**International trips 2015-16**

**October half term**

**Netball tour to Disneyland, Paris**

**24th Oct to 28th Oct 2015 – open to girls in Years 6-10**

The trip is **open to girls in years 6-10** (in the academic year 2015/16) and will depart from QE on Sunday 25th October and return on Thursday 29th October 2015.

For young players this unique Festival provides them with the opportunity to take part in a professionally-organised overseas tournament, as well as enabling them to develop their netball skills, confidence and ability level through the support of expert coaches and England international and Superleague netball celebrities, at a highly enjoyable and fun destination.

The coaching clinics and masterclasses are led by world-class players and coaches. These truly inspirational and passionate players and coaches, including England Internationals and Superleague players, are all involved in the game at the highest level.

The girls will be staying at the Davy Crockett Ranch of **Disneyland Paris**, which offers a good standard of accommodation in a safe and secure environment. In addition, outside of the time devoted to netball, our included admission to both **Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park** ensures that we are fully entertained throughout our time away.

The cost of the trip is approx. £735 fully inclusive of all transport, travel insurance, cabin style accommodation, meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), netball tournament, coaching clinics and Masterclass, entrance to the Disney Parks, Match ball and Kit bag.

**Dive trip to Gozo**

**24th Oct to 1st Nov 2015 – open to years 9-13**

The Islands of Gozos clear blue Mediterranean sea is ideal for scuba diving and is accessible from the shore or boat in every part of the Island. Offering excellent and unique diving experiences, creating an ultimate location for beginners and experienced divers alike, and with tiny Comino island, famous for its Blue Lagoon - form very special diving sites at the heart of the Mediterranean.

The trip is **open to students in years 9-13** (in the academic year 2015/16) and will depart from QE on Sunday 25th October and return on Sunday 1st November 2015.

**SCUBA DIVING**

**PADI Open Water Diver course**

Students will learn all the essential skills needed for scuba diving, and the course is divided into the following: -

* Theory sections, Knowledge Review 1. 2. 3. 4.
* Confined water training 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
* Open water dives 1. 2. 3. 4.
* Online Registration as a certified diver with PADI.

Experienced instructors will break down the course to ensure that the group learns in an efficient way, whilst ensuring that it’s also an enjoyable experience. On completion and certification of the PADI Open Water Course, students will be qualified to dive anywhere on the planet!

Once the day’s dives have been completed students may relax in the evenings with a programme including Bowling, Big Screen Night (a movie under the stars) and a Presentation night with BBQ.

Students will be accommodated in fully furnished apartments including a lounge area, kitchen, all linen, shared washing machine and Wi-Fi.

The cost of the trip is approx. £1400 fully inclusive of flights, all transport, travel insurance, apartment accommodation, meals, dive equipment and instruction, fresh drinking water, air-conditioned classrooms for the theory elements, course manual (to be provided ahead of time) and on-line registration as a certified diver.

**Warm weather training camp for years 10-13 (Football and Netball)**

**Dates TBC – open to years 10-13**

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**Basketball tour**

**Dates TBC – open to years TBC**

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**Christmas Holidays**

**Ski trip to Italy**

**3rd to 10th January 2016 – open to years 6-13**

A great opportunity to spend a week skiing in Folgarida in Italy in early January 2016! The trip will depart on **Sunday 3rd January and return on Monday 11th January 2016**.

Queen Ethelburga’s College will be staffing the trip at a ratio of 1:10, and will work closely with the ski school to ensure your son or daughters safety.

The cost of the trip will be £1385 to include

* Return transport from Queen Ethelburga’s College to Manchester Airport (students may also meet at Manchester Airport)
* Return flights from Manchester to Italy.
* Hotel accommodation in Hotel Luna (<http://www.hotelluna.it/en/>) including use of the swimming pool and other facilities.
* Full board including hot lunch in the Malghet Aut Mountain restaurant
* Full medical and travel insurance cover and Piste Closure Insurance
* 4 hours ski tuition a day over 6 days
* Lift Passes for the 6 days
* Hire of skis, boots and poles
* Après-Ski Entertainment (including ice skating, bowling and night skiing)
* Additional evening in Milan (inc meals and accommodation) on the Sunday 10th January in order to return to QE on travel day.

**Iceland**

**29th to 31st Jan 2016 (long weekend) – open to years 6-13**

Departing from Queen Ethelburga’s at approx 4am on Friday 29th January, arriving in Iceland at 10:35am and returning to Queen Ethelburga’s for approximately 5pm on Sunday 1st February.

We have a packed itinerary to include the Northern Lights Tour, Golden Circle Tour and the Blue Lagoon as well as seeing the sights of the capital of Reykjavik.

The cost of the trip is approx. £700 to include flights, coach transfers, itinerary as above, meals and travel insurance.

**February Half term**

**Citizenship in New York**

**12th to 18th Feb 2016 – open to years TBC**

“Participation in civil society, community and/or political life, characterised by mutual respect and non-violence and in accordance with human rights and democracy' (Hoskins 2006).”

Join us as we visit a selection of key sites in New York including the Jewish Museum, United Nations Building Tour, New York State Court Tour, Liberty and Ellis Islands and the 9/11 Memorial.

Students will be staying at the Courtyard Marriot in the centre of New York. The cost of the trip is approx. £1400 to include flights, coach transfers, itinerary as above, meals and travel insurance.

**Art, Design and Photography in Barcelona**

**19th to 23rd Feb 2016 – open to years 10-13**

An exciting enrichment opportunity for GCSE and Sixth form Art and Photography students.

Our annual European art trips are always a huge success enabling students to experience really inspirational art and architecture and collect valuable research and ideas for their own work. Barcelona is an amazing, vibrant capital of culture with a great artistic heritage. Picasso, Gaudi and Dali are just a few of the names associated with this great city. We will visit many world renowned galleries and museums such as The Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art, MNAC, Ciaxa Forum and The Picasso Museum we will visit the Sagrada Familia, Gaudi’s famous unfinished Cathedral and many other

The GCSE and A Level exam papers are issued at the beginning of February and this visit will be a fabulous opportunity for students to make a start on preparatory work and gather unique and inspirational research.

We will be staying for four nights in a Hotel just off The Ramblas in the heart of the Gothic Quarter. Flying from a regional Airport on Friday 19th February, returning on Tuesday 23rd, all transfers are included and shared rooms have en-suite facilities. Breakfasts and evening meals are provided and we will stop for lunch at galleries and cafes as we go. The cost of the trip will be approx. £575 which also includes a guided tour of the Sagrada Familia.

**French trip to Paris**

**Dates TBC – open to years TBC**

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**Languages and Humanities in Berlin**

**3rd to 6th March 2016 – open to years TBC**

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**Venice**

**18th to 20th March 2016 (long weekend) – open to years 6-13**

On the weekend of Friday 18th to Sunday 20th March students in Years 8 to 13 have the opportunity to spend a long weekend in Venice.

We have a packed itinerary to include the Original Venice walk with St Mark’s Basilica, Gran Canal Boat Tour and Gondola ride as well as some free time to visit the numerous art galleries and other tourist attractions.

The cost of the trip is £740 to include flights, coach transfers, water taxi, itinerary as above, meals and travel insurance.

**Easter Holidays**

**Turtle Project to Costa Rica**

**16th to 30th March 2016 – open to years 10-13**

March is the start of the critically endangered leatherback turtle season. Students will be involved in patrolling the beaches for nesting turtles, collecting data, transportation and reburial of eggs, as well as caring for injured turtles. We will also be constructing the hatchery for the 2016 season so the team will help with this by digging, sifting and disinfecting the sand. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone considering going in to veterinary medicine or an environmental related subject at university.

**This really is a team effort, and by no means a holiday!** We shall be spending our nights in basic accommodation at the turtle sanctuary, and working extremely hard to ensure that we maximise our time in Costa Rica. **It really is a case of the more effort you put in – the more you will get out!**

With the hard work done after 8 days with the turtles we shall take an internal transfer (by boat and 4x4) to Arenal to relax in the volcanic geothermal pools and zip wire through the rain forest canopy.

The cost of the trip is £1440 to include all transfers, flights, travel insurance, accommodation, food and R&R in Arenal but excluding a Visa (if required) and Immunisations (very limited schedule of recommendations).

**Elephant Project in Thailand**

**19th March to 1st April 2016 – open to years 9-11**

We are offering you a life enhancing opportunity of direct hands on conservation work in an internationally celebrated conservationist in a unique programme to help protect a highly endangered species. Most volunteers leave with a proud sense of accomplishment and a deep satisfying feeling of having really done something positive.

Volunteer at Elephant Nature Park and help to improve the plight of the Asian elephant. Make a real contribution to conservation in Northern Thailand. The park provides sanctuary for disabled, blind, and orphaned elephants that have often been abused as working animals and for street begging. You will actively be helping improve their lives and the conditions in which they live

**This really is a team effort, and by no means a holiday!** We shall be spending our nights in basic accommodation at the turtle sanctuary, and working extremely hard to ensure that we maximise our time in Costa Rica. **It really is a case of the more effort you put in – the more you will get out!**

With the hard work done after 7 days with the elephants we shall take an internal transfer back to Chiang Mai to explore the Golden Triangle and white water raft down the Mae Teang River.

The cost of the trip is £1440 to include all transfers, flights, travel insurance, accommodation, food and R&R but excluding a Visa (if required) and Immunisations (very limited schedule of recommendations).

**Music, Drama and Art in LA**

**Departing Saturday 19th March – open to years 12 & 13**

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**May Half term**

**Volunteer project in Morocco (Kings Magna)**

**Dates TBC – open to years 7-9**

Discover the blazing colours and wafting aromas of Marrakech, a crossroads for travellers and traders for centuries, where souks and bazaars offer a continent’s worth of riches. Help to improve the facilities at the Avon Academy Project based in Ouarzazate. Whilst there you will be staying in designated residential facility for volunteers within the school.

**This really is a team effort, and by no means a holiday!** We shall be spending our nights in very basic accommodation, and working extremely hard to ensure that we maximise our time in Morocco. **It really is a case of the more effort you put in – the more you will get out!**

The cost of the trip is approx. 1350 to include flights, coach transfers, all meals and travel insurance.

**Summer Holiday**

**Project India 2016**

**28th June to 13th July 2016 – open to years 10-13**

Take up the opportunity of heading out to work at Vellatur or Moparru Orphange in Southern India and visit the Golden Triangle from the 26th June to 10th July.

Following this year’s successful trip we have a number of projects to do;

* To get the children up, dressed and ready for school, and on their return to help them with their homework, make dinner and to play and relax with them after a long day.

Whilst they are at school we can fill our time with…..

* Final phases of construction and decoration of the new ARC school
* Continuation of the new orphanage building at Moparru
* And visits to local villages where we have installed bore wells and sanitation systems

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With the hard work done after 9 days with the children at the orphanage we shall take an internal flight to Delhi, followed by a 4 day tour of the Golden Triangle (including Delhi, Jaipur – Amber Fort and Agra – Taj Mahal). A time to shop in the local markets, taste a range of Indian food and experience true Indian life.

The cost of the trip is £1225 to include flights, travel insurance, accommodation, food and Golden Triangle tour (including entrance charges and elephant ride) but excluding travel to or from the airport in the UK (Heathrow), Visa and Immunisations. In addition we also ask students to raise an additional £150 towards direct project costs. Students have the opportunity to raise their own funds over the next 12 months thereby making this project accessible to all those who really want to make a difference!

**Senior Hockey/Rugby tour to Canada and the USA**

**Dates TBC – open to years TBC**

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