



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

Valuing Everyone, Achieving Excellence

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Educational Visits at BGLC

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus offers students a wide range of educational visits. Some of these visits are tailored to the curriculum and some are designed to give students opportunities they might not otherwise experience. Our aim is both to complement the curriculum and to offer opportunities for students to broaden their cultural horizons.

How many educational visits do we offer?

Each year we run approximately 50 visits across the campus.

What sorts of educational visits can students go on?

The vast majority are visits that focus on a specific area of the curriculum. For example, in Year 7 all students visit places of worship in Leicester as part of their RE lessons, and those students who choose to study Geography at GCSE or A level regularly take part in field trips.

Are the visits open to anyone?

Most visits are targeted in some way, either through age and year group or subject choices. A typical example is

- The Big Bang Science Trip to the NEC, which is open to Year 10 and Year 12 students.

More targeted events include

- Support for Early Entry to University. Early entry is completed by students wishing to study Medicine or apply to Oxford and Cambridge. These events are for Post 16 students and the students register their interest with our High Prior Attainment (HPA) coordinator.
- The Widening Participation visits. The WP students are identified by the government as being students who have the academic ability to attend university but may face barriers. The visits are to University of Leicester, De Montfort University or Loughborough University. There are places on the visits also for disadvantaged students too, such as those in receipt of the Pupil Premium.

Are there residential visits and visits abroad?

Yes. We offer a range of residential visits, although these vary year on year, depending on staff availability. Most last between 2 and 8 days. They represent around 10% of the visits on offer and include



London Drama residential for KS3



Normandy residential for KS3



Iceland residential for KS3



European city visits - Spanish and German for Year 10 and Year 12



Ski trip for Year 11



Youth theatre trip to Whitby open to all year groups



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There is also Camps International (Post 16).

What about the cost of these visits?

The cost of the visits varies. Some are free, others require students to cover costs such as travel, and others are more expensive as they include both airfares and hotel rooms. The most expensive are the residential visits, especially those where students travel abroad.

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus is a local school which prides itself on being inclusive, and as staff we are aware that some of these visits are beyond the financial means of some of our families. We hope that by listing the visits above we can at least give parents/carers some warning of the more expensive events so that the cost becomes more manageable. For the most expensive visits, the staff organisers ensure that payment is spread over a number of months. For some of the Post 16 events, such as Camps International, there is an expectation that students will engage in fundraising activities to offset the cost to their families. Finally, there is information in the Pupil Premium Policy and Welcome Letter outlining the financial support we can offer our more disadvantaged students.

What about visits and events run by other organisations?

There are also extra-curricular events that we facilitate but which are run by outside agencies. These are

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- National Citizenship Service

Where can I find further information?

Please contact the school with your specific questions and our receptionists will put you in touch with the relevant department and staff member.

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