



29 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Next year, all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be invited to curriculum trips on Tuesday 6 July. As your child is in **Year 9**, they will have a choice to attend one of the below four trips. Choosing a trip that relates to one of your child's preferred GCSE options means they'll get a head start on learning the GCSE curriculum and an opportunity to embed knowledge early.

- **Harry Potter Studios - £53 – payment deadline Tuesday 18 November 2026**

Students interested in studying a technology subject (including GCSE Food Technology and GCSE Design Technology) are invited to explore how elements of the curriculum link to the creation of mesmerising film and television such as Harry Potter. Students will see design principles in action through sets, props, and costumes, learn how graphics and technical drawings are involved, explore how technology enhances storytelling through special effects and digital design, and gain insights into how design is influenced by culture and history.

Students need to be at school at 8.30am and will return at 7pm. Full uniform must be worn with sensible shoes for walking.

- **Yorkshire Sculpture Park - £18 - payment deadline Friday 16 April 2027**

Students will visit the renowned gallery and sculpture park, allowing them to develop first-hand research skills which are needed in GCSE Art coursework. Students will observe, sketch, and photograph artwork in a unique environment, enhancing their understanding of artistic techniques and contextual research whilst in beautiful surroundings.

Students need to be at school at 8.30am and will return at 3.30pm. Full uniform must be worn with sensible shoes for walking and a raincoat as most of the day will be spent outside.

- **Thackray Medical Museum - £18 - payment deadline Friday 16 April 2027**

Thackray has some excellent exhibitions linked to the 'history of medicine' unit of work studied in GCSE History. Our students will understand how medicine has changed through the medieval period to the modern day, take part in a workshop on the history of surgery which will be held in a Victorian operating theatre, and complete work around the museum in small groups.

Students need to be at school at 7.45am and will return at 3.45pm. Full uniform must be worn.

- **Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton - £18 - payment deadline Friday 16 April 2027**

This trip focusses on some key themes from GCSE Geography. Students will explore caves and learn about tourism and its environmental impact.

Students need to be at school at 8.15am and will return at 3.30pm. Full uniform must be worn with sensible footwear (such as walking shoes or trainers).

All trips are now available to pay for on ParentPay with deadlines noted above. There are limited places on all trips, and whilst we endeavour to offer everyone their first choice, this may not be possible. If a trip becomes oversubscribed, we will finalise the list using a random name generator and offer a full refund to those unsuccessful. In all other cases, all payments are non-refundable.

As always, we will not take students on trips whose attendance, behaviour or conduct has been below what is acceptable in school and will remove students who fall below these expectations by offering you a full refund.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the relevant trip leader via email:

- Harry Potter Studios – Miss Marriott b.marriott@hallparkacademy.org.uk
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park – Mrs Murphy k.murphy@hallparkacademy.org.uk
- Thackray Medical Museum – Mrs Farrington c.farrington@hallparkacademy.org.uk
- Treak Cliff Cavern – Mrs Goodfellow l.goodfellow@hallparkacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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