

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

re: **Enrichment @ TSC 2020 – Residential Trips**

Following the launch earlier this year of the new **Enrichment @ TSC** programme for 2019, we have listened to feedback received from some families. As a result, we are pleased to be able to give you longer notice with regard to the Enrichment Residential Trips planned for **next** summer, 2020. We will launch a full **Enrichment @ TSC** programme for students who are not on residential trips in the new academic year.

We have residential trips planned to London, France and Italy: details are below. The cost of these trips includes all travel, accommodation, activities and meals after arrival. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the outward journey.

Please note that the year groups shown are those in July 2020, i.e. the trip to London is open to students who are currently in Years 7, 8 and 9 and will therefore be in Years 8, 9 and 10 next year, alongside students who join us in Year 7 next academic year. Places for students who will be in Year 7 next academic year can be booked in September. If there is the demand, the number of available places on the trips may be increased.

Places on these trips can be secured for our current students with a £50 deposit, paid via ParentPay from 6 pm on Monday 1 July. The trips are added to the ParentPay system manually and therefore there may be a short delay before they are available to book. This deposit is only refundable if the trip is cancelled. Again, we have listened to feedback from parents and have set the time that these bookings open for when working families are more likely to be able to access the system. By design, this does mean that there will not be anyone available to deal with queries until after 9 am on Tuesday 2 July; we have conceded that there is not an arrangement for this that will fit all. If the trip you would like to book on to is full, please contact Mr Kay using the details below, as we may be able to increase the number of places.

If you haven't yet set up your ParentPay account, please contact our finance office by sending an email to enquiries@thespirescollege.com.

If you have any queries regarding these trips or **Enrichment @ TSC**, please contact Mr Kay by emailing nkay@thespirescollege.com or by telephoning the main college number.

London

Years:

7, 8, 9 & 10

Cost:

£289

Duration:

Wednesday 15 to
Friday 17 July
2020

Leader:

Mrs Collman

**Initial number of
places:**

40

Wednesday

- Travel to London by train, leaving Torquay at approximately 7.30 am.
- Sightseeing, including a boat trip on the River Thames.
- An evening at FlipOut, trampoline park: <https://www.flipout.co.uk/>

Thursday

- A day at Harry Potter World.
- Theatre trip to see a West End Musical.
- The opportunity to have a London shopping experience.

Friday

- Visit to The National History Museum.
- Return to Torquay by train

Paris

Years:

7 & 8

Cost:

£510

Duration:

Tuesday 14 to
Friday 17 July
2020

Leader:

Miss Tisdall

**Initial number of
places:**

40

Tuesday

- Travel to Paris by coach and ferry, arriving approximately 5.30 pm.
- Evening activities.

Wednesday

- Full day in Paris, sightseeing including river cruise, going up the Tour Montparnasse (<https://www.tourmontparnasse56.com/en/>) and a visit to Montmartre (<https://en.parisinfo.com/discovering-paris/walks-in-paris/montmartre-village-in-paris>)
- Evening hypermarket shopping.

Thursday

- Full day at Disneyland Paris.

Friday

- Return journey – arriving in Torquay approximately 11 pm.

Italy

Years:

9 & 10

Cost:

£800

Duration:

Tuesday 14 to
Saturday 18 July
2020

Leader:

Mr Willmore

**Initial number of
places:**

40

Tuesday

- Travel to Italy by coach and plane from Bristol, leaving in the early hours.
- Guided visit to Temple of Serapide and Flavian Amphitheatre.
- Onward journey to the accommodation at Bleu Village resort near Sorrento (<http://www.bleuvillage.com/en/>).
- Ice cream and beach walk in the evening with time by the pool.

Wednesday

- Mount Vesuvius (volcano) trek and visit to the crater with afternoon excursion to Pompeii.
- Evening visit to Sorrento old town.

Thursday

- Visit to Capri Island via ferry, to include a cruise around the island and funicular train journey to the top of the island.
- Evening time at the beach.

Friday

- Visit to the Amalfi Coast.
- Tour of an Italian farm, sampling local delicacies and making pizza for lunch.
- Evening visit to Sorrento.

Saturday

- Visit to Naples including a tour of the underground cave systems beneath the city.
- Depart for return journey.

Students will have the opportunity to spend recreational time at the pool each evening.