



HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE WEEKEND TRIPS PROGRAMME



September 2024
to July 2025

C.A.R.E STRUCTURE

Being a boarder at Harrogate Ladies' College means feeling happy, comfortable and having fun in your 'home from home'. As part of this experience, we encourage all of our boarders to take part in a wide range of weekend trips and house activities.

Our experienced boarding staff ensure there is a healthy balance of stimulating activities to keep our boarders entertained, whilst having enough time to relax. There are plenty of opportunities for the boarders to socialise and integrate at Inter-house events alongside house activities.

Boarders' trips take place at weekends; these are an ideal opportunity for the boarding community to come together, have fun, visit some of the best attractions, all whilst also fully immersing themselves in British culture.

The weekend trips are hugely varied; we ensure pupil input is carefully considered when designing the programme and ensure we implement and follow the C.A.R.E structure, which is explained below:



Culture

Cultural trips allow our pupils to discover different ways of life. As boarders will come into contact with pupils with various nationalities and backgrounds, we aim to educate them not only on British culture, but also on the culture of their fellow boarders. These trips may include visiting traditional markets, museums, trying new foods and learning a language or dance.



Adventure

Adventure trips can include visiting new places, whether exploring the area of Harrogate and beyond or taking part in an activity such as an Escape Room. Adventure-based trips allow for socialisation and integration whilst having fun.



Recreational

It is important to balance academic studies with relaxation. Therefore, these trips and activities allow the boarders to relax and have fun. They could include pamper evenings, movie nights, going shopping, spending time with friends or an Inter-house Quiz.



Educational

Quiz Nights, cultural evenings and visits to museums are among the activities and trips that encourage the boarders to learn new skills, knowledge or facts on a particular topic. They can enhance academic studies whilst participating in a fun weekend trip or activity with peers.



TRIP COSTINGS AND SIGNING UP

All of the trip costings in the table below are for entry only and will, therefore, have an additional transport cost. Costings are approximate and depend on the number of pupils attending, therefore each trip will have the cost confirmed by email when pupils sign up.

Boarding Trip	Approximate entry cost (subject to change)
AUTUMN TERM	
Induction Weekend trip to York - New boarders only	Transport only
Induction Weekend trip to Ikea - New boarders only	Pupil individual spend
Alton Towers Theme Park	£34.00 entry
HLC Festival and BBQ	To be confirmed
Ministry of Science Live	£21.50
Bowling and Dinner	£10
Great North Museum Newcastle and Eldon Square Shopping	Pupil individual spend
Billy Bob's Diner	Individual food cost
Laser Tag	£13.50
Pottery Painting	£14.00
Harry Potter Studio's	£45.00
Ice Skating	£7.00
Birmingham Christmas Market	Pupil individual spend
SPRING TERM	
Roller Disco	£20.00
Escape Room	£32.00
York Cocoa Workshop	£18.00
Ninja Warrior, Leeds	£12.95
Go Karting	£45.50
Leeds Trinity Shopping	Pupil individual spend
London West End Show	£50.00
SUMMER TERM	
Combat Archery	£20.00
Madame Tussauds Blackpool and Blackpool Pleasure Beach	£15.00 Madame Tussauds £50.00 Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Crystal Maze Manchester	£70.00
Chester Zoo	£22.00
Paddle Boarding and Aqua Park	£32.50
Scarborough and Sealife	£10.00
House Trips (residential)	Dependent on boarding house Housemistress to confirm
Yorkshire Wildlife Park	£10.00
Sixth Form - Painting Pottery and Donuts	£10.00
Whitby	Transport only
House Trips (residential)	Dependent on boarding house Housemistress to confirm

The pupils will have the opportunity to sign up for each trip via a Microsoft form sent by Miss Standerline, Boarding Trip Co-ordinator. Following this, Miss Standerline will contact parents and guardians of those who express interest via email. The email will ask for permission, give final costings and further details including timings and specific requirements such as clothing. There will be a reply deadline within the email for permissions. Unfortunately, if permissions are not received by this date, your child will not be able to attend. All medical forms must be completed and received before your child can attend any of the above trips. Miss Standerline will send an email regarding each trip the week before. Should you have any questions about boarding trips or activities please contact Miss Standerline - miss.standerline@hlc.org.uk.

**Saturday 7th and Sunday
8th September**

Induction Weekend

Induction weekend is over two days, allowing our new boarders to develop friendships with those who are returning. It is a perfect weekend for staff and boarders to spend time together before the start of term, doing lots of fun activities. Alongside this, boarders also have the opportunity to prepare for school as well as a trip to IKEA to purchase additional decorative items for their bedrooms.

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Saturday 14th September

Formal Dinner

The boarders' formal dinner is a tradition at the start of term following the pupils' first week at school. Staff and pupils dress up for a delicious three course meal. The boarders are mixed with boarders from the other houses, allowing them to develop friendships and meet new pupils. Mrs Brett, the Principal, and Mrs Fox, the Senior Deputy, join the dinner alongside boarding and resident staff.

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House Activities

House Activities are spread throughout the term to allow each boarding house to offer activities which best suit their boarders, depending upon the age and interests of the house members. The activities will be from a range of cultural evenings, house sports, baking, crafts, game nights and movie afternoons.

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Sunday 15th September

Alton Towers

Alton Towers Resort is a theme park and resort complex in Staffordshire, England. The pupils have a wonderful action-packed day with friends. Originally a private estate of the Earls of Shrewsbury, Alton Towers' grounds were opened to the public in 1860 to raise funds. In the late 20th century, it was transformed into a theme park and opened several new rides from 1980 onwards. The park has many attractions such as Congo River Rapids, Runaway Mine Train, Nemesis, Oblivion, Galactica, The Smiler, Wicker Man, Rita and TH13TEEN. It operates a total of ten roller coasters alongside water rides, mini golf and much more.

www.altontowers.com

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Saturday 21st September

HLC Festival and BBQ Supper

Our annual HLC Festival takes place every year and is a significant event in our weekend programme. It is a wonderful opportunity for the boarding community to be together after the Summer and to welcome new boarders. Before a delicious BBQ supper, the school band play their favourite songs, and the pupils can enjoy karaoke, inflatables, face paint and a fire pit toasting marshmallows. It is wonderful to have our pupils enjoying time together into the night, and dancing to their favourite music.

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Saturday 28th September

Bowling and Dinner

Bowling is always a fun and popular trip with boarders of all ages. Hollywood Bowl Leeds is an American themed ten pin bowling alley with an upbeat atmosphere, amusements arcades, American diner serving burgers, hotdogs and more. It is great for the boarders to spend quality time with their friends and to get involved in healthy competition!

www.hollywoodbowl.co.uk/leeds

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Sunday 29th September

Cultural Around The World Exhibition

To celebrate all the nationalities and countries our boarding community represents, the pupils work in groups to create an exhibition which is educational for other boarders and staff. This is designed by and led by the pupils, allowing them to demonstrate their creativity by designing their own stand from traditional dress, music, food and informational posters. It is an excellent event which allows all pupils to show their own culture and what makes them 'I am me'.

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Saturday 5th October

Great North Museum Newcastle and Eldon Square Shopping

The Great North Museum: Hancock was purpose built in Newcastle as a natural history museum in 1884 to house the growing collections of the Natural History Society of Northumbria. The living planet gallery tells the story of wildlife and habitats alongside Hadrian's wall, enabling visitors to discover the detailed history of the World Heritage Site. Visitors can discover the world of Ancient Egyptians, Greek and Etruscan art and archaeology. World Cultures showcases objects in the Museum collections from across the world including the Islands of the Pacific, the great land masses of Africa and Asia, the plains of North America, as well some parts of Europe.

www.greatnorthmuseum.org.uk

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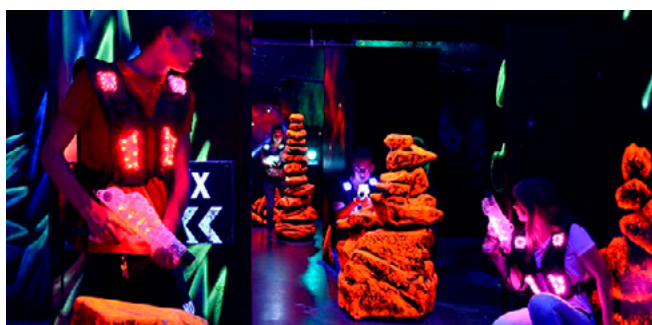
Saturday 12th October

Laser Tag at Xscape

Laser Tag is a fun, team activity where there will only be one winner! An indoor arena with flashing lights, sound effects and music; two teams battle it out with infrared laser tag guns for their quest to victory.

xscapeyorkshire.co.uk/attractions/laserzone

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Saturday 9th November

Karaoke and Pizza Night

Karaoke Night is a fantastic evening where the boarders can showcase talents individually, as a pair or a whole house. It is an evening for fun, laughter, socialisation and spending time as a boarding community. There are songs from all over the world and some pupils who write their own songs.

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Sunday 10th November

Billy Bob's Diner Brunch

Billy Bob's Diner is always popular for Sunday Brunch: it is a knockout 50s styled classic American diner, with delicious parlour treats and marvellous play adventures. Think homemade burgers, hot dogs, Philly cheese steak and skillet hash, finished with unique sodas, legendary thick shakes and espresso drinks. The boarders can dine on a school bus with the old-school jukebox music and finish up with a stack of fluffy American pancakes, eye-popping sundaes or endless exciting ice cream flavours.

www.billybobsparlour.com

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Saturday 16th November

Pottery Painting at Knaresborough

A short walk from the beautiful local town of Knaresborough is 'Painting Pots', an independent business. Following a short train journey from Harrogate, the pupils will have the opportunity to select pottery from bowls, plates, mugs and some character themed pots from mermaids to dogs. Pupils then have a relaxing few hours to design their pottery and paint as a keepsake to return home with.

www.paintingpotsknaresborough.co.uk

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Sunday 23rd November and Saturday 14th June

Harry Potter Trip

On this trip, the boarders can tap on to authentic sets, discover the magic behind special effects and explore the behind-the-scenes secrets of the Harry Potter film series. They can also discover the iconic Hogwarts Great Hall and explore the Forbidden Forest, board the original Hogwarts Express at Platform 9 3/4 and step foot into Gringotts Wizarding Bank, all before wandering down Diagon Alley. Located at the Studios where all eight films were produced, the Studio Tour showcases the British talent and artistry that went into the making of the Wizarding World. The visit enables the boarders to relive the magic through the eyes of the filmmakers who brought the films to life.

www.wbstudiotour.co.uk

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Sunday 24th November

Christmas Tree Decoration

Every year, each boarding house gets a beautiful Christmas tree which is grown locally at Stockeld Park in Harrogate. The boarders have the opportunity to decorate their own house tree with lights and decorations, which allows the house spirit and personality to shine through. Over the years, decoration collections are added to by the new ones made by the boarders.

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Saturday 30th November

Ice Skating

Going ice skating near the end of Autumn Term in preparation for Christmas is a HLC boarding tradition. Boarders of all ages come together: some are very experienced and others are ice skating for the first time. After developing their skills, it is the perfect opportunity to stop, relax and warm up with a delicious hot chocolate.

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Saturday 7th December

House Christmas Parties

The final weekend of Autumn Term is celebrating Christmas as a boarding house. Each boarding house has a celebration party with house staff for the holiday and end of term. This consists of the traditional 'Christmas door decoration competition', alongside decorating Christmas trees, food, party games and music. It is always a lovely evening to finish the term and exchange gifts from Secret Santa.

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Sunday 8th December

Birmingham Christmas Market

The largest authentic German Christmas market outside of Germany or Austria, Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market offers a large range of traditional good and gifts and a selection of tempting food and drink. Pretzels, schnitzels, bratwursts, and roasted almonds will tempt the boarders' taste buds, all to be accompanied by delicious hot chocolate.

www.thebfc.co.uk

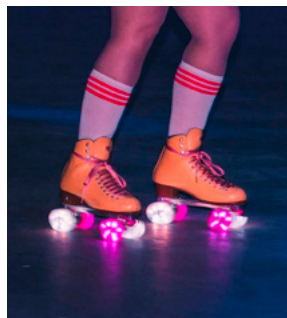


Saturday 10th January

Roller Disco

Roller Disco is a fun evening event which allows the boarders to be on retro roller skates while dancing with friends. This is a perfect opportunity for them to learn a new skill or develop existing knowledge.

www.harrosk8.co.uk



Sunday 19th January

Escape Room, Harrogate

In teams of 2 to 6, the pupils are 'locked' in different themed rooms and given 60 minutes to find and solve clues, whilst using the items found to work a way out and escape! There are four different themed rooms: the betrayal of Cluetankhamun; Cell block C; CSI; and the dungeon of doom. Escape Rooms encourage pupils of all ages to work as a team through communication and thinking outside of the box. Rooms vary in difficulty, which means there is a room suited to everyone.

www.cluehq.co.uk/harrogate



Saturday 25th January

Boarders Have Talent (BHT)

'Boarders Have Talent' is a special evening when all boarders can showcase their individual talents. Talents range from musical instruments, group songs, dancing, theatrical performances, magic and arts. There is an expert panel of judges on hand to crown the 'Boarders Have Talent' winner. This event in the calendar allows all boarders to showcase their own individual identity and creativity.

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Saturday 1st February

Ninja Warrior, Leeds

Ninja Warrior Adventure Park in Leeds is a supervised activity and fitness venue inspired by ITV's hit programme Ninja Warrior UK! During this trip, the boarders can climb, balance, jump and swing across different obstacles using and developing their Ninja skills! There is also have the famous Warped Wall for every aspiring Ninja to conquer. In addition to the fixed Ninja features, there is a huge inflatable Airpark!

www.ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/leeds

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Saturday 8th February

York Cocoa Workshop

Based in the City of York, the Cocoa Workshop offers an understanding of how chocolate is made, alongside making delicious treats to take home. The pupils will have the opportunity to learn how chocolate is made, the difference of tempering chocolate alongside making their own chocolate bars of choice to wrap and take home.

www.yorkcocoahouse.co.uk

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Saturday 1st March and Saturday 26th April

BBQ Supper and Boarding Rounders

After a busy day relaxing and exploring Harrogate, the boarders come together for a BBQ supper. This is followed by a competitive game of rounders between the boarding houses and fire pits to toast marshmallows.

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Saturday 8th March

Go Karting, York

Go Karting near York consists of a 700-metre circuit using the latest BIZ Twin Engine ProKarts capable of nearly 60mph. All pupils are supplied with the latest karting racewear and expert tuition is provided to ensure that they get the most out of their visit. Computer timing is the latest state of the art software which means the pupils can battle it out to be the champion on the podium! The large clubhouse means the drivers can watch indoors or savour the atmosphere at the trackside

www.uk-go-karting.com/tracks/yorkshire/tockwith-karting

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Saturday 15th March

Falconry Experience, Swinton Estate

The Swinton Estate is a private estate that has been owned by the Cunliffe-Lister family since the 1880s. It is the ancestral seat of the Earl of Swinton and occupies 20,000 acres on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales. Swinton Estate is home to Birds Of Prey offering a hands on interaction with the personalities and behaviours of friendly owls, hawks and falcons.

www.swintonestate.com/activities/birds-of-prey

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Saturday 22nd March

Leeds Trinity Shopping Centre

Leeds Trinity is in the heart of Leeds City Centre, which is a short 30-minute drive from Harrogate. The centre offers high street to designer shopping alongside multiple restaurants and food courts.

www.trinityleeds.com

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Saturday 29th March

London West End Show

London's West End theatre represents the highest level of commercial theatre running alongside New York City's Broadway Theatre. West End shows are within the largest theatres in London. The pupils will have the opportunity to see a West End musical, hit play or new production. Popular West End shows have been Les Misérables, Hamilton, Wicked! and The Phantom of the Opera.

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Sunday 30th March

Easter 'Eggstravaganza' Egg Hunt

This event is an early Easter Egg Hunt around the school grounds, where the pupils will work in teams to follow clues. The clues will be written in the different languages we represent in our boarding community, allowing all to be involved and participate. At the end, if successful, they will win a delicious Easter Egg!

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Saturday 3rd May

Combat Archery

Combat archery is an exciting, fun, team event which is best described as a cross between paintball and dodgeball, except it is played with bows and foam tipped arrows. It is an opportunity for the boarders to develop team work, alongside experiencing a new activity for some pupils.

www.archery-combat-events.co.uk/locations/leeds/

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Sunday 4th May

The Big Debate

This is a great way to get our pupils thinking competitively about current global affairs. Carrying out their own research and working together as a team, they will formulate arguments to challenge their opponents and win points for their team!

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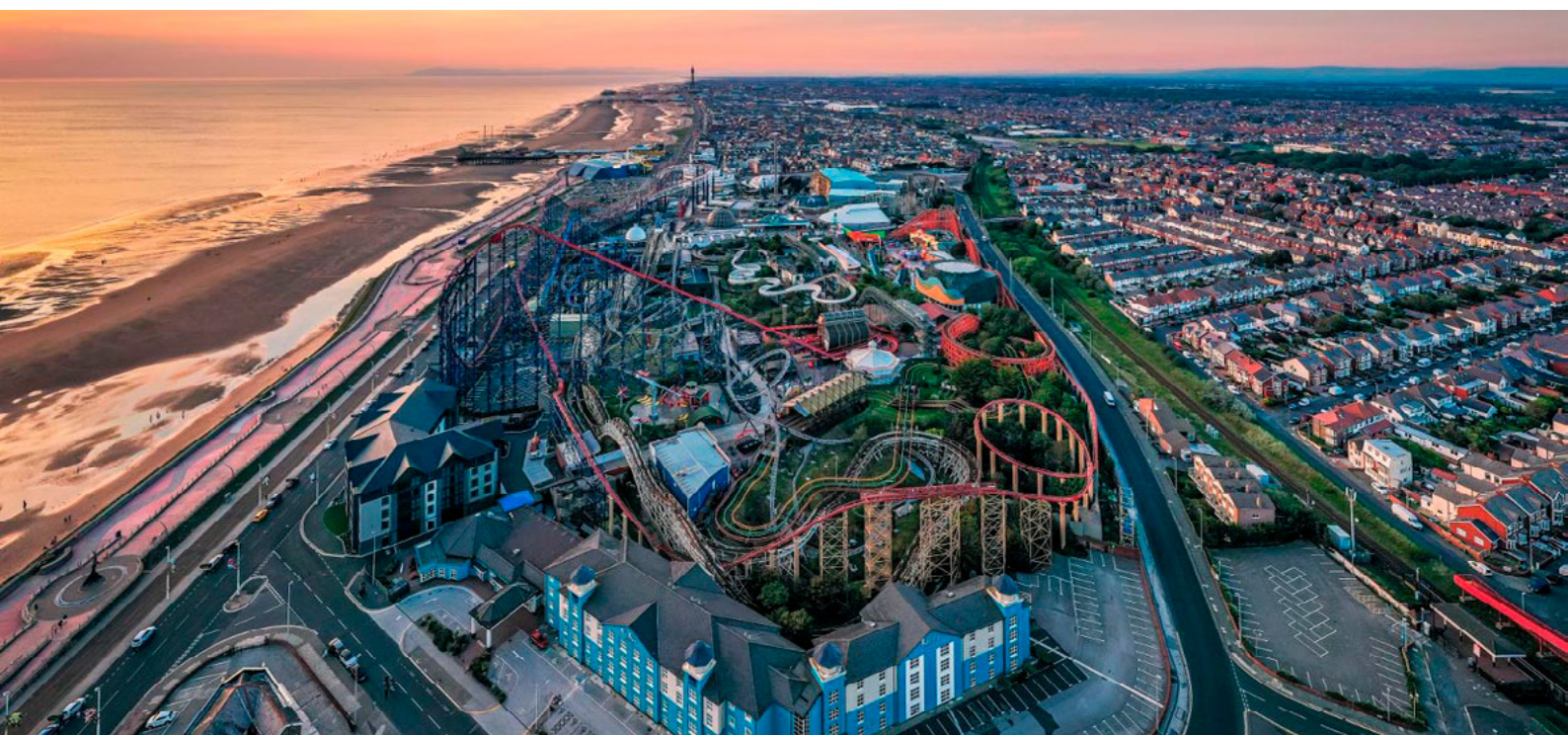
Madame Tussauds at Blackpool and Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Madame Tussauds is a wax museum founded in London in 1835 by the French wax sculptor, Marie Tussaud. There are many famous faces including the Royal Family, Ariana Grande, Beyoncé, Spider Man and Sir David Attenborough. Following this, the pupils will have time at the famous Blackpool Pleasure Beach with a wide array of rides and rollercoasters.

www.madametussauds.com/blackpool

www.blackpoolpleasurebeach.com

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Saturday 17th May

Crystal Maze, Manchester

The Crystal Maze is a LIVE Experience based on the 1990s TV show. The goal is for competitors to earn as much time in The Crystal Dome and score as many points as they can. In their teams, they will run around four different zones – Industrial, Futuristic, Medieval and Aztec. In each zone they: test their skills, solve mysteries and face mental and physical challenges.

www.the-crystal-maze.com/manchester

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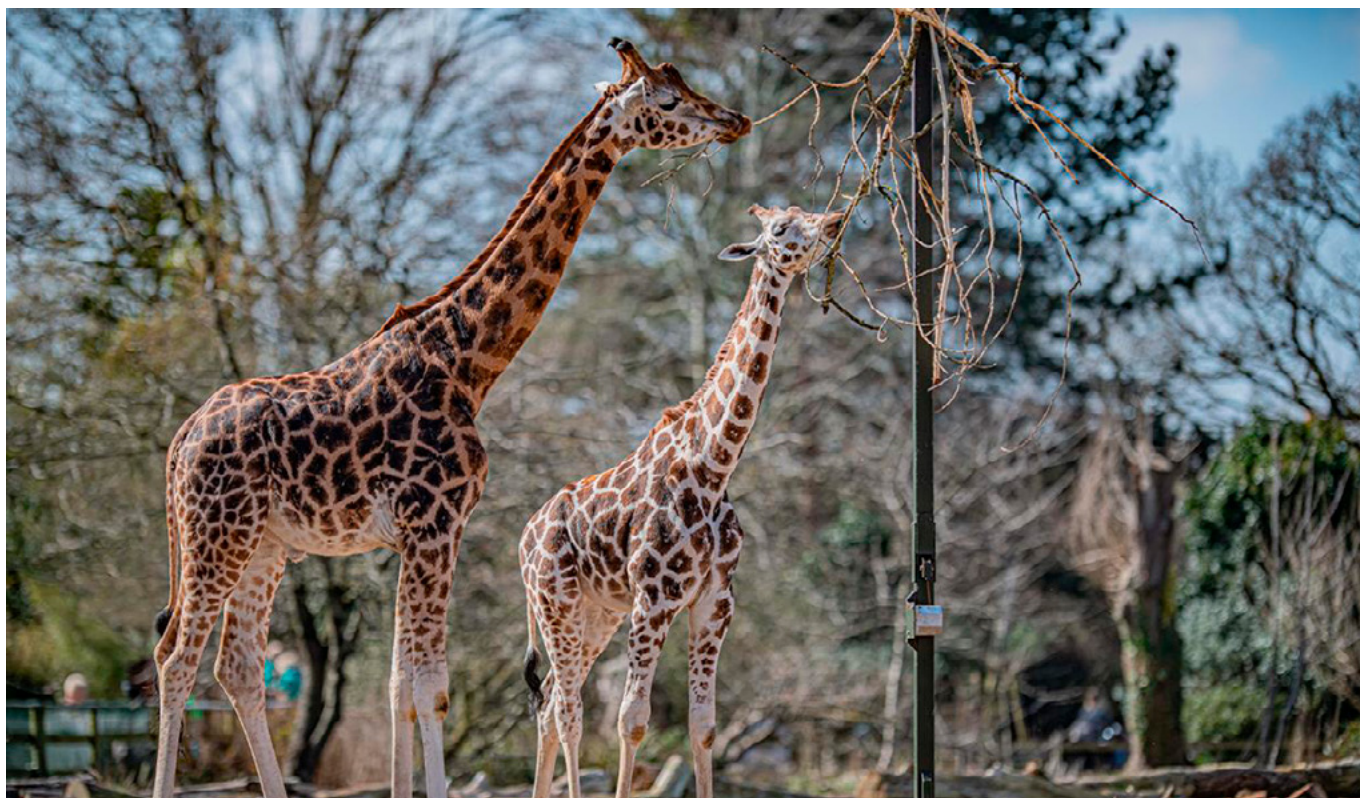
Saturday 7th June

Chester Zoo

Chester Zoo is one of the UK's largest zoos at 51 hectares and has a total land holding of approximately 160 hectares. It has over 21,000 animals and 500 different species, including some of the most endangered species on the planet and has a specific focus on conservation.

www.chesterzoo.org

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Saturday 21st June

Paddle Boarding and Aqua Park

Stand-up paddle boarding is a fun activity that can be enjoyed with peers and is perfect for those of all ages and skill levels. It will challenge the boarders in terms of improving balance and strength. Aqua Parks are inflatables on the water on which the pupils will be challenged with slides, swings, stepping stones, balance beams and jumps.

www.northyorkshirewaterpark.co.uk

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Saturday 28th June

Scarborough and Sea life

Scarborough Sea life offers different zones including the Seal Hospital, Rainforest Adventure, Penguin Island and more. It is home to more than 2500 creatures and has Europe's only penguin walkthrough feature, hands-on rockpool experiences and the opportunity to learn amazing facts about the underwater world.

www.visitsealife.com/scarborough

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Saturday 5th July and Sunday 6th July

House trips (residential)

To end the school year, each boarding house has an end of year trip to celebrate achievements, spend time together and say goodbye to those leaving. Housemistresses discuss choices with the boarders and organise a house trip according to the house members' preference. The trips can vary from overnight residential trips, Go karting, Bowling or walking in the lake district.

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SIXTH FORM TRIP PROGRAMME AND COSTINGS

Below are costings for our Sixth Form-only trips. The costings are based on entry cost and will, therefore, have an additional transport charge. The transport charge will be dependent on the number of pupils signed up for the trip. Following sign ups, as per the weekend trip programme for all boarders', parents and guardians will be contacted with final costings and to gain permission.

Sixth Form Boarding Trip	Transport cost – approximate and entry fee (subject to change)
AUTUMN TERM	
Sixth Form Hunted	No Cost
Manchester University and Shopping	Transport approximately £30.00 & Pupil individual spend
Newcastle University and Shopping	Transport approximately £30.00 & Pupil individual spend
London Day Trip	To be confirmed
SPRING TERM	
Paintball	£20.00 plus transport
Residential to St Andrews University	To be confirmed
Loughborough University	Transport approximately £40.00
Cookery Course	To be confirmed
SUMMER TERM	
Pizza and Outdoor Cinema	£10.00
Golf at Rudding Park and Pizza	£25.00 plus transport
Puppy Yoga in Leeds	£20.00 plus transport
Yorkshire Heart Vineyard	To be confirmed

The aim of our Sixth Form programme is to help our Sixth Form pupils to prepare for life after Harrogate Ladies' College; it is built into boarding practice alongside our weekend trips programme. This academic year there are multiple university visits, one being a residential. The universities have been chosen to enable all boarders to visit at least one university, dependent on their course and interests. To gain and develop independence, there is a wonderful day trip to London on the train, where the boarders will navigate the underground while enjoying tourist hot spots, food and shopping. It is important to have trips and activities for wellbeing, encouraging socialisation with peers and learning new skills. Sixth Form boarders are welcome to sign up for the above trips and activities, alongside the weekend programme on offer to all boarders.



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**For more information about boarding trips or activities please contact
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