



INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ABU DHABI 2023-2024

Our Vision

"Empowering & enriching lives for future success"

Our Mission

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"Our mission is to create world class learning experiences that recognise and nurture empathetic, resilient and talented individuals."

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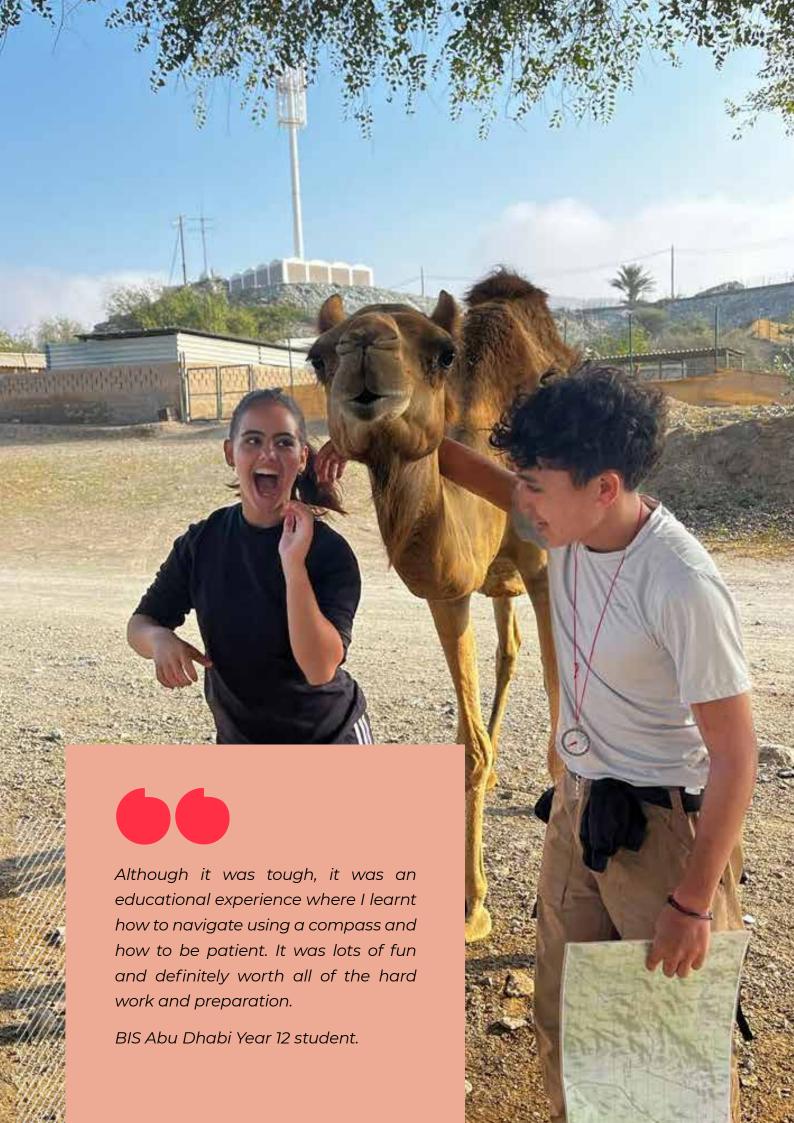
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Our Values

Kindness, Honesty and Respect



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Dear Parents,

At The British International School Abu Dhabi, we believe that education extends far beyond the classroom walls. That's why we offer our students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of residential school trips – both within the UAE and beyond - where they can explore new cultures, learn new languages, and broaden their horizons. We understand that as a parent, you want your child to have the best possible education and life experiences. A residential school trip can provide just that.

When traveling abroad and immersing themselves in a foreign culture, students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world around them. They gain valuable communication and problem-solving skills, as well as a sense of independence and confidence.

Our trips aim to offer action-packed experiences, that will challenge and inspire students of all ages. From hiking and rock climbing to rafting and skiing, we provide a wide range of exciting activities that will get students out of their comfort zones and into the great

outdoors. Experienced instructors will lead students and teach them essential outdoor skills. Along the way, students will learn about the environment and the importance of conservation, gaining a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Our residential school trips are carefully planned to ensure that students have a safe and enjoyable experience. We work with reputable travel companies and local guides to provide a comprehensive itinerary that balances educational and cultural experiences with fun and relaxation.

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BOOKING PROCESS

- 1. Open the Jotform link in the international and national residential trips email and fill in your child's details alongside your preferred trip(s). (Please note that there will be a vetting/application process for certain expeditions due to the challenging conditions and fitness requirements)
- 2. Once we have received your declaration of interest, an invoice will be uploaded to the BISAD app to allow you to pay the deposit within 7 days. You will receive an email notifying you of when the payment can be made.
 - a. For trips with a limited number of places, we will operate a first-come, first-served policy when registering
 - b. Please note that your place on any trip is not confirmed until the deposit has been paid
- 3. Once your place is confirmed, you will be contacted by the Trip Leader with further details regarding payment of the outstanding balance.
- 4. Please be aware that the deposits will secure the group airline ticket for the trip and, in some cases, to avail early bird discounts with third party providers. If you are no longer able to attend the trip, the deposit will not be refunded.



TRIPS WITH A SELECTION PROCESS -

BSME GAMES AND TREKKING EXPEDITIONS

BSME Games selection is based on ability within the sports featured in each of the events. Typically, these events are Football and Athletics (boys and girls), Netball (girls) and Volleyball (boys). There will be a trial process in the run up to each Games where any student is free to participate. The final decision is determined by the Director of Sport (Mr Ryan Baker).

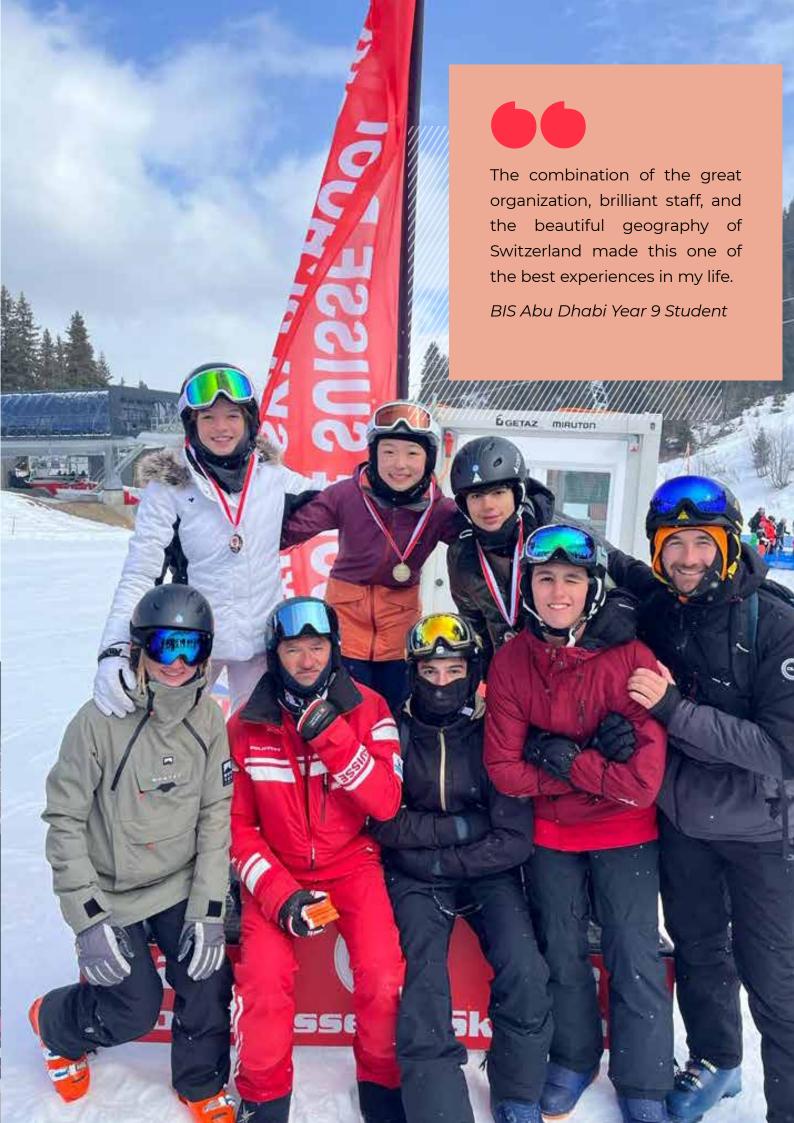
Trekking expeditions (in Tanzania and Switzerland) are particularly demanding and require a minimum level of fitness, resilience & commitment. We reserve the right to ask for a letter of application for these trips before offering a place.

Participants will be expected to sign up for the relevant CCA to prepare for the expeditions. If there is a clash, participants will be expected to develop their fitness in their own time. We reserve the right to withdraw a place on expeditions if the applicant has not demonstrated suitable progress.

IMPORTANT NOTE

All places on trips are subject to student behaviour and workload meeting the expected standards throughout the year.





ICELAND - DISCOVER THE WORLD

Join us on an unforgettable journey to Iceland, where you will immerse yourself in the stunning natural wonders of this unique country. Our school trip is designed to give you an up-close and personal experience of Iceland's geography, from its bubbling hot springs to its towering glaciers.

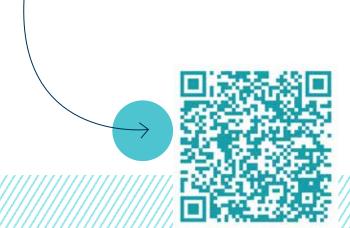
You will explore the famous Golden Circle route, which includes stops at the geothermal area of Geysir, the majestic Gullfoss waterfall, and Thingvellir National Park, where you can witness the geological rift between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.

We will also visit the south coast of Iceland, where you will have the opportunity to hike on a glacier and marvel at the black sand beaches, towering cliffs, and rugged coastline. And no trip to Iceland would be complete without a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa renowned for its healing properties.

Throughout the trip, you will learn about Iceland's unique geological features, its history, and its culture. Our expert guides will ensure that you come away with a deep appreciation for this incredible country and its natural wonders.

The trip has links to the sustainable development goals to see how "life on land", "sustainable cities and communities" and "affordable and clean energy". There are also links to the Geography IB Curriculum.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Iceland on this unforgettable school trip.





NEW YORK - CREATIVE ARTS



A trip for Music, Art and Photography enthusiasts. Get ready for an unforgettable journey to the city that never sleeps! Join us on a school trip to New York, where you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the thriving performing arts scene that has made the city famous.

From Broadway shows to off-Broadway performances, from dance to music, from opera to ballet, you will be surrounded by the very best in entertainment. Our itinerary includes visits to some of the most iconic theaters and venues, such as the Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall, and Lincoln Center.

But that's not all! You will also have the chance to attend fine art and photography workshops and masterclasses with some of the industry's most talented professionals. From actors to musicians, choreographers to stage designers, you will learn from the very best and gain valuable insights into what it takes to make it in the performing arts.

Of course, no trip to New York would be complete without exploring some of the city's many famous landmarks and attractions. We'll take a tour of the Statue of Liberty, visit the Empire State Building, and stroll through

Central Park as well as visit some of the famous arts galleries.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience the magic of New York's performing arts scene. Join us on this unforgettable school trip and let your creativity soar!



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CUENCA - SPAIN

Join us on a cultural journey to the enchanting city of Cuenca, Spain! Immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant traditions to broaden your language skills and your cultural horizons. In this stunning destination, known for its magnificent architecture, breathtaking landscapes and delicious cuisine, you can prepare efficiently for your speaking exams for IGCSE/IBDP

During this school trip, you will have the opportunity to attend Spanish lessons, explore Cuenca's ancient streets, marvel at the Gothic cathedral and the famous hanging houses, and discover the secrets of the city. You'll also have the chance to participate in workshops like flamenco dancing, cooking lessons or kayaking.

With knowledgeable guides and teachers leading the way, you'll gain a deeper understanding of Spanish culture and language and develop a greater appreciation for the beauty and diversity of the world around us. Don't miss out on this unforgettable adventure to Cuenca, Spain!







LONDON - ENGLAND

Join us for an unforgettable adventure to the bustling city of London, where you'll immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and history that has shaped this incredible metropolis. From exploring the iconic landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and Big Ben, to visiting world-class museums and galleries like the British Museum and National Gallery, there's something for everyone on this once-in-a-lifetime trip. Get lost in the charming streets of Camden Market and Covent Garden, savour delicious cuisine from all around the world, and enjoy the company of your classmates as you discover the city's unique charm and energy. Led by experienced tour guides and educators, this trip is the perfect opportunity to broaden your horizons, gain new perspectives, and create lifelong memories. Don't miss out on this incredible cultural experience - sign up today!







LES ELFES SKI TRIP - SWITZERLAND

Les Elfes is one of the most prestigious organisers of Winter Sports Holidays in the world offering a lively and enthusiastic approach to skiing and snowboarding in the stunning Swiss Alps. Whether a total beginner or an aspiring off-piste skier, all abilities are catered for. Alongside a full-day of ski or snowboard lessons, Les Elfes offers a full program of Apres-ski and evening activities with students able to choose from a range of activities including sledging, torchlight hike ice-skating and much more.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a prestigious program that aims to equip young people with essential life skills and experiences. One of the most exciting components of the award is the adventurous journey, which involves a multi-day outdoor expedition that tests participants' resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.

For this year's school trip, students will embark on a thrilling Duke of Edinburgh's Award adventurous journey, where they will be challenged both physically and mentally. The expedition will take place in the stunning mountains or deserts of the UAE, where students will have the opportunity to explore the beauty of nature while putting their outdoor skills to the test.

Over the course of the expedition, students will have to face a variety of challenges, from steep climbs to desert crossings. They will need to work together to overcome obstacles and reach their destination. Throughout the journey, they will also have to demonstrate their navigation skills and make decisions based on changing weather conditions and terrain.

In addition to the physical challenges, students will also have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences and develop important life skills. They will learn the value of teamwork, communication, and resilience in challenging situations. They will also develop their problem-solving abilities as they work together to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

Overall, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award adventurous journey is an unforgettable experience that will help students grow both personally and academically. It is a unique opportunity to explore the outdoors, challenge oneself, and develop important life skills that will serve them well in the future.

Please note - This activity is only applicable to students who have enrolled in the DofE International Award - see Mr. Givens for more information.







YEAR 7 SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMP









YEAR 8 AL AIN ADVENTURE TRIP

At the base of Jebel Hafeet, Al Ain Adventure is a world-class adventure hotspot. A first of its kind in the Middle East, this venue boasts a large wave pool, white water rapids and many more exciting activities!

- World-class adventure hub
- Chalet accommodation at the neighbouring Green Mubuzzarah Hotel
- 7 students per chalet, 2 bathrooms in each
- Child friendly buffet available, all dietary requirements catered for
- · Three artificial white-water rivers
- Large wave pool
- White Water Rafting
- Bodyboarding
- Airpark & Zipline
- Giant Swing & Kayaking







YEAR 9 OCEANIC RESORT & SPA, KHORFAKKAN, SHARJAH

A luxurious beachside resort with views over the golden sands of Khorfakkan and an azure blue sea. Look out for turtles bobbing out of the water and the occasional ray while on our Watersport sessions here.

- 4 star coastal resort
- · 2/3 students per room
- Child friendly buffet, all dietary requirements catered for
- Exclusive areas of accommodation, catering and recreation
- Kayaking
- · Raft Build
- Snorkelling
- · Beach Games
- · Al Rafisah Dam Hike





NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION RUN TRIPS RIFT VALLEY, TANZANIA Y12 ONLY

The Tanzania Rift Valley Experience is an amazing opportunity for you to make a lasting impact on the local Masai communities in Ngare Sero village, Tanzania. During your expedition, you will travel to the East African Rift Valley, where you will be immersed in the Masai culture in the Lake Natron conservation area of Tanzania.

Overlooked by Ol Doinyo Legai, you will discover the diverse and vibrant natural history of this area, significantly contributing to the community of Ngare Seo Village, while learning about sustainable development.

Working alongside fellow NAE students from around the world, this experience will broaden your horizons and open your eyes to the world, cultures and people around you, whilst building lifelong friendships and memories.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be ambitious and challenge yourself through this unique and highly enjoyable expedition.



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NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION RUN TRIPS MOUNT KILIMANJARO Y12 ONLY

This expedition will take you on a challenging 7-day ascent via the Machame route, which provides wonderful views of the surrounding plains and an ascent profile that will offer the greatest chance of success for you to reach the summit of Kilimanjaro, the tallest freestanding mountain in the world and the highest mountain on the African Continent.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be ambitious and challenge yourself through a unique and highly enjoyable programme, designed to enable you to develop key skills such as confidence, resilience, independence and leadership.

Working with fellow NAE students from around the world, this experience will take you away from the beaten track, open your eyes to the world, cultures and people around you, while building lifelong friendships and memories.





NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION RUN TRIPS SERVICE NORTHERN TANZANIA Y10 ONLY

On our expeditions, we work with Summits Africa on a number of service projects.

Summits Africa have been working to support the communities surrounding Lake Natron for many years, in order to make the project possible and ensure they will have a positive impact on the local community. Local staff, who work with Summits Africa and live in the communities that surround Lake Natron, will work with village officials to identify the needs of the community and assess how NAE students can work towards supporting these needs.

Observing and learning about the different culture and lifestyle of the Tanzanian people will always stay with me.

BIS Abu Dhabi Year 10 Student

These Projects can include:

Calculating Yield Size - To make the most efficient use of the space we have available we will need to calculate the potential yield sizes for each crop that we want to grow to ensure maximum yields are produced.

Drip Irrigation - We will be using drip irrigation systems to make most efficient use of the limited water supply. You will be building these and ensuring they are in the most efficient place to ensure all plants are watered!

Water Collection - pools and channels will need to be built and dug to collect as much water as possible and make most efficient use of it.

Planting and Harvesting of Crop - You could be building plant beds and planting seeds, and possibly harvesting crops that have been planted in previous years.

NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION RUN TRIPS ADVANCED TREKKING – SWITZERLAND Y9-Y11

The Advanced Trekking Expedition is an inspiring adventure that will challenge you physically while developing your leadership skills in a well-managed and fun environment.

Based in Les Martinets within the iconic and beautiful Swiss Alps, you will learn how to travel safely as you ascend towards secluded huts over mountainous terrain, with amazing views of Lake Geneva and Mount Blanc Massif along the way. The week will be fun, with some challenges and will give you the opportunity to bond with fellow students whilst taking part in physically demanding but rewarding treks.



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COST AND DATES

YEAR 7

Trip Title	Duration	Approx Cost	Proposed Date	No. Students & Year Groups	Trip Category
Activity Day and Overnight Camp	1 night, 2 days	TBC	7th-8th Dec	Unlimited Year 7 only	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
BSME U13 Football – Doha	2 nights, 3 days*	AED 3500	Term 1	Invite only	Sports – selection only
BSME U13 Games – Abu Dhabi	3 days (no overnight)	AED 1500	Term 2	Invite only	Sports – selection only

Trip Title	Duration	Approx Cost	Proposed Date	No. Students	Trip Category
North Star Activity Camp	1 night, 2 days	AED 1070	7th-8th Dec	Unlimited Year 8 only	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
BSME U13 Football – Doha	2 nights, 3 days*	AED 3500	Term 1	Invite only	Sports – selection only
BSME U13 Games – Abu Dhabi	3 days (no overnight)	AED 1500	Term 2	Invite only	Sports – selection only
Les Elfes Snowsports, Switzerland	7 nights	AED 12000	16th - 23rd Mar	40 students Years 8 & 9	International Expedition/ Adventure
Creative Arts - New York City	7 nights	AED 13900	6th-13th Nov	Unlimited Year 8 and above	Curriculum Enhancement
London Cultural Visit	3 nights	AED 8000	12th-15th Oct	Unlimited Year 8 and Above	Cultural Awareness

Trip Title	Duration	Approx Cost	Proposed Date	No. Students	Trip Category
North Star Activity Camp	2 nights, 3 days	AED 1780	4th - 6th Dec	Unlimited Year 9 only	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
BSME U15 Football – Doha	2 nights, 3 days*	AED 3500	Term 1	Invite only	Sports – selection only
London Cultural Visit	3 nights	AED 8000	12th-15th Oct	Unlimited Year 8 and Above	Cultural Awareness
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey - Bronze Practice	1 night, 2 days	AED 600	Term 2	Unlimited Year 9 and above	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey - Bronze Qualifying	1 night, 2 days	AED 600	9th-10th Feb	Unlimited* Years 9 & 10	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
BSME U15 Games – Egypt or Bahrain	4 nights, 5 days	AED 3500	Term 2	Invite only	Sports – selection only
Creative Arts - New York City	7 nights	AED 13900	6th-13th Nov	Unlimited Year 8 and above	Curriculum Enhancement
CH11 Advanced trekking	7 nights	AED 8000	23rd-30th Jun	26 students Years 9-11	International Expedition/ Adventure
Les Elfes Snowsports, Switzerland	7 nights	AED 12000	16th - 23rd Mar	40 students Years 8 & 9	International Expedition/ Adventure

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TZ10 Service Projects: Northern Tanzania	7 nights	AED 11000	4th 11th Mar	53 Students Year 10 only	International Expedition/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey - Bronze Practice	1 night, 2 days	AED 600	7th-8th Jan	Unlimited* Years 9 and 10	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Bronze Qualifying	1 night, 2 days	AED 600	Term 2	Unlimited Year 9 and above	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
BSME U15 Games – Egypt or Bahrain	4 nights, 5 days	AED 3500	Term 2	Invite only	Sports – selection only
BSME U15 Football – Doha	2 nights, 3 days	AED 3500	Term 1	Invite only	Sports – selection only
London Cultural Visit	3 nights	AED 8000	12th-15th Oct	Unlimited Year 8 and Above	Cultural Awareness
Creative Arts - New York City	7 nights	AED 13900	6th-13th Nov	Unlimited Year 8 and above	Curriculum Enhancement
Cuenca, Spain Cultural Visit	6 nights	AED 8500	17th-23rd Sept	No limit	Cultural Awareness
GCSE Rock Climbing	3 nights	AED 1500	2nd-5th Feb	Invite only	Curriculum Coursework
CH11 Advanced trekking	7 nights	AED 8000	23rd-30th Jun	26 students Years 9-11	International Expedition/ Adventure

^{*} For students who sign up to the DofE Award. The cost to enroll on to the Award is 250 AED.

Trip Title	Duration	Approx Cost	Proposed Date	No. Students	Trip Category
BSME U19 Games – Kuwait	1 night, 2 days	AED 3500	Term 1	Invite only	Sports – selection only
London Cultural Visit	3 nights	AED 8000	12th-15th Oct	Unlimited Year 8 and Above	Cultural Awareness
Creative Arts - New York City	7 nights	AED 13900	6th-13th Nov	Unlimited Year 8 and above	Curriculum Enhancement
Cuenca, Spain Cultural Visit	6 nights	AED 8500	17th-23rd Sept	Unlimited	Cultural Awareness
GCSE Rock Climbing	3 nights	AED 1500	2nd-5th Feb	Invite only	Curriculum Coursework
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey - Bronze Qualifying	1 night	AED 600	27th-28th Nov	18 students	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Silver Practice	2 nights	AED 700	26th-28th Jan	Unlimited* Years 11-13	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Silver Qualifying	2 nights	AED 700	29th Feb - 2nd Mar	Unlimited* Years 11-13	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
IGCSE Geography fieldtrip	2 nights	AED 1800	tbc	Invite only	Curriculum Coursework
CH11 Advanced trekking	7 nights	AED 800	23rd-30th Jun	26 students Years 9-11	International Expedition/ Adventure

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Creative Arts - New York City	7 nights	AED 13900	6th-13th Nov	Unlimited Year 8 and above	Curriculum Enhancement
Iceland 'Discover the World' Trip	10 nights	AED 13000	Term 3	Unlimited	Curriculum Enhancement
Cuenca, Spain Cultural Visit	6 nights	AED 8500	17th-23rd Sept	Unlimited	Cultural Awareness
TZ7 Rift Valley Expedition	9 nights	AED 11000	20th-27th Jan	26 Students Year 12 only	International Expedition/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Silver Practice	2 nights	AED 700	26th-28th Jan	Unlimited Year 9 and above	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Silver Qualifying	2 nights	AED 700	29th Feb - 2nd Mar	Unlimited* Years 11-13	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
IB Geography fieldtrip	4 nights	tbc	24th - 28th Apr	Invite only	Curriculum Coursework
TZ10 Kilimanjaro	11 nights	AED 10000	4th - 15th Mar	8 students	International Expedition/ Adventure

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Creative Arts - New York City	7 nights	AED 13900	6th-13th Nov	Unlimited Year 8 and above	Curriculum Enhancement
Iceland 'Discover the World' Trip	10 nights	AED 13000	Term 3	Unlimited	Subject Group Celebration
Cuenca, Spain Cultural Visit	6 nights	AED 8500	17th-23rd Sept	Unlimited	Cultural Awareness
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Silver Practice	2 nights	AED 700	26th-28th Jan	Unlimited* Years 11-13	Outdoor Education/ Adventure
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Silver Qualifying	2 nights	AED 700	29th Feb - 2nd Mar	Unlimited* Years 11-13	Outdoor Education/ Adventure

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