air, exploration, adventure and fun – all you need is a bike.

(N.B. Purchase or loan of additional cycle equipment such as a rack, panniers, helmet etc. may be necessary. A basic level of fitness is required for this residential but a sense of adventure is essential.)

Please note: there may be a small additional charge if train or ferry prices increase.

R4: THE LONDON EXPERIENCE

COST:	approx £615
VISIT LEADERS:	Mrs M. Wilkinson & Mrs J. McDiarmid
PLACES AVAILABLE:	40
DATES:	Monday 15 - Friday 19 July 2019

This is an exciting opportunity to spend 5 days and 4 nights in the capital and enjoy some of the amazing cultural experiences, which London has to offer. We travel to London by coach and stay in a hostel in Kensington.

This might include:

- Breakfast and packed lunch every day
- Three theatre trips for evening shows (past shows have included: The Lion King, Matilda, Wicked, Woman in Black, The curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 39 Steps and many more!)
- A visit to the London Dungeons or London Eye
- A visit to the Harry Potter studios (subject to availability) or a workshop by a West End performer at Pineapple studios
- A visit to London Zoo
- Visits to some of London's Museums such as the Natural History Museum, Science Museum and the Imperial War Museum
- A Thames river cruise
- Evening meals out at restaurants such as Planet Hollywood, Sticky fingers, Maxwell's and Pizza Hut
- A day visit to Thorpe Park
- Free time for shopping at Covenant Gardens and to see the many street performers

All in all, an exciting and fun packed week!

R5: WATER SPORTS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

COST:	approx. £675
VISIT LEADER:	Mr D Wilson
PLACES AVAILABLE:	45
DATES:	Sunday 14 - Sunday 21 July 2019

An exciting opportunity to visit the spectacular Mediterranean region of the French/Spanish border. Enjoy the thrill of white-water rafting in the Pyrenees and test out your kayaking, snorkelling and paddle-boarding skills in the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

A typical week will look like this:

Day 1	Depart School for trip to France
Day 2	Arrive Argelès sur Mer adventure centre. Orientation of the centre and facilities and settle in to the accommodation in static caravans
Day 3	Full day Pyrenees river descent, hopefully including hydro speeding
Day 4	Full day at the beach including windsurfing, kayaking and paddle boarding
Day 5	Full day at a fun-filled water park
Day 6	Full day at the beach including snorkelling, windsurfing and sailing
Day 7	Morning at leisure / depart
Day 8	Return to school

Travel by coach and ferry - all transfers are all included in the cost.

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R6: THE PARIS EXPERIENCE

COST:	approx £495
VISIT LEADER:	Mrs J Rowlands
PLACES AVAILABLE:	35
DATES:	Monday 15 - Friday 19 July 2019

This is a five day, four night trip, travelling by coach and staying at a 3* Parisian hotel.

Paris is a beautiful city with boulevards, designer shops, monuments, works of art and lots more.

We will visit the Eiffel Tower and climb to the top of the Montparnasse 56, where you will see breath-taking views of Paris. We will stroll down Paris's most famous street, the Champs Elysees, watching the street artists as we go. We will visit one of the world's best known cathedrals at Notre Dame and there will be the opportunity to take a beautiful river trip down the Seine, sightseeing as we go.

We will spend a day with some of the world's most famous pieces of art, housed in Le Louvre. Maybe uncovering some secret codes as we go! Sketchbook is essential. Our last day will be spent at Disneyland Paris, where you can definitely let your hair down and enjoy roller-coasters, swimming pools and shake hands with Mickey Mouse.

The price includes full board, a packed lunch and entrance to Le Louvre and Disneyland Paris.

R7 DIVING IN MENORCA

FULL

- COST:** approx £995
- VISIT LEADER:** Mr N. Comerford
- PLACES AVAILABLE:** 20
- DATES:** Monday 15 - Friday 19 July 2019

PADI OPEN WATER DIVER – is the world’s most popular diving licence. It has already introduced millions of people to the wondrous world beneath the waves. Why not you? This is an amazing opportunity to obtain a worldwide qualification in a luxurious location with crystal clear waters and white sanded beaches! We travel to Menorca by plane and stay in apartments in the beautiful village of Cala Torret.

This will include:

A worldwide recognised qualification.
Confined water dives in a beautiful sea cove.
Diving in the beautiful Mediterranean Sea
You will receive all course material, equipment and manuals.
Snorkelling opportunities
Average temperatures of 28 degrees Celsius
Trip to the beautiful Cala Galdana.
A great chance to practise some Spanish.

Pupils will have to complete a medical form for safety reasons. The trip is not suitable for certain medical conditions and asthmatics may not take part. Students must be able to swim 200 metres. There is also the possibility of being able to return the following year to undertake the Advanced Open Water Diver Course.

Check out www.padi.com for the trip of a lifetime!

R8: MALAWI EXPEDITION

COST: approx £2100

VISIT LEADER: Mr A Hubbard

PLACES AVAILABLE: 45

DATES: Thursday 11 July to Wednesday 31 July 2019

FULL

"A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE"

For the thirteenth year we are able to offer students at St Peter's the opportunity to visit southern Africa, on our annual Expedition to Malawi. St Peter's has well established links with Malawi and over 300 students have taken part in previous expeditions. Whilst Malawi may statistically be one of the poorest countries in the world, it is also one of the safest countries in Africa and one of the friendliest places in the world.

The students who take part in this expedition will spend the first 10 days of their visit living and working in the village of **Mtunthama** in the rural Central Region of Malawi. Students stay with local families and eat together at St Peter's House which is fully equipped for school groups. The community of Mtunthama is centred around the Anglican church and Hospital, AMAO Orphanage, the Primary school and our partner school, All Saints Community Day Secondary, where the students will have the opportunity to work on a number of **community projects**, such as building and decorating school classrooms, helping in the kindergarten and doing lab work in the hospital. They will also visit the more remote village of Chimbya, where they will camp for two nights and work on projects in the local primary school.

As well as the hard work which students have to do in Mtunthama, they also have the chance to unwind by the shores of **Lake Malawi**, when we move on to Nkhotakota Pottery Lodge for a few days before heading into Zambia for some of the best game viewing available anywhere in Africa, in **South Luangwa National Park**. The teachers who are leading the group all have experience of travelling in Africa and have led previous school visits to Malawi. This is a fabulous opportunity and many of the students who have taken part in previous expeditions have talked about it as "**a life changing experience**".

But can we afford it?

The estimated cost of the trip is **£2100**, including all accommodation, flights, food, transport by train and coach, and safari to Zambia. That means saving about **£25 a week** over the next 18 months. Many of our students have managed to save the majority of the cost of this trip themselves by doing a Saturday job, baby sitting, paper round or by asking relatives to contribute rather than giving them Christmas and birthday presents. Some have also undertaken sponsored activities to raise money or applied to charitable trusts for support.

What previous students have said....

"This trip and the opportunity to meet so many amazing people in Malawi, has changed my life."

"I now want for less; I realise that I don't need all those "things"".

"What shocked me was they were so happy to be in school and learn, they don't take anything for granted."

"I loved it and I want to come back again!"

Look at the Malawi Partnership links on the school web site under "School Community" to see more information about previous Malawi Expeditions and projects

ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED SCHOOL

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Please complete this form and return it to the **FINANCE OFFICE** by **Thursday 30th Nov 2017**

Please DO NOT send a deposit at this stage

Student's Name:

Tutor Group:

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I would like my son/daughter to be considered for a place on **either** of the following Year 10 Residential Visits. (Please use Code Numbers R1 – R8)

First Choice

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Second Choice

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Conditions:

Once a place on a Residential Visit has been offered, the student and parents are liable for the **full cost** of the visit. Exceptions are:

- a) If a student's place is removed because behaviour prior to the trip indicates that the health and safety of the visit may be compromised, the deposits remain non-returnable and the return of any other payments is dependent upon how much money has been committed to the organising company (or whether another student can be found to replace the removed student).
- b) If illness prevents the student from going on the trip, the deposits remain non-refundable and a doctor's note will be required so that we can attempt to claim the rest of the costs back from our insurers.
- c) If a student leaves the school between being offered a place on a Residential Visit and the visit itself, the deposits remain non-refundable and the return of any other payments is dependent upon how much money has been committed to the organising company (or whether another student can be found to replace the student who has left the school).

SIGNATURE OF PARENT _____ **DATE** _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Number:

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