



March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Letter informing of visits over the time at Minsthorpe Community College

We have a number of exciting educational visits that your child may want to attend during their time with us at Minsthorpe Community College. We are sharing this information with you at this point, so you are aware of all the possibilities, so you can make informed decisions over the next few months and years.

We understand that overseas visits are expensive and we want to reassure you that there will be other enrichment opportunities, open to students at less and no cost, such as our weekly after-college programme and other offsite learning opportunities (visits).

MFL Paris Visit

This is usually a 3 night/4 day visit initially offered to students who have selected to study or have an interest to study the French GCSE. They have excursions to see the sights around Paris, experience a boat tour and have a day pass to Disneyland. The cost of the last visit in 2024 was £649.

Watersports Visit

This is usually a week-long visit to France packed full of adventurous activities such as high ropes, archery, sailing, canyoning, canoeing, as well as visit to local towns. The cost of the last visit in 2024 was £799.

Skiing Trip

This is usually a week-long visit to Austria where students will have 5 days of skiing tuition along with a number of après ski events such as tobogganing, bowling and sledging. The cost for last visit in 2025 was £1195.

Current Year 9

Year 9/10 Paris visit	Year 10 Watersports	Year 10/11 Skiing Trip
Launch Summer Term 2025 Visit departs Summer Term 2026	Launch Summer Term 2025 Visit departs summer holidays 2026	Launch Spring 2 term 2025 Visit departs February 2026

Current Year 8

Year 9/10 Paris visit	Year 10 Watersports	Year 10/11 Skiing Trip
Launch Summer Term 2025 Visit departs Summer Term 2026	Launch Summer Term 2026 Visit departs summer holidays 2027	Launch Spring 2 term 2026 Visit departs February 2027

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Current Year 7

Year 9/10 Paris visit	Year 10 Watersports	Year 10/11 Skiing Trip
Launch Summer Term 2027 Visit departs Summer Term 2028	Launch Summer Term 2027 Visit departs summer holidays 2028	Launch Spring 2 term 2027 Visit departs February 2028

As with all offsite learning and visits, the College reserves the right to review the placement of any student dependent on their attendance, behaviour, attitude and fitness. This is to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff attending every visit. If a visit is over-subscribed, the Year Office will prioritise students based on their attendance and behaviour record.

Offsite learning opportunities (visits) are an important part of our personal development curriculum at Minsthorpe Community College and help to create a sense of belonging for students. We would like to thank you for supporting your child's education and development by allowing them to participate. We understand that this constitutes a financial commitment for families.

Yours sincerely

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