

ENRICHMENT WEEK

YEAR 9

June 2020



BACKWELL
SCHOOL



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How to Book

Please read the whole booklet carefully.

At the back of the booklet there is a cut out “My Choices” page.

- Complete the “My Choices” page indicating your child's first, second and third choice.
- Return the completed page to the Student Services office no later than **Friday 24 May 2019.**
- You will receive notification of the trip your child is being offered by letter. This notification will include a copy of the Terms and Conditions relating to the trip.
- The trip will be made available on your ParentPay account.
- Pay the initial deposit via ParentPay. Alternatively you can telephone the Student Services office and make a card payment over the phone Tel: 01275 465942.
- The payment deadline for your initial deposit is **Friday 21 June 2019.** If the deposit is not received by this date the place may be offered to another student.
- Complete and return the Terms and Conditions and the Student Information form to the Student Services office by **Friday 28 June 2019.**

Your child's place on the trip is not secure until the deposit has been paid and the documents requested have been returned to Student Services.

INSURANCE: All trips off-site will be covered by the school trips insurance. For full details please contact the school.

At this time of year, we are asked to confirm bookings for our chosen destination for Enrichment Week 2020, by paying a large holding deposit to the travel companies. This means asking you to make a decision regarding Enrichment choices for June 2020, fully aware that we have only just asked for your final contributions towards this year's activities!

Enrichment Week in Year 9 is an exceptionally exciting time at Backwell School. We are fortunate enough to be able to offer the students a rich variety of residential and non-residential activities in both the UK and abroad. There are enough spaces for every child in this year group to attend a residential trip if they wish.

The number of places available for each trip is agreed and set with the travel organisers. Some trips are exceedingly popular and there will inevitably be disappointment. Please discuss the options carefully with your child before agreeing what is best for them. We would encourage you to discuss fully a second and third option with your child. Although we understand that the students want to travel with their friends, it is very important that this is not the main criteria for choosing a trip. One of the aims of Enrichment Week is to mix and share experiences with students from across the year group. That being said, all of the trips are excellent and our experience suggests that wherever they go they will have a great time.

Students will be offered a place on a trip, trying to accommodate their first choice. If the trip is over-subscribed, names will be selected in no particular order and without prejudice, to fill the number of places available on each trip.

All students who are not allocated their first choice will be offered an alternative based upon their second and third choices. These students will automatically be placed on the waiting list for their first choice. Parents will be contacted if an opportunity arises during the year for students to swap trips.

Parents will receive notification of the trip being offered in writing and it will be made available on ParentPay for the non-refundable deposit to be paid. Please check you have access to ParentPay before the deposit is required. If you have difficulty accessing ParentPay, or wish to make a card payment over the phone, please contact the Finance Office on 01275 465941.

Photographs from previous trips are available to view on the school website:
<http://www.backwellschool.net/enrichmentweek>.

Deposits and Cancellations

Deposits for all trips are non-refundable. This includes the Initial deposit and any Interim deposits. Deposits are set by the travel companies to protect the price for the students remaining on a trip if someone were to drop out. The exceptions when a deposit might be refunded are:

Your child is withdrawn from a trip for medical reasons and the school is able to make a successful insurance claim.

Another student is found to replace your child on the trip and therefore the numbers booked on the trip are not altered from the original booking.

A place will not be booked with the travel provider for your child if the deposit is not paid by the set date.

Cancellations - information regarding cancellation charges will be contained in the letter offering your child a place on their chosen trip. These charges are set by the travel companies and will not be waived.

Behaviour

Year after year Backwell School is very proud of the positive reports we receive from the companies with which we work. The behaviour of our students is exemplary and Enrichment Week is arranged in total confidence that this behaviour will continue. Taking students away on trips places extra responsibility on the staff concerned and they must be assured that the students will not represent either a risk to themselves or to other students.

Student behaviour will be monitored and their behaviour in lessons and general behaviour around school, will be a vital factor in determining whether they are allowed to attend the trip. We have a detailed written log in school of all incidents of poor or inappropriate behaviour and we will be using this to help decide if anyone should not attend a trip. At Backwell School we offer these amazing trips to all the students, however if your child is removed from a trip due to concerns related to behaviour, the deposit and any cancellation charges incurred at that point will not be refunded. If a student is removed whilst on a trip, any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the parent/ carer.

Financial Assistance

If your family is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding or free school meals, you may apply for financial assistance towards the cost of the trips.

Please note that Pupil Premium Funding cannot be used for the payment of the deposit.

Even if your child is not in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, you may still apply for financial assistance. To do this, please complete the Financial Assistance form which can be found on the school website:

[Financial Assistance Form](#)

All Financial Assistance must be applied for once the trip has been offered and the cost known.

BASE BACKWELL ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

A week of school-based activities. In 2020 this will include a choice of themed courses from Monday to Thursday ranging from Sports Leadership to Photography and Cookery. We anticipate there will be high thrill day trips ranging from High Ropes to the Tamworth Snow Dome to choose from. There will also be more local and school-based fun days.

A booklet for selection of these activities will be given to students in early 2020. The costs for these activities vary according to choice. Please complete the “Choices” page to indicate that this is your preference.



Ardèche & Mediterranean Watersports Adventure

This two-centre water sports adventure is our most popular overseas course and has been the destination of Backwell students for nearly 20 years. Four separate coach trips set off on this **nine** day adventure to two PGL camps in Southern France. Your time will be split between the Ardèche River and the Mediterranean.

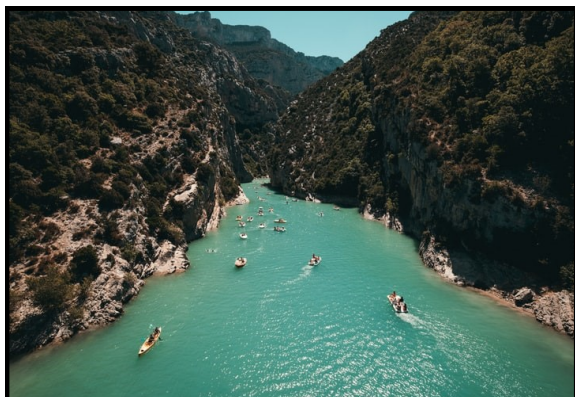
You'll be amazed at just how much you can pack into one trip; how much you can learn; how much you can achieve; how much you can grow when you are offered an exciting opportunity to learn new skills in the most stunning surroundings.

The Ardèche - Take in the dramatic landscape whilst facing the challenge of the white water canoe descent of the Ardèche River. This will be under the professional instruction of PGL staff. When you have mastered the white rapids in the canoe you will descend them again *without* the canoe! Enjoy playing side-splitting water games and taking part in non-stop escapades on the river.

Mimosa Beach - In the warmth of the summer sun and the Mediterranean's blue waters the action-packed adventure continues. Whilst participating in a whole range of exciting water sports you will receive the very best instruction. Be prepared for sailing, windsurfing and sea kayaking. As if that's not enough there will also be games on the beach and the banana boat to make you shriek!

The Ardèche and Mediterranean water sports trip is a non-stop, adrenalin rush that you will never forget!

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>



Ardèche & Mediterranean Water Sports Adventure

Important Information

Cost: £725

- Students must have a valid passport and EHIC card by **Friday 7 February 2020**.
- Four separate coach trips departing at different times.
Dates: Thursday 11 June - Friday 19 June 2020.
or Friday 12 June - Saturday 20 June 2020.
- Travel by coach and ferry.
- Accommodation is full board in either tents or wooden chalets.
- All activities are led by qualified PGL instructors.
- 140 places available.
- Evening entertainment is provided at both sites.
- To view the photo gallery, visit the school website:
www.backwellschool.net/enrichmentweek and click on the link.

Deposit Schedule		
1st non-refundable deposit	21 June 2019	£100
2nd non-refundable deposit	19 July 2019	£100
Instalment Schedule		
1rd instalment	6 September 2019	£100
2nd instalment	1 October 2019	£85
3rd instalment	1 November 2019	£85
4th instalment	1 January 2020	£85
5th instalment	1 February 2020	£85
Final instalment	1 March 2020	£85

SORRENTO

Roman ruins, vibrant towns, geographical wonders and an active volcano are just a few of reasons that make Sorrento such a popular destination for Backwell School Year 9 students – and the food is pretty great too! Flying direct to Naples you will spend five nights staying in a hotel in the elegant coastal town of Sorrento.

You will be transported back to an ancient civilisation when visiting Pompeii and Herculaneum. Both of these Roman settlements were buried and preserved during the same series of eruptions in 79 AD, leaving behind some of the best-preserved ruins in the Bay of Naples. You will learn all about the history and geography, as well as the human stories of both sites.

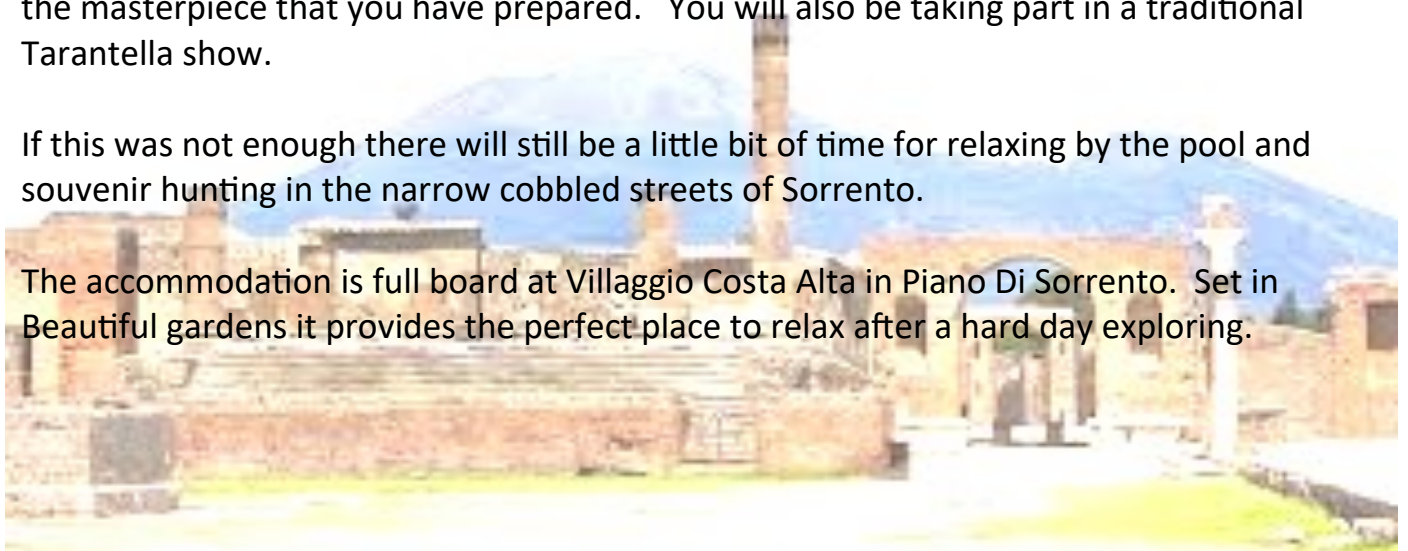
You will also have the opportunity to climb Mount Vesuvius, the source of the devastation and preservation. Your effort will be rewarded when you reach the top and you can peer into the mouth of a live volcano. You will learn about the geographical significance of the volcano both today and in history.

Take a boat trip along the stunning Amalfi Coastline where villages hang from the cliffs and movie stars build their villas, and learn about the history of the region.

What trip to Italy would be complete without a taste of Italian food? You will be treated to workshops in traditional ice-cream making and tasting. Have you ever watched the pizza chefs throwing the pizza dough and wondered if you could do the same? Well this could be your chance! A pizza making evening followed by a celebratory dinner eating the masterpiece that you have prepared. You will also be taking part in a traditional Tarantella show.

If this was not enough there will still be a little bit of time for relaxing by the pool and souvenir hunting in the narrow cobbled streets of Sorrento.

The accommodation is full board at Villaggio Costa Alta in Piano Di Sorrento. Set in Beautiful gardens it provides the perfect place to relax after a hard day exploring.



Sorrento

Important Information

Cost: £728

- Students must have a valid passport and EHIC card by **Friday 7 February 2020**.
- Flight details will be confirmed when they are booked, but we anticipate this will be from Gatwick at an unsociable hour. This might be the Saturday or Sunday.
- One piece of hold luggage is included.
- The 80 places are divided into two groups of 40 students whilst in Sorrento with separate itineraries.
- Accommodation is full board.
- The tour is five nights and six days.
- All transport is included in the cost.
- Sensible shoes are a must as a volcano will be climbed and uneven and ancient sites will be explored.
- Visit the school website to view the photo gallery from last year: www.backwellschool.net/enrichmentweek and click on the link.

Deposit Schedule		
1st non-refundable deposit	21 June 2019	£100
2nd non-refundable deposit	19 July 2019	£100
Instalment Schedule		
1st instalment	6 September 2019	£88
2nd instalment	1 October 2019	£88
3rd instalment	1 November 2019	£88
4th instalment	1 January 2020	£88
5th instalment	1 February 2020	£88
Final instalment	1 March 2020	£88

LONDON

This is an opportunity to spend three days experiencing life in our Capital City and taking in some of the best attractions that London has to offer. You will spend two nights in a London hotel which provides the perfect base for exploring the exciting venues that are waiting for you.

Take a selfie with the Royal family or Captain America at Madame Tussaud's (including the Star Wars exhibition). Spend the evening at the theatre watching a top West End show after dining in a central London restaurant. You will be amazed by the spectacular views from the London Eye as you slowly watch all the famous landmarks go by from your glass bubble.

A trip on the Thames is a must when visiting the capital to test yourself on how many famous landmarks you can name from the boat. Visit the Tower of London and learn about the ravens that must remain in the grounds or the monarchy will fall.

There will also be time to visit the museums and perhaps a quick visit into the world famous store to the rich, Harrods. Picnic lunch in the Hyde Park or Covent Garden whilst watching the street performers.

This three-day visit to London will take place from Wednesday to Friday of Enrichment Week. Students will be based in school for the first two days preparing for this cosmopolitan expedition.



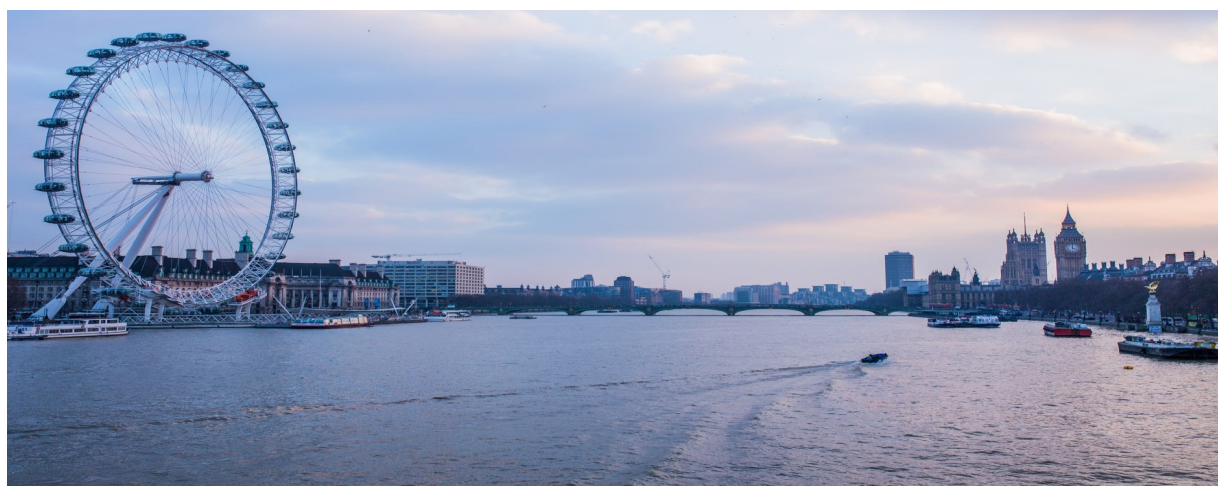
London

Important Information

Cost £365

- 40 places available.
- Travel to London by coach.
- The coach will remain with the party for the duration of the stay to transfer the party from one venue to another.
- Ample opportunity to take in many more sites than by tube.
- Bed and Breakfast accommodation.
- Dining in two Central London restaurants for dinner. Lunch will be bought each day by the staff.
- Two days in school, three days in London.
- The school dining room will be open as normal on Monday and Tuesday.

Deposit Schedule		
1st non-refundable deposit	21 June 2019	£50
2nd non-refundable deposit	19 July 2019	£50
Instalment Schedule		
1st instalment	6 September 2019	£50
2nd instalment	1 October 2019	£43
3rd instalment	1 November 2019	£43
4th instalment	1 January 2020	£43
5th instalment	1 February 2020	£43
Final instalment	1 March 2020	£43



Fishing

This is a unique opportunity to try something different. This non-residential five-day adventure involves as many different types of fishing that can be packed into one week.

Visit the Plantations at Kingston Seymour where all anglers will fish the “Match” lake for a variety of “silver fish” as well as carp well into double figures.



Travel down to Penarth and Exmouth where you will board fully equipped vessels and set out to sea. The catch will be divided up to take home at the end of the day so be prepared to make room in the freezer! Spend the day at Woolaston Trout Lakes, Gloucestershire. Fly fishing tackle will be provided to fish for small rainbow trout in the stock ponds. There will be an opportunity to target this easy prey as well as try for something much more challenging. Finally, you will fish at Lands End Fisheries, Wedmore. This is a highly rated venue where everyone should catch fish. Carp are plentiful and the silver fish are first class including Golden Tench and Ide.

Travel is by school mini bus departing and returning to school each day at different times depending on the trip. Please take a look at The “Compleat” Angler and the photo gallery on the school website: www.backwellschool.net/enrichmentweek and click on the appropriate link.

Cost: £200

Deposit Schedule		
Non-refundable deposit	21 June 2019	£30
Instalment Schedule		
1st instalment	6 September 2019	£30
2nd instalment	1 October 2019	£28
3rd instalment	1 November 2019	£28
4th instalment	1 January 2020	£28
5th instalment	1 February 2020	£28
Final instalment	1 March 2020	£28





Please cut out this page and take it to
Student Services by
FRIDAY 24 May 2019

MY CHOICES

Student Name:

Tutor Group:

My 1st Choice	
My 2nd Choice	
My 3rd Choice	

Parent/Carer:

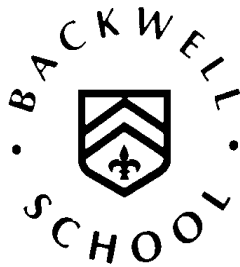
Name:

Signed:

Date:

A notification letter, terms and conditions and specific trip documentation will be sent as soon as the trip lists have been completed.

**Deposits must then be paid via ParentPay
by Friday 21 June 2019 at the latest.**



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