



# ACE WEEK 2025

Monday 30 June - 4 July

Residential Trips

UK & Europe



September 2024



Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

During ACE Week 2025, The Weald School will be offering 5 trips for students starting Year 9 in September 2024. These trips are designed to be highly enriching cultural experiences and you are invited to choose which trip you would like to attend.

This booklet explains the choices that are on offer.

Please read through these choices and send your reply to indicate which trip your child would like to attend by **Friday 27 September 2024**. Please be aware that the prices in the booklet are currently approximate. The costs of the trips may be subject to change due to the number of students interested, and the changing costs of travel.

We are collecting responses by using a google form. You do **not** need to have a google account to be able to complete this form. We use these in school to collect test data and so all Year 9 students should be familiar with the format. Please indicate your first and second choice (these and your own details are required fields). Please complete the form even if you do not want to go on a trip.

Please copy the following link into your browser in order to complete the form once you have made your choices:

<https://forms.gle/Cn56ddiLSXo1nqZn9>

If for any reason this form does not work on your device then please email your request to [trips@theweald.org.uk](mailto:trips@theweald.org.uk) instead by **Friday 27 September 2024**.

Your choice of trip will then be confirmed by **Friday 4 October 2024**. You will then be asked for a non-refundable deposit by **Monday 7 October 2024**. Please see each individual trip for deposit amount required to secure the place. Each trip will have payment breakdowns and an estimated final balance date of **31 March 2025**.

**If you have any further questions or would like to discuss your payment options, please contact the trips email below.** You are not obliged to make a financial contribution, but if insufficient funds are received, it is likely that the trip/activity will be cancelled. If you are unable to contribute or require any support to do so, please contact us via [trips@theweald.org.uk](mailto:trips@theweald.org.uk) to discuss further.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E Sperring  
ACE Week and Enrichment Day Coordinator



# Trip 1- Runways End Outdoor Centre

## Land & Water Adventure

Sometimes, students need a trip closer to school to try staying overnight away from home (perhaps for the first time) with familiar staff and student faces. This trip is a two-night residential experience for ACE week 2024, encouraging our students enjoy a packed programme of activities at the centre.

Possible activities for the week include:

- Archery
- Climbing
- Canoeing
- Orienteering
- Shelter building
- Fire lighting
- Film night
- Campfire night



Nestled in the tranquil woodlands of north Hampshire, between Farnborough and Aldershot the site offers a range of activities and our accommodation will be their new heated camping pods! We will travel to Runways End by coach, departing school on Wednesday morning and returning on the Friday afternoon. Students will complete on-site school activities on the Monday and Tuesday before the start of the trip. Fun and adventure awaits!

**Dates:** Wednesday 2 July - Friday 4 July 2025

**Approximate cost: £275** (payable in instalments) based on 40 students travelling.

**Initial deposit: £85**

## Trip 2

# City Discovery - Edinburgh

We are delighted to offer a 3-night, 4-day visit by coach to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh.

With its gothic architecture, rolling hills, rugged coasts - not to mention, friendly folk! Edinburgh has been an attraction for artists, writers and filmmakers for decades, each keen to preserve their view of Auld Reekie for future generations. Instrument, paint, pen, camera - whatever the medium, Edinburgh is overflowing with scenes, stories and settings to get the creative juices flowing.

The full itinerary is yet to be confirmed, but activities might include:

- Visit to Edinburgh Castle
- Visit to Edinburgh National Museum
- Visit to Edinburgh Zoo
- Visit to Edinburgh Dungeons
- Ghost Walking tour
- Bowling

Approximate cost: **£551**

Initial deposit: **£150**

Dates: Tuesday 1 July - Friday 4 July 2025

*This price is based on 35 students and will include transport (by coach), accommodation, full board, insurance and the activities described above. Please note that this is an approximate cost and is subject to change. Drinks other than water with evening meals not included.*



## Trip 3

### City Discovery

### Berlin, Germany

We are delighted to offer an exciting and enriching 4-day visit to the German capital, Berlin.

With its fascinating history through both World War 2 and the Cold War, the city of Berlin offers an incredible insight into major political, cultural and social change, making it an unmissable experience for budding historians, photographers, artists or politicians! We will stay right in the heart of the city and enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of this amazing capital, visiting many of its most recognisable landmarks.

- See the world-famous sights of Berlin, including the Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden, the remains of the Berlin Wall and its social art, the TV tower, the Reichstag (Germany's Parliament) and the famous Alexanderplatz.
- Visit the Olympic Stadium, originally built for the 1936 Berlin Olympics and overseen by Adolf Hitler, but renovated over time and is now a state-of-the-art football stadium and concert venue.
- Visit several Holocaust memorial sites, such as the Jewish Memorial, the Topography of Terror museum and the Jewish museum.
- Visit several World War II and Cold War sites of historical importance, such as Deutschland Museum and the sites of attempted crossings between the old East and West Germany as well as a visit to the DDR Museum where you can see what it was really like to live in communist-controlled East Germany.

Approximate cost: **£762**

Initial deposit: **£300**

Dates: Tuesday 1 July- Friday 4 July 2023

*This price is based on 32 students and will include transport (return flights to Berlin), accommodation, full board, insurance and the activities described above. Please note that this is an approximate cost and is subject to change. Drinks other than water with evening meals not included.*





We are delighted to be able to offer an exciting 3-night, 4-day trip to Barcelona in Spain.

Barcelona is a really vibrant city which has a great range of things to see and do.

You will get the chance to take part in a wide range of great activities and days out, as well as having the opportunity to practise your Spanish language skills whilst around the town. However, speaking Spanish is not a prerequisite for the trip.

The full itinerary is yet to be confirmed, but possible activities might include:

- A visit to the impressive Parc Güell, which the famous Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí designed. This gives terrific views of the city.
- The incredible Sagrada Familia is Gaudí's most famous yet unfinished building. This is Barcelona's most iconic building that towers over the city and is an extraordinary example of gothic architecture.
- A visit to the Barcelona Cathedral and a guided visit of the surrounding neighbourhood called Barrio Gótico where gothic architecture can be further explored.
- Visits to art galleries such as the Picasso Museum where there are lots of examples of Picasso's early works.
- A visit to the Aquarium
- A walk around the exciting and vibrant area of Las Ramblas in the city centre.
- A visit to a Spanish market.

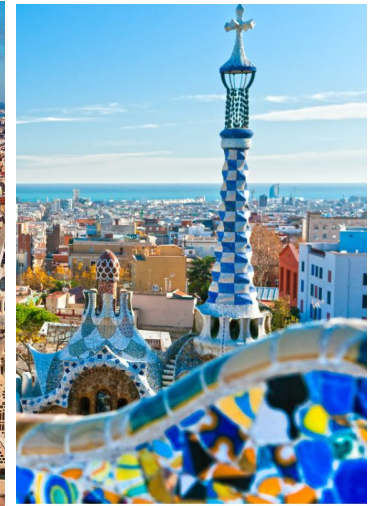
Approximate cost: **£792**

Initial deposit: **£300**

Dates: Tuesday 1- Friday 4 July 2025

*This price is based on 32 students and will include transport (by flight), accommodation, full board, insurance and the activities described above. Please note that this is an approximate cost and is subject to change. Drinks other than water are not included with evening meals.*

## Trip 4 - City Discovery Barcelona, Spain



In a spectacular location set between two rivers in the Ardèche, South of France, this is a truly inspirational setting for an outdoor adventure.

Camping La Savane is a spacious centre with a large swimming pool, café and extensive range of on-site activities. The unforgettable highlight of this trip is the opportunity to spend two days canoeing the Ardèche River, famous for its limestone gorge and the Vallon Pont D'arc. The evening is spent sleeping under the stars at the purpose-built bivvi site, which really adds to the adventure and this much-loved canoe journey has been enjoyed by school groups for decades.

Accommodation during the week is a tented village with pre-built tents (and proper beds) as well as our own dining marquee. There is a large on-site swimming pool (with lifeguard), games areas & café.

The full itinerary is yet to be confirmed, but possible activities might include:

- Overnight coach travel, full board accommodation
- On site, land based activities
- 2 day Ardèche canoe trip (overnight bivouac), swim/relax
- Climbing / via ferrata adventure centre day
- Excursion Day (visit to a local town)

If you like the idea of a physical challenge where the majority of activities are water based and trying new activities, then this trip is the one for you! Students should be comfortable with swimming 50 metres to choose this trip.

**Approximate cost: £1,010 (payable in four instalments)**

**Initial deposit: £300**

**Dates: Saturday 28 June - Saturday 5 July 2025**

*This price is based on 60 students and will include transport (by coach), accommodation, full board, insurance and the activities described above. Please note that this is an approximate cost and is subject to change.*

# Trip 5

## Ardèche Adventure, France.

