



SAINT MARTIN'S

Catholic Academy

TRIP GUIDE

RESIDENTIAL & DAY VISITS



Dear Parents and Carers

Our mission at Saint Martin's is to enable pupils to "learn the best that has been thought and said", studying everything from ancient Greek literature in English to the most beautiful art that has been created. Part of this education is to provide pupils with opportunities to experience the world, develop deeper friendships with fellow students and have some adventures to remember.

Staff at Saint Martin's therefore happily give up their time and energy to offer a wide range of trips to suit different interests and budgets. There are trips across the UK, and from Italy or Iceland to the USA. This Trip Brochure is designed to give you an idea of the trips likely to be offered over the next couple of years in order for you to budget and select any that your son or daughter might be interested in.

This brochure will give you an insight in to the experience pupils can have, the time of year it will probably take place, the approximate price and the year groups it is aimed at.

Please note that all trips are provisional and may not take place every year.

As places will always be limited, attendance and behaviour will always be considered when a trip is oversubscribed.

When any trip is confirmed, you and your child will receive more information with plenty of time to save and plan.

Kind regards

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C Wright
Principal

ALTON CASTLE RESIDENTIAL RETREAT

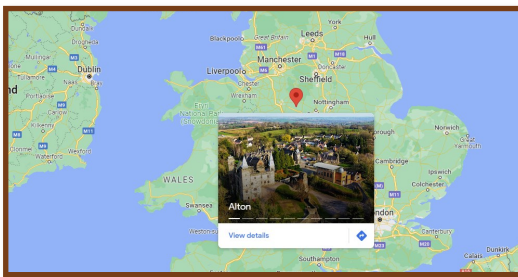
Year 8 pupils have an exciting opportunity to go on a residential retreat to Alton Castle retreat centre in the village of Alton, Staffordshire. Alton Castle is a Catholic Youth Retreat Centre which specialises in outdoor activities to encourage team building, friendships and provide a fun experience whilst also enabling pupils to grow more spiritually.

The retreat includes activities such as mountain biking, rock climbing, survival skills and many more. It is a perfect time for team building, reflection, games, outdoor activities, prayer and social time and is all led by a fantastic team of people who are trained in leading both outdoor education sessions and spiritual retreats.

Expected Dates: January (Annually)

Expected price range: £140

Trip open to Year group: 8



THE BRIARS RESIDENTIAL RETREAT

Year 7 are being offered the opportunity to visit The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Crich, Derbyshire. The Briars is the residential youth retreat centre for our diocese and not only offers a chance to get away from it all and relax, but also offers the young people an opportunity to get to know God, get to know their friends and get to know themselves a bit better!

It is a wonderful chance for students to get to know one another, as well as staff in a fun environment. You can find out more by visiting www.ndcys.com.

Expected Dates: November (Annually)

Expected price range: £140

Trip open to Year group: 7



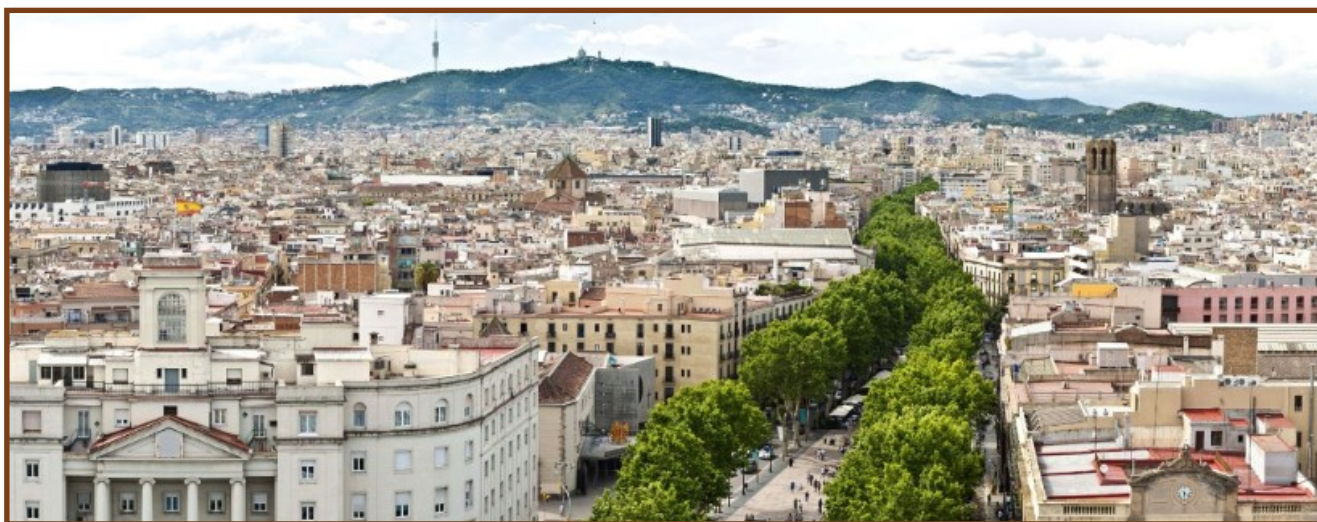
BARCELONA—FOOTBALL & NETBALL

The trip consists of 5 nights, 6 days to Barcelona. This is selected on regular boys football and girls netball players only. The trip includes 2 days coaching, along with matches and tournaments. Also included is a beach day, trip to Port Aventura theme park and a full day sightseeing in Barcelona.

Expected Dates: Every 2 years in April

Expected price range: £900

Trip open to Year groups: 8 & 9 (regular boys football and girls netball players only)



CONDOVER HALL—FOOTBALL RESIDENTIAL

JCA Condover Hall activity centre, near Shrewsbury, Shropshire. 2 night/3 day residential with a packed programme of activities including kayaking, high ropes, archery and much more. Students will compete in a football tournament against other schools at nearby New Meadow (Shrewsbury Town football stadium).

Expected Dates: June (annual)

Expected price range: £250

Trip open to Year group: 8 & 9 Football teams



PGL NETBALL WEEKEND

Netball Tournament weekend to a PGL run centre. Travel by coach with a stop off The weekend comprises of team building activities, PGL activities, social events and a full netball tournament run by All England Netball on Saturday and Sunday.

Expected Dates: Annually

Board: Full board

Expected price range: £250

Trip open to Year groups: 7 (regular netball players only)



PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

This Pilgrimage to the City of Rome is a wonderful opportunity for our Religious Studies students to visit The Vatican and its museums, the Catacombs, the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum and a guided tour of Rome. This will be an amazing experience and will give your child first hand interaction with the Religious Studies GCSE curriculum.

The 4-night trip includes flights, accommodation, breakfast, evening meal, excursion entrances, the use of a coach in Rome and Travel Insurance.

Expected Dates: March (Bi- Annual)

Board: Breakfast & Evening meal

Expected price range: £750.00



PLAS GWYNANT OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL

Plas Gwynant Outdoor Education Centre is located in the Snowdonia National Park, near to Beddgelert, North Wales. Visit the centre's website for more information

<https://www.sandwellresidential.co.uk/our-centres/plas-gwynant-outdoor-education-centre/>

Students undertake a 5 day outdoor pursuits course. The cost of the course includes transport to and from the centre, full board, all activities undertaken, use of equipment and insurance. A range of activities are delivered by highly experienced and qualified staff from the centre. An extensive programme of activities may include, mountain walking, canoeing/kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, gorge walking, orienteering, team building activities, beach exploration and mine exploration.

Expected Dates: May (annually)

Trip open to Year 9

Expected price range: £350—£400



POLAND

Students will have studied Germany 1925-55, International Relations and the Cold War by this time, so this trip would help them to understand the impact of Nazism and Communism.

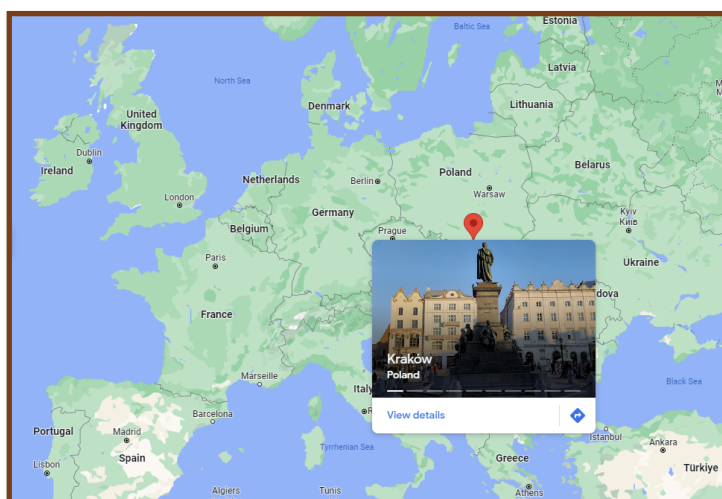
The main focus of the trip is to visit Auschwitz. We will also see the Salt Mines, visit Oskar Schindler's factory, from which he was able to help Jews escape persecution, as well as the childhood home of Pope John Paul which is now a museum. Students get the opportunity to tour around Krakow as well.

The approximate cost below includes flights and transfers, half board accommodation, entry to all sites as well as transport within Krakow.

Expected Dates: June (annually)

Board: Half board

Expected price range: £750 approx



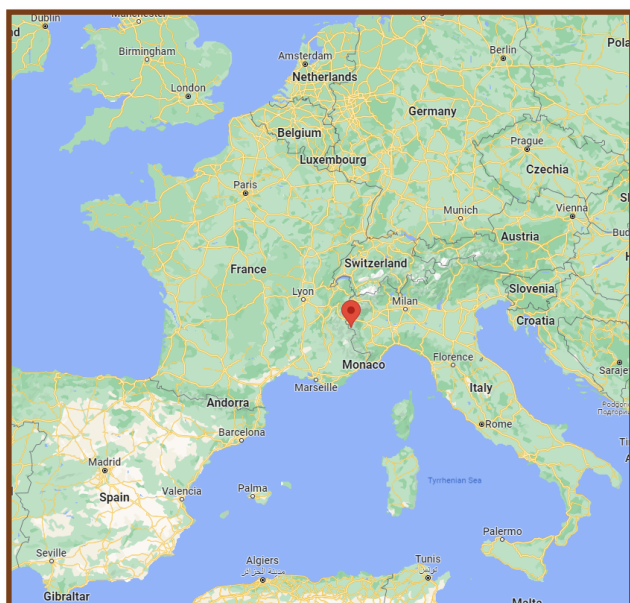
SKI ITALY

A week-long trip that has 6 days of skiing. 5 hours a day along with many après ski activities. Flying from a nearby airport avoid long transfers. In 2023 we will be going to Sestriere, Italy which boast many runs of all levels green-black. We take all ability groups no previous skiing experience needed as we also book the snowdome for taster sessions.

Expected Dates: January (Annually)

Expected price range: £1000—£1100
(depending on flight costs)

Trip open to Year group: 10



OTHER TRIPS & DAY VISITS

We have various other visits during the year , including trips to many universities, theatres, farms, days out for GCSE coursework, including:

Annual day trip to The National Gallery for Year 9 GCSE Art Students—January/February

Annual day trip to Tate Modern and Tate Britain or The National Portrait Gallery for Year 10 GCSE Art students



YEAR 7 TRIP TO LONDON

This trip provides an opportunity for all students to visit the Capital to view key historical sites; to enhance their understanding of British democracy and history; to learn about science and the natural world; and to experience great art. .Students have the opportunity to choose from 4 options.

Places we have visited in the past:

Natural History Museum

Science Museum

Albert Hall

Albert Memorial

Victoria & Albert Museum

Walk to Buckingham Palace & Trafalgar Square, Downing Street

National Gallery

Houses of Parliament Tour & Workshop on Representation & Voting

Expected Dates: May/June (annual)

Expected price range: £25

Trip open to Year group: 7



Its an excellent opportunity for our students to have fun with their peers and to wind down after all their hard work though out the year.

Trip open to Year group: All year groups

