



# **ACE WEEK 2023**

*Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July 2023*

*Residentials*





**July 2022**

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

During ACE Week 2022, The Weald School will be offering 6 trips for students starting Year 9 in September 2022. 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 with your parents/carers and send your reply to indicate which trip you would like to attend by **Friday 15th September 2022**. 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 8 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/VUHNE1CPRxMbuCvq5>

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 15th September 2022**.

Your choice of trip will then be confirmed by **Friday 22nd September**. You will then be asked for a **non-refundable deposit by Friday 29th September 2022**. The deposits will vary depending on the trip but the most we will ask you for is £250.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, however, please be aware that emails will not be answered during the summer break.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Andy Cooper**

ACE Week and Enrichment Day Coordinator

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# Current Covid travel Guidance

## [France](#)

Children 12-17 treated as adults

Fully vaccinated travellers can enter without restrictions but must provide evidence of vaccination to the transport company/at the border.

Fully vaccinated means 2 jabs PLUS a booster if the second jab was over 9 months ago

Unvaccinated travellers must present a negative PCR less than 72 hrs old / antigen test less than 48 hrs old or a certificate of recovery which is valid for 6 months

## [Germany](#)

All restrictions are lifted unless the traveller has stayed in an area of concern within the 10 days prior to travel.

## [Spain](#)

You must show proof of **one** of the following

1. fully vaccinated (Adults this means 2 jabs PLUS a booster / 2 doses count for 270 days - after that, a booster is required. Children 12-17 no booster required but the last dose must have been at least 14 days before travel)
2. A negative covid test (same requirements as Germany)
3. proof of recovery from covid within the last 6 months

## Trip 1 - City discovery - Barcelona, Spain



We are delighted to be able to offer an exciting 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 Família 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 walk around the exciting and vibrant area of Las Ramblas in the city centre.
- A visit to a Spanish market.

**Approximate cost: £700 (payable in four instalments)**

**Dates: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*This price is based on 40 students and will include all transport (return flights to Barcelona) accommodation, insurance, full board whilst in Spain and planned activities. Please note that this is an approximate cost and is subject to change.*

## Trip 2 -Ardèche Adventure, France.

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.



At the end of an action-packed day, relax in your own private tented village with pre-built tents (and proper beds) as well as your own marquee. Make use of the large on-site swimming pool (with lifeguard), games areas & café. Described as the best school trip ever, our flagship centre in the Ardèche, South of France is packed full of adventure. You'll also enjoy a range of other activities from climbing to high ropes as well as time for swimming in our large onsite pool.

- DAY 1: Depart/overnight travel
- DAY 2: Arrive, lunch, activities, swim, river prep
- DAY 3: Ardèche canoe trip (overnight bivouac)
- DAY 4: Ardèche canoe trip, swim/relax
- DAY 5: Land/Water based activities/disco
- DAY 6: Excursion Day (explore the local caves)
- DAY 7: Land Based Activities/lunch/depart
- DAY 8: Return home



If you like the idea of a challenge and trying new activities, then this trip is the one for you!

**Approximate cost: £850 (payable in four instalments)**

**Dates: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*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 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 Checkpoint Charlie 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.
- Enjoy some leisure time in Germany's unique and vibrant capital city, including a trip to Berlin Zoo.

**Approximate cost: £650 (payable in four instalments)**

**Dates: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*This price is based on 40 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.*

## Trip 4 - City Discovery - Edinburgh



We are delighted to offer a 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 possible activities might include:

- Entrance to Edinburgh Castle
- Visit the Edinburgh National Museum
- Visit Our Dynamic Earth
- Visit The Real Marys King's Close
- Visit Camera Obscura
- Bowling
- Ghost walk

Approximate cost: **£480** (payable in three instalments)

Dates: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

*This price is based on 40 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 - Bushy Wood activity centre

Bushy Wood is an activity centre just north of Eastbourne. Accommodation will be in tents and all food will be catered by caterers at the centre. All activities will be led by qualified instructors from Buzzactive.

## Monday

- Coach travel to Bushy Wood
- Site tour and Set up followed by an afternoon of activities

## Tuesday - Day on the water

- Windsurfing and Sailing
- Campfire in the evening

### Wednesday - Day on land

- Climbing
- Air Rifles
- Archery
- Crates
- Pioneering
- Evening - Wacky races

### Thursday - Day on the water

- Kayaks
- Raft building and racing
- Stand up paddleboarding
- Evening Party

Friday

- Morning of activities
- Pack all belongings
- Travel back to school



Approximate cost: **£375** (payable in three instalments)

**Dates: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*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 6 - An introduction to Camping

This is ideal for students who would like to try a residential experience or those that enjoy camping. Spend 48 hours in the great outdoors. Students will learn to put up a tent, make a campfire, do simple outdoor cooking, shelter building, simple first aid, and countryside code. Students will also get to play some team games, enjoy a campfire and make some smores in the evening. If weather permits then an evening of star gazing will round off day 1.

On day 2 we will continue the activities, clear camp and return before the end of school.



This trip is intended to be an introduction to these skills but students of all abilities are invited to attend, whether you are a novice at camping or a seasoned veteran!

The cost includes two days of activities at a local venue, meals, tent hire and all activities.

**Approximate cost: £25.00**

**Dates: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*This price is based on 30 students and will include transport, full board, insurance and the activities described above. Please note that this is an approximate cost and is subject to change.*

# “What do I do next?”

1. Please discuss these options with your parents and select the two trips you would like to do on the Google Form in order of preference. It is self-explanatory but you must complete your first and second choices and these **MUST** be different. Once your deposit has been paid, you cannot swap trips. Choose wisely.

2. Complete the form, the link is:

<https://forms.gle/VUHNE1CPRxMbuCvq5>

Please copy and paste this link into your browser in order to complete your choices by **Friday 15th September 2022**.

If you really DON'T want to go on any of the trips then please complete the form and tick that box, then submit the form and you need do nothing else.

If for any reason this form does not work on your device, please email your request to [trips@theweald.org.uk](mailto:trips@theweald.org.uk) instead.

3. Your trip allocation will be confirmed by **Friday 22nd September**. You will then be asked for a **non-refundable deposit by Friday 29th September 2022**. The deposits vary depending on the trip but the most we will ask you for is **£250**.

4. For those activities that take place within the normal school day parents are not obliged to make a contribution but it is probable that if insufficient monies are received, the activities will have to be cancelled. Please contact us in confidence at [finance@theweald.org.uk](mailto:finance@theweald.org.uk) if you would like to explore the option of a payment plan to support your child to participate.

5. Please note that payments are non-refundable as the school makes a financial commitment to the tour operators and other companies based on the number of places we book. Should you secure a place for your child and subsequently decide to cancel, you may be liable to pay any outstanding balance in full, which we have already committed to the operators or venues. However, if your child is unable to travel due to ill health, a medical certificate to cover the date/dates involved from GP/hospital will be required in order that a claim can be made through the school insurance. Without this evidence, we will be unable to make any refund.

6. As you know, we have the highest expectations of our students for their behaviour and conduct around school, and they rarely let us down. However, please be aware that your child's place on any school trip is dependent on their ability to cooperate fully with staff and other students, to be a responsible member of our community and to comply with school rules. In the unlikely event that a member of staff feels this is not the case, they reserve the right to withdraw a child from a trip for safeguarding purposes. Please note that payments are non-refundable and you may be liable to pay any outstanding balance in full, which we have already committed to the operators or venues.

7. We would encourage you to read all trip terms and conditions, including cancellation policies, medical, refunds and student expectations on our website under Curriculum, Enrichment, Trips, or by using the following link: <https://www.theweald.org.uk/page/?title=Trips&pid=433>

**Please note that the details and cost of each trip may change** in the next 12 months due to availability, currency exchange rates and taxes, and the number of students interested, but the details for each trip will largely be the same.

**Please note that these trips depend on demand** - if lots of students choose to go on one trip then one of the other trips with lower demand may be cancelled. Further information about each trip, the exact cost and details for starting to pay for them will be released later.

**If students do not wish to take up any of these trips then they will be invited to join the in-school enrichment activities** organised for Year 8 students. Some of these options will be free of charge so every student will have the opportunity to have a rewarding and challenging week without the need to spend any money.