



# Beaumont School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 9 Personal Development Week (PDW) – Monday 1 to Friday 5 July 2024

Following the success of previous years' activities provided during our Personal Development Week (PDW), we shall again be offering students the opportunity to choose to go on one of two residential trips or to select from a range of daily activities held both in-school and off-site.

At this time, we are only requesting for those students who wish to go on a residential trip to sign up via MCaS. If they would prefer to stay in school and participate in the daily activities on offer please note more information will follow later in the academic year.

### Residential Trips

This year we have two trips on offer to students in Year 9: our historically popular languages trip to Cantabria, Spain and following the success of last year a history trip visiting Normandy in France.

- **Cantabria, Spain** - 5 day residential trip from Monday 1 to Friday 5 July 2024. We estimate the cost to be in the region of between **£750 to £850**, dependent on the numbers attending and final flight costs.  
*This trip will include visits to beaches, caves and mountains, and will give students the opportunity to practise their Spanish at a local market and shopping centre.*
- **Normandy Battlefields, France** - 4 day residential trip from Monday 1 to Thursday 4 July 2024. We estimate the cost to be in the region of between **£420 and £480**, dependent on numbers attending.  
*This trip, exploring the history of the D-Day Battlefields, will give students considering GCSE History the opportunity to discover key sites where the greatest seaborne invasion in history took place in June 1944. It will build on Year 9 History lesson content but there is no requirement to be studying History in Year 10 in order to participate and benefit from the visit. It will be of interest to all.*

If your child would like to participate in either of the above mentioned PDW residential trips please sign them up to the relevant trip on your child's 'My Child at School' (MCaS) account and pay a non-refundable deposit of £150 by no later than **Sunday 22 October 2023** to secure their place.

**Please note;** once your child has been allocated a place on a trip you will receive confirmation of this and will then be required to **pay the full cost of the trip** even if you or your child subsequently change your mind about participating. We will of course make our best endeavours to mitigate the cost to you in such circumstances, however, we will be entering into contracts with tour operators and/or travel companies based on your request for a place, and you will be liable for any charges which are payable under that contract.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip but will experience difficulty in making the contribution please make contact before signing up to the trip - [tripsandvisits@beaumont.school](mailto:tripsandvisits@beaumont.school).





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## School-based Activities

To help assist in your decision making, please see below a table of the activities we have offered previously in school along with the approximate prices paid last year.

In School – <i>no charge</i> :	Trips Out:
Textiles	Top Golf & Fitness Suite - £19
Italian Day	Karting - £26
Drama & Music	Laser Quest - £31
Art	Harry Potter Studios - £35
Raquet Sports	London Eye & Aquarium - £21
Product Design	Ninja Warrior & Bowling - £31

***Please be aware these activities & prices are subject to change and give an indication only of what we may be able to offer.***

I would also like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Procedure that is available on the school website. This requires all students participating in a school visit to have a good record of behaviour at school. Please note that mobile phones and electronic internet capable devices are **NOT** permitted on residential trips and if a student is found to have one it will be confiscated.

We do hope to accommodate everyone in their choices for PDW and it is important for those wanting to participate in either of the residential trips on offer to ensure that consent and deposits are received by the given cut-off date - **Sunday 22 October 2023**.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Z Shepherd  
Assistant Headteacher

