



# Hodgson Academy Trips

*A Guide to Our Residential and  
Day Trips.*

**2025/2026**



# Academic Trip Statement

## » Vision

At Hodgson Academy, we believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom walls. While a strong academic foundation is crucial, we are committed to fostering a well-rounded educational experience for all our students. This is why we offer a diverse range of trips throughout the year, catering to a variety of interests and age groups.

We are committed to educating the 'whole person' and embrace a holistic approach to nurturing and supporting each individual child. These trips are meticulously planned to complement and enhance the curriculum and co-curricular activities. They provide students with the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge to real-world scenarios whilst enabling our students to excel in all aspects of the Hodgson experience. Students actively engage on our trips are more likely to discover interests, a sense of well-being and fulfil their academic potential, becoming the very best versions of themselves.

The benefits of educational trips extend beyond the academic realm. They allow students to develop essential life skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork. Negotiating unfamiliar environments, adapting to new situations, and collaborating with peers all contribute to a student's overall development. Additionally, trips foster a sense of cultural awareness and appreciation for diversity.



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Our trip program aligns with Hodgson Academy's motto: "Imagine, Believe, Achieve." By venturing outside the classroom, students are encouraged to imagine the possibilities, believe in their potential to explore and learn, and ultimately, achieve a deeper understanding of the world around them. These experiences spark curiosity, ignite a passion for lifelong learning, and create lasting memories that go hand-in-hand with academic knowledge.

School trips are more than just educational experiences; they're often adventures that spark excitement and create lasting memories. The thrill of exploring a new place, the camaraderie of shared experiences with classmates, and the opportunity to see first hand what they've been learning in books all contribute to a student's enthusiasm for learning. Recognising this, Hodgson Academy curates a wide variety of trips across diverse themes and locations. From historical sites and museums to artistic performances and nature excursions, we strive to offer something for everyone. This ensures that all students, regardless of their interests and backgrounds, have the chance to participate in a trip that ignites their passion and fuels their intellectual curiosity. By providing such a broad spectrum of experiences, Hodgson Academy empowers each student to find their own spark and develop a lifelong love for learning.



# Trip Procedures

## » Trip Selection and Planning

Trips are carefully chosen to complement curriculum topics and co-curricular activities, ensuring a strong link between classroom learning and real-world experiences. A variety of trip options are offered throughout the year to cater to diverse interests and age groups, providing students with a range of enriching experiences.

## » Communication and Permissions

Information about upcoming trips, including dates, costs, itineraries, and learning objectives, will be clearly communicated to parents/carers well in advance.

Detailed information and emergency contact details will be required for all participating students. Deadlines for permissions, information submission and payments will be outlined clearly.

## » Payment Plans

To ensure accessibility, Hodgson Academy offers payment plans for trip costs. Parents/Carers can choose to pay the full amount upfront or opt for an instalment plan (details on the number of instalments will be provided with trip information).

Timely communication is encouraged if parents/carers face financial difficulties regarding trip payments. Alternative arrangements may be possible on a case-by-case basis.





# Trip Procedures

## » Pre-Trip Preparation

Teachers may hold pre-trip briefing sessions to discuss expectations, behaviour codes, and dress code for the specific trip.

Students will be informed about what to bring on the trip (e.g., packed lunch, water bottle, appropriate clothing).

## » Trip Conduct and Supervision

All trips will be supervised by a sufficient number of staff members to ensure student safety and well-being.

Students are expected to adhere to the school's behaviour policy and conduct themselves respectfully throughout the trip.



# Annual Residential Trips

## » Year 11 - New York

Get ready to experience the Big Apple on our unforgettable New York trip. Immerse yourselves in the city's iconic sights – from the towering skyscrapers of Manhattan to the inspiring Statue of Liberty. Feel the magic of Broadway come alive as you witness a world-class musical or captivating play. But New York isn't just about bright lights and stages. Cheer alongside passionate fans at a live sporting fixture, experiencing the electrifying energy of American sports culture.

This trip promises a perfect blend of sightseeing, cultural immersion, and thrilling entertainment, creating memories that will last a lifetime!

**Dates - February Half Term**

**Price - £1900 - £2000**

**Staff Lead - Mr Jenkinson**



# Annual Residential Trips

## » All Year Groups - Ski Trip

Hit the slopes in style! Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 are invited on an unforgettable ski trip to Austria. Whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned pro, this adventure has something for everyone. First-timers will learn the basics with qualified instructors, building confidence and carving their first turns. More experienced skiers can explore the slopes with friends, tackling challenging runs and honing their skills. Evenings will be filled with fun activities like après-ski with hot chocolate, movie nights, or maybe even a traditional Austrian dinner. This is a chance to experience the thrill of winter sports, create lasting memories with classmates, and embrace the unbelievable views in the Austrian Mountains.



**Dates - February Half Term (13/02/2026 - 21/02/2026)**

**Price - £1650**

**Staff Lead - Mr Branker**





# Annual Residential Trips

## » Year 9 and 10 - Paris

Join our exclusive Year 9 and 10 trip to Paris, the romantic capital of France! Climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower for breath taking panoramic views, take a guided tour around the Stade de France! Test your French with friendly locals as you navigate charming cafes and bustling markets, indulging in flaky croissants and delectable pastries. Beyond the classics, delve into Parisian life! Cruise down the Seine River, soaking in the city's grandeur. Stroll through the cobbled streets of Montmartre, visiting the Sacré-Coeur Basilica and perhaps catching a glimpse of aspiring artists. Finishing off with a day at Euro Disney Paris!



**Dates - October Half Term**

**Price - £840-£940**

**Staff Lead - Mrs Sarginson**





# Annual Residential Trips

## » Year 8 and 9 - Cologne

Calling all Year 8 and 9 adventurers! Get ready for an unforgettable trip to Germany! We'll be sightseeing at amazing landmarks like castles and exploring a vibrant city. But this trip is more than just looking, it's about experiencing German culture first hand! Put your German to the test! We'll learn basic phrases to use in shops, cafes, and with friendly locals. Imagine ordering a plate of delicious sausage and schnitzel in German, or asking for directions to the next exciting sight! Get ready to taste the flavours of Germany. We'll try all sorts of traditional foods, from freshly baked pretzels and warm apple strudel to hearty stews and local specialties.

**Dates - Easter (27/03/2026-30/03/2026)**

**Price - £540**

**Staff Lead - Miss Wales**



# Annual Residential Trips

## » Year 8 - London Theatre Experience

Spending three days in the exciting capital city, we explore the sites of London seeing Buckingham Palace, The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey to name a few. We also visit the Tower of London and see the magnificent Crown Jewels. If this isn't enough, we get to see all of London from 135m in the air on the London Eye.

As it's an English trip a visit to the Globe Theatre is a must. Included in the visit is a workshop of Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest' preparing students for their study of it in the Summer Term. If that's not enough we take students to experience a West End musical. Included in the price is coach travel, 2 nights accommodation, and breakfast and evening meals.

**Dates - Easter Holidays**

**Price - £450 - £500**

**Staff Lead - Miss Wallace**



# Annual Residential Trips

## » Year 7 - London Football Experience

Spending three days in the capital, we experience the thrill of walking down the tunnel at a premier league stadium whilst on a behind-the-scenes tour. Students also experience a live professional game, supporting with the locals and enjoying the atmosphere. But the fun doesn't stop there, students also get to spend a day at Thorpe Park experiencing the latest rides and iconic roller coasters. Finally, students also get to experience a coaching session at a Premier League club. Included in the price is coach travel, 2 nights accommodation, and breakfast and evening meals. This PE trip is a fantastic way to combine the excitement of professional sports with the joy of a theme park, creating memories that will last forever.



**Dates - Easter Holidays**

**Price - £450 - £500**

**Staff Lead - Mr Ingham**





# Subject Day Trips

## » English - Year 7 Pantomime Trip

Year 7 students are in for a treat! They're heading to a pantomime, a traditional British Christmastime play. Expect silly jokes, audience participation (shouting "He's behind you!"), and over-the-top costumes. There'll be a strong heroine, a dashing hero, and a villain you'll love to boo. Songs, dances, and slapstick comedy will keep them entertained. It's a fun way to experience theatre, build school spirit, and create lasting memories with classmates.

**Date - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Price - TBC**

**Staff Lead - Mrs Parker**

## » English - Blood Brothers Trip

As part of their English or Drama studies, Year 10 are heading to the theatre to see "Blood Brothers," a powerful play by Willy Russell. This isn't your typical light-hearted performance. "Blood Brothers" explores serious themes of social class, inequality, and the impact of circumstance. Separated at birth, twins Mickey and Eddie lead vastly different lives. The play will make you think about the choices we make and the forces that shape our destinies. Be prepared for a moving and thought-provoking experience.

**Date - TBC**

**Price - TBC**

**Staff Lead - English Department**





# Subject Day Trips

## » Geography - Ambleside Field Trip

GCSE Geography students spend one day in the heart of the Lake District at Ambleside, during this day we measure how a River changes from source to mouth, which will see students getting into the river at a number of sites measuring first hand any changes.

Students will also get the opportunity to spend their lunchtime in the heart of Ambleside and will walk around a scenic waterfall.

**Date - October 2025**

**Price - TBC**

**Staff Lead - Mrs Reece**

## » Geography - Liverpool Field Trip

GCSE Geography students spend the day at Albert Dock and Liverpool One collecting data looking at how Tourism affects the environmental quality of the area.

Students have the opportunity to visit the Museum of Liverpool, and enjoy some lunch in the popular food courts in Liverpool One

**Date - June 2026**

**Price - TBC**

**Staff Lead - Mrs Reece**



# Subject Day Trips

## » PSHE - Year 10 Blackpool Sixth College

Year 10 students are invited to Blackpool Sixth Form to experience taster days. It's a chance to experience what Sixth Form life feels like first hand. You'll get a taste of their academic offerings by sitting in on sample lessons. Explore the classrooms, labs, and other facilities to see where you'll be learning. Chat with current Sixth Form students and teachers to get the inside scoop on course options and student life. This is a fantastic way to get a head start on choosing the right course and college for you.

**Date - TBC**

**Price - Free**

**Staff Lead - Miss Scott**

## » PSHE - Year 10 Blackpool and the Fylde College Visits

Year 10 students are invited to Blackpool Fylde and College to experience taster days. It's a chance to experience what Sixth Form life feels like first hand. You'll get a taste of their academic offerings by sitting in on sample lessons. Explore the classrooms, labs, and other facilities to see where you'll be learning. Chat with current Sixth Form students and teachers to get the inside scoop on course options and student life. This is a fantastic way to get a head start on choosing the right course and college for you.

**Date - TBC**

**Price - Free**

**Staff Lead - Miss Scott**



# Subject Day Trips

## » PE - OCR Sports Studies Trip

We are delighted to offer OCR Sports Studies students an exciting opportunity to develop their outdoor skills and challenge themselves in the beautiful Langdale Valley, located in the Lake District. During this trip, students will take part in gorge walking - which involves navigating rocky gorges through a combination of scrambling, climbing, and jumping. This experience is designed to foster teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving abilities in a supportive environment.

Beyond the adventure, the trip encourages personal growth, strengthens bonds among classmates, and creates lasting memories. We are committed to providing a safe, enriching, and enjoyable experience for all participants

**Date - September 2025**

**Price - £40**

**Staff Lead - Mr Webb**

## » Health and Social Care - Liverpool John Moores University

Students to explore the Liverpool John Moore University and their Health and Social Care set up. Students will spend the day in their centre, and experiencing the University student life.

**Date - TBC**

**Price - Free**

**Staff Lead - Miss Sanderson / Mrs Hutchinson**



# Subject Day Trips

## » Art - Museum Trip

Year 10 Art students will explore and experience the amazing art work at either the Liverpool Tate or Manchester Art Gallery. This will give GCSE Art students the insight to exceptional art work whilst experiencing talks, tours and creative workshops.

**Date - Summer Term**

**Price - TBC**

**Staff Lead - Mrs Duggan**

## » Student Services - Lake District OAA Rewards Trip

Students will take part in a range of Outdoor Adventurous Activities in the Lake District. Students will have the opportunity to experience outdoor activities, develop teamwork skills and work cooperatively, develop social skills, confidence, communication, motivation, physical skills and improve personal development. This trip is invite only.

**Date - Summer Term**

**Price - £35**

**Staff Lead - Mrs Beaumont**





# Final Information

Please note that all trips advertised are subject to sufficient student interest and will only run if the minimum number of participants is met.

Additionally, there may be further trips organised throughout the academic year that have not yet been planned or advertised. We encourage students to stay informed about new opportunities as they arise.

## Contact Information

The lead member of staff will advertise each trip by sending out information via email and by informing students during form time and lessons.

If you would like any further information about school trips in general, please contact Mr Ingham at [r.ingham@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.ingham@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk).

