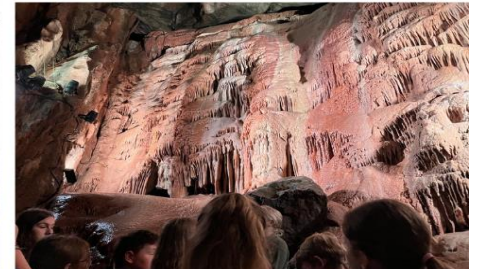
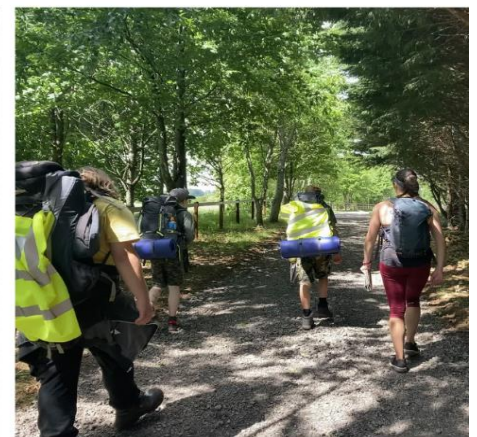
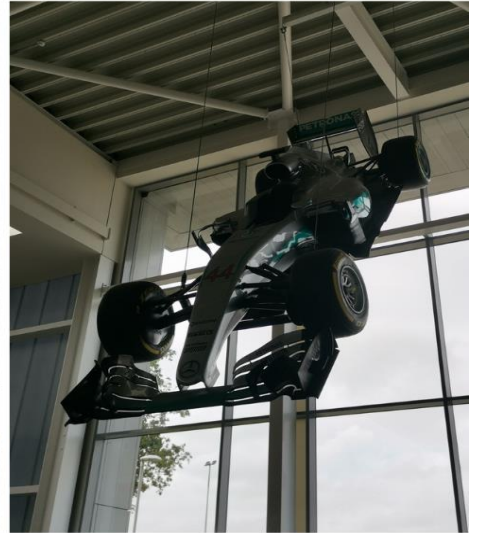


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We are proud of the breadth of trips offered to our pupils. During their time at The Cotswold School, students will experience myriad opportunities to learn outside the classroom on a local, national or international level.

This document should help to provide an overview of what the school hopes to offer, enabling parents and carers to plan for future trips.

The English, Drama and Music departments run regular visits (approx. 6 per year) to the theatre and to musical performances. These are usually in the evening and targeted at specific Year groups. Performance visits will vary each year according to local theatre schedules.

The Science department run various day trips throughout the year to local science events and lectures – these will differ each year and may be invite only.

In Humanities, there are various day trips to local castles, Cheddar Gorge (both in Year 7) and a local Mosque and Church for GCSE students. GCSE and A-Level Geography students also take part in day field trips.

At GCSE and A-Level, Design Technology students visit London to see exhibitions relating to their courses. They also run a Robotics Club in which students regularly compete in one day regional competitions, visiting schools in various locations across the UK. Day trips are organised in; Computer Science (visiting a local cyber hub); Sociology (visiting The University of Gloucestershire and Crown Courts); and in Business (enterprise days).

During enrichment week, Year 8 and 9 students (if not on a residential trip) are given the chance to visit a local visitor attraction, with their most recent trips to Think Tank and Silverstone.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is a highly popular part of school life. Pupils who sign up will need to complete practise and full expeditions – for more details see below.

We also run trips to support careers education and personal development, for example, trips to the 'What If Roadshow' and local universities, plus opportunities to visit such places as the Holocaust Exhibition at the Imperial War Museum.

Below is an overview of our main residential trips that we hope to offer. Dates and costs cannot be confirmed at this stage, as they will be subject to change. We cannot guarantee these trips will take place but hope the list gives a good overview and can help parents/guardians to plan accordingly.

Trip	Year Group(s)	When	Duration
Bushcraft Residential	7	September	2 days
Paris	7 & 8 (if studying French)	Summer Term	5 days
Rhineland	7 & 8 (if studying German)	Summer Term	5 days
Key Stage 3 Sports Tour	7-9	Summer Term	3 days
Music Tour	7-13	Enrichment Week (every two years – next planned for Prague in 2025)	5 days
National Robotics Championships	8 & 9, 10 & 12 (if in Robotics team)	Spring Term	2 days
World Robotics Championships (Texas)	8 & 9, 10 & 12 (if Robotics team qualify)	May	5 days
Barcelona	8 (if studying Spanish)	May Half-Term	5 days
WW1 Battlefields	8	Enrichment Week	3 days
Skiing	8-13	February Half-Term	7 days
DofE Bronze	9	Summer Term	2 day practice 2 day qualifying expedition
London Music/Drama	9-13 (GCSE & A-Level Drama and/or Music students)	TBC (usually a weekend)	Weekend
Iceland	9-13 (open to non-Geography students)	Enrichment week (every two years – next planned for 2024)	5 days
DofE Silver	10	Summer Term	2 night/2 day practice 3 day qualifying expedition
Spanish Exchange	10 (GCSE Spanish students)	Summer Term	5 days (plus return visit by Spanish students to UK)
French Exchange	10&12 (GCSE & A-Level French students)	February (during term time)	5 days (plus return visit by French students to UK)
German Exchange	10 & 12 (GCSE and A-Level German students)	Enrichment Week	5 days (plus return visit by German students to UK)
International Sports Tour	10-13	Enrichment Week/ Start of Summer Holidays (every two years – next planned for 2025)	7 days
Geography field work (Aberystwyth)	12	Summer Term	3 days
Madrid Work Experience	12 & 13 (A-Level Spanish students)	Easter	5 days
Cern	12 & 13 (A-Level Physics students)	Summer Term	3 days
Berlin/Krakov	12 & 13 (open to non-History students)	February Half Term (every two years – next planned for 2024)	7 days
New York	12 & 13	February Half Term (every two years – next planned for 2024)	5 days
Ghana	12 & 13	Enrichment Week/Start of Summer Holidays (every two years – next planned for 2024)	14 days
DofE Gold	13	Summer Term	3 day practice 4 day qualifying expedition

