



King Alfred's Academy Enrichment Brochure 2024-2025

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Enrichment at King Alfred's Academy



King Alfred's Academy is a strong believer in the value of enrichment and learning beyond the classroom. Enrichment is a vital part of our academy ethos.

Participation in our enrichment programme provides fantastic opportunities across a multitude of activities. Whether that's camping in the Peak District, a cultural tour of a European city or climbing Mount Toubkal, embarking on such enrichment opportunities immerses students in experiences which open their eyes to new environments.

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Immersing young people in new environments develops teamwork, communication, resilience and leadership skills whilst affording the opportunity to establish lifelong memories along the way. The trips which we offer are as diverse as those who undertake them.

This booklet describes the range of trips available at King Alfred's and allows parents and students to understand the trip length, cost and destination as well as how to apply.

We understand that many families like to plan for these enrichment opportunities so we work on a hierarchy of trips, starting with short overnight trips in Year 7 then, as the

students move through the key stages, the activities and residential visits become more challenging according to the length of stay, destinations and level of leadership skills required.

For any further information please contact Leanne Avis (Head of Enrichment and Personal Development) kaenrichment@ka.vale-academy.org or lavis@kas.cambrianlt.org



“King Alfred's Academy's Enrichment Programme offers an excellent opportunity for all students to grow and develop into respectful, responsible, knowledgeable, tolerant, resilient and curious individuals through rewarding, diverse and culturally rich experiences both in the UK and overseas.” Ms Avis (Head of Enrichment and Personal Development)

Please read the Extra Information on Pages 9-11 including how to pay and sign up.



Inclusion for All



It is important to King Alfred's that trips and visits are available to, and enjoyed by, every single one of our students. The information on this page explains the support King Alfred's provides to ensure every student can experience residential trips and visits during their time here.

Staggered Payments

We launch most of our residential visits in Terms 1 or 2 (except Ski Trips, MFL exchanges and any Departmental trips and day trips). This ensures that payment for trips can be spread over a longer period of time. The payments required are minimised to cover the school's deposits payable and other payments to suppliers etc. Deposits must be received by the date on ParentPay to secure a place (ballots will be run in the event that a trip is oversubscribed) and the suggested payment schedule adhered to in order to keep your child's place on the trip.

Pupil Premium

For families eligible for Pupil Premium (those eligible for free school meals or who have been at any time within the past six years, children who are or have been looked after and children from service families), a total sum of £500 is available to be used as part-payment for any trip(s) or to be spent on any single trip during Years 7-10 including Duke of Edinburgh awards.

In the event of non-attendance, our standard trip withdrawal policy applies meaning Pupil Premium funding will be considered used. Please see pages 9-10 for details regarding medical withdrawal.

Parent payments for a trip must be received in full before the PP funding element is released. Partial funding will be applied once parental deposit and contribution has been received. Please email Leanne Avis (kaenrichment@ka.vale-academy.org) to express your interest or pay a deposit if the trip is over the £500.

Educational Charity Trust

We understand that at times families can face financial difficulty and challenge. We are fortunate to have the support of the King Alfred's Educational Charity Trust which has a particular interest in supporting children's enrichment through travel. In some circumstances it may be possible to partially help with the cost of a trip, although these funds are increasingly limited. If you would like to enquire about how the Educational Charity Trust can support you, please email csmith@kas.cambrianlt.org.



Year 7 Activities Trip

A four-day residential visit to the beautiful Gradback region of the Peak District. Students have the opportunity to experience varied accommodation and can sleep outdoors under canvas or choose to stay indoors in bunkbed accommodation.

Students will be organised into teams and will be able to take part in the full range of activities on offer.

In the evenings there will be more activities on offer in the form of wide games or sports.

The daytime activities are:

- ◆ Rock climbing
- ◆ Abseiling
- ◆ Weaseling
- ◆ Bouldering
- ◆ Watersports on Tittesworth Reservoir
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Raft building



Year Group	7
Date	6th—8th June 2025
Price	£345
Passport	None (UK trip)
No of Places	70

Year 7 & 8 Barcelona

A week long visit to the vibrant city of Barcelona and the surrounding area, allowing students to practice the Spanish they have learnt over the year.

We will be visiting the centre of Barcelona including the beautiful Sagrada Familia cathedral and Parc Guell, the Gothic area, Camp Nou (home to Barcelona FC) and Montjuic mountain with its stunning views over Barcelona. There

are an exciting variety of day trips to be confirmed, but we will also be trying a taste of Spanish tapas and relax in the evenings by the beach near our hotel in Tossa del Mar.

The trip is an exciting opportunity to experience the very best of Spanish culture in one of Europe's most beautiful cities, ¡Vamos!



Year Group	7 and 8
Date	13th—19th June
Price	£840
Passport	Group
No of Places	80

Year 8 North Wales Adventure

An action-packed 4 day trip to North Wales with a full range of exciting activities to challenge students to achieve something outside of their comfort zone.

Activities include:

- ◆ abseiling
- ◆ Climbing
- ◆ Sea level traversing
- ◆ Coasteering
- ◆ Canyoning
- ◆ Tyrolean traversing
- ◆ Snowden trek



“An action packed week where you will get the chance to challenge yourself”



Year Group	8
Date	23rd—26th May 2025
Price	£410
Passport	N/A
No of Places	50

Year 9 Swiss Alpine Adventure



A eight-day trip to the beautiful Bernese Alps region at Kandersteg, near Interlaken. The group will travel by coach and ferry to our destination. The activities will take place in some of the most spectacular countryside in the Alps.

There will be a range of activities such as:

- ◆ Alpine trekking
- ◆ Rock climbing
- ◆ Alpine luge
- ◆ White water rafting
- ◆ High-ropes course
- ◆ Sledging



Year Group	9
Date	22nd—29th May
Price	£1090
Passport	Own passport
No of Places	30

Year 9 & 10 Watersports Taster Tour (Isle of Wight)

An exciting residential trip to the Isle of Wight designed to provide an introduction to a variety of watersports, including Dinghy Sailing, Keelboating, Stand up Paddleboarding, Windsurfing and Kayaking and discover which one gives you the biggest buzz. All activities will develop an essential range of soft skills, learn about teamwork, communication and negotiation.

UKSA is one of the largest Watersports Activity Centres in Europe. It is recognised by the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) and BCU (British Canoe Union) as an activity provider and as a Training Establishment for Instructor and Crew Training.



Year Group	9/10
Date	12th—14th July 2025
Price	£350
Passport	NA
No of Places	30

Year 10 Morocco



Trek Mt Toubkal, ride a camel, relax on the beach, and shop in the souks! We head up into the High Atlas Mountains to stay in the village of Imlil, before trekking to the mountain hut below Toubkal. We then trek to the top of the highest mountain in North Africa at 4,167m.

No trip to Morocco would be

complete without riding a camel, which we do through the sand dunes of Essaouira. There will also be time to relax on the beach and visit the harbour and the ramparts of this beautiful walled city.

Finally, you can experience shopping in the colourful Souks where you can practice haggling over your Moroccan gifts and sample a traditional mint tea.

***Magical Morocco
A Real African Adventure***



Year Group	10
Date	28th May—3rd June 2025
Price	£1090
Passport	Own passports
No of Places	30

Year 9-13 Trip to Seville

A school trip to Seville for Year 10 students offers an exceptional opportunity for real Spanish language immersion. During their stay, students will be hosted by local Sevillian families and participate in an intensive 12-hour Spanish course. The planned visits are diverse and enriching, including tours of a bull breeding farm, the Royal School of Equestrian Art in Jerez, Osborne wineries, the Roman ruins of Itálica, and the iconic Seville Cathedral, among other historic sites.

We believe this trip will profoundly impact our students, fostering their motivation to excel in Spanish. This, in turn, will likely lead to improved performance in their GCSE exams. The firsthand experiences and cultural exposure will undoubtedly enhance their language skills and cultural awareness



Year Group	9-13
Date	DATES TBC
Price	
Passport	Own passports
No of Places	30



Year 10 and Year 12 New York Business and Economics Trip

A fantastic opportunity to visit New York and view it through the lens of business and economics.

There is a full itinerary to with activities and visits including:

- Statue of Liberty viewing
- Empire State building and observation deck
- Wall Street walking tour
- Federal Reserve bank and gold vault tour
- Central Park tour
- Yankee Stadium business tour



Year Group	10 and 12
Date	10th—14th July
Price	£1650
Passport	Own passports
No of Places	40

Year 9-13 Trip to Nice

The MFL Department will be running a language trip to Nice in October 2024.

Students will attend French classes every morning 0900-1200—taught in French—no English allowed! In the afternoon students will have the opportunity to explore Nice with a series of museum visits and a trip to nearby Monaco as well as taking part in some French shopping and tasting some delicious French gastronomy!

Year Group	Year 9-13
Date	24th—30th October 2024
Price	£1010
Passport	Own passport
No of Places	30



Year 8-10 Ski Trip — 2025

This year the trip will be an exciting adventure where we will have 6 days skiing in the resort of Ski Jüwel in Austria. We will be staying at the Gasthof Kramsach.

This trip will next run in February 2026 and will be advertised in March 2025.

Full
Sign up for
waitlist!

Year 11-13 Canadian Ski Trip—2025

This year the trip will be an amazing opportunity where we will have 5 days skiing in the resort of Jasper, Canada during our week in the beautiful Marmot Basin.

This trip will next run in February 2026 and will be advertised in March 2025



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Please note all the above trips are now full.

Email kaenrichment@ka.vale-academy.org to check on availability as we do sometimes have vacancies or to be added to a wait list.

Subject Specific Enrichment

Curriculum visits for all year groups will be available throughout the academic year. These will be advertised via ParentPay, e mail and the faculties, including Geography and History field trips. Art masterclasses, foreign exchanges, business visits alongside theatre and museum opportunities, all designed to complement the curriculum offer.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is a national scheme that King Alfred's offers at all three levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Award starts in Year 9 with Bronze and finishes in Year 13 after the successful completion of the Gold Award. This results in a visit to a royal palace (St James or Buckingham Palace) to celebrate completion of the Award!

To join the award, it doesn't matter who you are or where you're from—you just need to be in Year 9 or above and understand there's more to life than sitting on a sofa watching life pass you by!

To achieve the Award you need to complete a personal programme of activities in four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. You'll find yourself helping people or the community, getting fitter, developing skills and going on an expedition. The best bit is that you get to choose what you do! Your programme can be full of activities and projects that get you buzzing, and along the way you'll pick up experiences, friends and talents that will stay with you for the rest of your life. There is plenty of evidence to show that by achieving the Award, future employers and universities will see this as a really positive aspect of your life.

The Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections are for the students to organise themselves and complete in their own time out of school whereas the Expedition section will be led by an AAP (Approved Activity Provider). As such the dates below are critical and are compulsory if you want to take part. Please do check dates for this academic year carefully before enrolling. More information on each section of the award is available on the Duke of Edinburgh Website – [Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

To join the award, payment should be made via ParentPay (fees listed below) and you will be sent an enrolment form if you have not participated before. This will enable registration on the eDofE website and allow you to begin your journey.

The price for the award, for the year and what it includes is listed below.

Price includes: Joining the Award, licence fees, DofE Administration costs and a welcome pack, insurance, specialist equipment and training for all expeditions. Transport is *not included* in these costs and students will need to arrange their own transport to get to expeditions, we will endeavour to support with transport, where possible. A £50 deposit is required to enable registration with DofE and the remainder before expeditions take place.

Bronze—Year 9 - £260

Dates

Training Day: To be held at KA's Centre Site —Saturday 18th January 2025—all day

Practice Expedition: (2 days/ 1 night) - 4th—5th April 2025

Assessment Expedition: (2 days/ 1 night) - 24th—25th May 2025

Silver—Year 10 - £400

Dates

Training: To be held at KA's Centre Site—Sunday 26th January 2025– all day

Practice Expedition: (3 days/ 2 nights) - 4th—6th April 2025

Assessment expedition: (3 days/ 2 nights) - 7th—9th June 2025

Participants do not need to have done Bronze to start Silver—there is just a little longer to be spent on one of the activities. For more info: [Timescales - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org).

DofE Gold—Year 12—£525

A two year programme (Year 12/ 13). We will be running all expeditions in 2025 to leave Year 13 free for exams!

Dates:

Training: 1 day to be held at KA's Centre Site —Saturday 18th January 2025— all day

Practice Expedition 1: (1 day) 12th April 2025

Practice Expedition 2: (3 days/ 2 nights) 3rd—5th May 2025

Assessment Expedition: (5 days/ 4 nights) 5th—9th July 2025

The cost for Bronze, Silver and Gold will not cover the additional equipment needed for the expeditions for example walking boots (compulsory), food and a large rucksack. However, at King Alfred's we have a supply of some essentials which students are welcome to borrow. Should your child withdraw from the course once enrolled no refund will be given as per the trip withdrawals procedure.

For students in receipt of the Pupil Premium, financial support may be available. Please contact Leanne Avis (lavis@kas.cambrianlt.org) for more information.

Expeditions

All our training and expeditions are now run by an AAP (Approved Activity Provider) which is School of Outdoors. For more information on expeditions see [School of Outdoors | An Education Company](https://www.schoolofoutdoors.co.uk). They provide all necessary equipment (ie tents, cooking equipment, maps etc) but not personal items such as walking boots, rucksacks, food. Please note that as an outside company runs these expeditions King Alfred's staff will not always be present. But we are available to support students with the completion of their Award.

Please note:

Expeditions must be completed in order to gain the DofE award. Should your child not be able to attend these dates they can do an expedition with another AAP (Approved Activity Provider) - there are many available—look on [Approved Activity Providers - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org). Alternatively, they may join an expedition the following year with the next DofE cohort.

For more information please contact Leanne Avis (DofE Manager) lavis@kas.cambrianlt.org 01235 225700 ext 2448 OR ext 2383



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EXTRA INFORMATION

Trip Information and Procedures

Signing Up and Payments

All trips available for the academic year will appear on Parentpay. To sign up for a trip please make the full deposit payment by **15th November**. Payment amounts and dates will be shown in Parentpay. No cash or cheques can be accepted. Having paid the deposit for a trip parents agree to the information and procedures as set out in this booklet

Late Payments

If you do not meet the payment dates, reminders will be sent via Parentpay.

For key deposit dates, any late payment runs the risk that the student will not be able to proceed and payments made to date may be forfeited. Full payment must be made by the dates stated.

Updates and further information

All updates will be communicated via Parentpay and each trip will hold an information evening approximately 4 weeks before departure date.

Where possible the Trip Leader will provide brief updates via our X (formerly Twitter) feed and school website. Parents must be aware that there may be a delay in information during weekend and evenings. On all trips we operate a policy of *no news is good news*. Our HBEC (Home Based Emergency Contact) will be the first port of call for any information.

Trip Destination Changes

King Alfred's Academy, alongside the travel companies we use, continually monitor world-wide situations and complete risk assessments on the destinations we have chosen, taking into account Government advice at the time, on all residential trips. This will include but is not limited to any Covid issues, terrorist concerns, outbreak of dangerous, contagious diseases etc.

If, for any reason, King Alfred's, or one of our trip providers, considers a destination not suitable due to global events and advice, we reserve the right to divert the trip to an alternative location. If such circumstances arise, there will be no extra charge made to parents, but equally **no refund will be**

possible if the student withdraws from the trip at that stage and the usual withdrawal policy will apply.

Refunds will be payable if a trip cannot go ahead due to Government restrictions and/ or advice.

Withdrawal from a trip

Once a place has been assigned to a student, there is a contract between the parents and King Alfred's that payments will be completed. If a student has a medical condition that means they are no longer able to attend the trip, a doctor or hospital note will be required and the matter will be dealt with through King Alfred's Academy insurance policy. If a student changes their mind and no longer wants to attend the trip, there will be no refund of payments made and the full cost of the trip is payable by the parents. If there is a waitlist, and a replacement can be found, any payments (minus any deposit) will be refunded.

Oversubscribed Visits

For trips that are oversubscribed we will hold a 'ballot' on **6th December**. Those students that do not gain a place on the trip will be placed on a waitlist and the deposit will be returned. Students on waiting lists may be offered places right up until time of trip departure so don't be too disheartened if you don't make it – there is always a chance!

Health Management on the trip

If a student has a medical issue that requires daily management, please declare this when applying for the trip. A case meeting may be required before the student is accepted on the trip to discuss management of any medical issues, to ensure that we have sufficient staffing and risk assessments and procedures in place for reasons of Health and Safety.

Covid

Our insurance will indemnify costs incurred following cancellation of a trip by an individual pupil / staff member in the following circumstances:

- If the pupil / staff member contracts COVID-19 prior to travel and cannot travel

- For cancellation of the whole party if the lead contracts COVID-19 and cannot travel and a replacement cannot be found
- For cancellation if the student/ staff member is going to be staying with someone who has contracted COVID-19 (school exchange with families).

We can also confirm that if there is a lockdown as imposed by UK Government our insurers will indemnify costs incurred following cancellation if the trip is unable to be deferred by the travel provider.

Data Protection Privacy Notice

Certain personal data of students, including name, address, contact names and numbers, health/ medical and dietary information, will be shared with our staff members involved in the trip and the trip operator on a strictly need to know basis, this is to ensure that all young people can be appropriately safeguarded and that all risk assessments can be completed to ensure the safety of all staff and students present on a trip. We do this as it is necessary for the provision of school trips. Should you have any questions on this please contact Leanne Avis on lav-is@kas.cambrianlt.org

Passports and GHICs

Trips abroad will either be on a Group Passport or the student's own individual passport—details for this can be found in this brochure.

Those students travelling on a **group passport DO NOT NEED** their own passport.

Parents/ guardians of students will need to supply two passport photographs and fill in a Nationality Questionnaire and Parental Consent Form (CPNQ1 or 2) available from King Alfred's or

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Passports/Aboutcollectivegrouppassports/DG_174361.

We will send out relevant forms and information several months prior to the trip departure date.

Groups passports are *only for British citizens*. Students under the age of 18 who are non-British or those over 18 cannot travel on the group passport and must travel on their own passport.

Those students travelling on individual passports are responsible for obtaining their own passport prior to the date of travel and they must be valid for six months after the trip's scheduled return date. Please ensure you have a passport by **31st January 2025** as we will need to share details with our travel companies.

For travel to EU countries students will require a EHIC or GHIC. These are free to apply for from: [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). If you already have one it will be valid until expiry date.

VISAs

From November 2024, non-EU residents over the age of 12 will be required to apply for an ETIAS visa to travel to 30 named European countries, at the time of writing this, there is no guidance on how this will work for school groups and this will be updated when more is known.

For non-British students, where a visa is required for travel, this is the responsibility of the parents. King Alfred's Academy can provide documents to support a visa application, but cost and application are the parents' responsibility. If you require further information on this please email kaenrichment@ka.vale-academy.org

Mobile Phone Policy

Residential visits are an excellent way to develop life skills and independence in young people. It is partly for this reason that King Alfred's has a policy that students cannot take mobile phones on a residential visit. The policy also ensures that the trip leaders are able to act in 'loco parentis' and ensure the safety and wellbeing of students on the visit. Parents and students are asked to consider this before booking a place. If a place is booked, parents are expected to support the policy, and to enforce it by ensuring mobile phones

are left at home.

There are a few exceptions to this rule which will be clearly stated in an information letter. The policy also includes all devices that can connect to Wifi. This includes phones without sim cards. All day trips and visits during the school day will require students to use their Yondr pouch as on a normal school day.

Behaviour and Attendance

Visits require students to be able to follow instructions, behave in an appropriate manner at all times and to keep themselves and others safe. King Alfred's Academy therefore requires students to demonstrate before and during an educational visit, that they can behave in a safe and appropriate manner. If King Alfred's Academy has any reason for concern, a meeting will be arranged with parents/ carers to discuss viability of attending the trip. Ultimately, if a student is unable to follow the Behaviour Policy, King Alfred's Academy reserves the right to remove the student from the educational visit. Whilst every effort will be made to back-fill a vacated place, monies will only be refunded if a replacement is found. Any deposit paid will be non-refundable.

Attendance must be good for a student to be allowed to miss any teaching and learning which the trip may impact upon. Therefore, if a student's attendance has dropped to a level that King Alfred's Academy deems may have an impact on their education (with the exception of medical reasons which would be taken into account) they may not be able to attend. The Trip Leader and Attendance Office will meet with

parents/ carers to discuss attendance concerns and if necessary put an agreement in place before attendance on a trip is authorised.

Medical Conditions

If a student has a medical condition that means they are not able to attend the trip, a doctor or hospital note will be required. The matter will then be referred to our insurance company for a refund. The insurance company's decision is final and King Alfred's Academy cannot be held responsible for monies not refunded. Students with mental health needs must be 'fit for travel'. For all trips, both the academy and parents must give permission and confirm the student is able to partake in the trip. For trips abroad, a 'fit for travel' note must be obtained via CAMHS both when booking the trip and 7 days prior to departure. Trip Leaders will conduct appropriate risk assessments ahead of travel which may require the input of parents/ carers, any such instances will require a meeting before departure of the trip. The headteacher must always ensure the wellbeing of others taking part on a school trip is accounted for and therefore has the right to remove any student if the student's attendance/ behavioural needs will have a detrimental effect on others.

VAT Educational Visits Policy

Please note all of our procedures are underpinned by the VAT Educational Visits policy.

For further information on our trips or procedures, please contact Leanne Avis (Head of Enrichment and Personal Development) lavis@kas.cambrianlt.org or on 01235 225700 ext. 2448 or ext. 2383.



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