



HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE WEEKEND TRIPS PROGRAMME



September 2025
to July 2026

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 Ikea followed by a Walking tour of Harrogate – New boarders only	Transport and individual pupil spend
Induction Weekend trip to York – New boarders only	Transport and individual pupil spend
Flamingo Land	£27.00
Chinese Super Market and Formal Dinner	Transport and individual pupil spend
Hollywood Bowl - Bowling	£7.00
HLC Festival and BBQ	£15.00
Laser Tag	£10.95
Halloween Silent Disco	£15.00
Bingo Night	No cost
Billy Bobs Brunch	Transport and individual pupil spend
Pottery Painting in Knaresborough	£16.00 (dependent on pottery item)
Ice Skating	£7.00
York Winter Wonderland and York Outlet	
SPRING TERM	
Crazy Golf at Manchester Trafford Centre and Shopping	£8.75 and pupil's own individual spend.
Outdoor Games, House Rounders and Fire Pit	No cost
Interhouse Badminton and HLC Afternoon tea	No cost
Escape Room	£25.00 (group size dependent)
Valentines Bake off Competition	No cost
Canvas Painting/Model Making and Mocktails	No Cost
Tropic facial workshop	£12.00
MANCHESTER MUSEUM AND CHINA TOWN SUPPER	
Raven Tree Top Adventure	
Legally Blonde Grand Opera House	£36.00 (dependent on availability on time of booking)
Harlow Carr – Big Picnic and Walk	No cost
York Cocoa Chocolate Workshop	£25.00
Vue Cinema	£9.00 (film dependent)
Saltaire Museum	Transport only
Whitby	Transport only
BBQ and Silly Sports	No cost
House Trip weekend	Dependent on trip per boarding house, to be confirmed with housemistresses.
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 6th September and Sunday 7th 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. This year we have a new addition to our induction weekend with boarders attending the famous 'walking tour of Harrogate'.

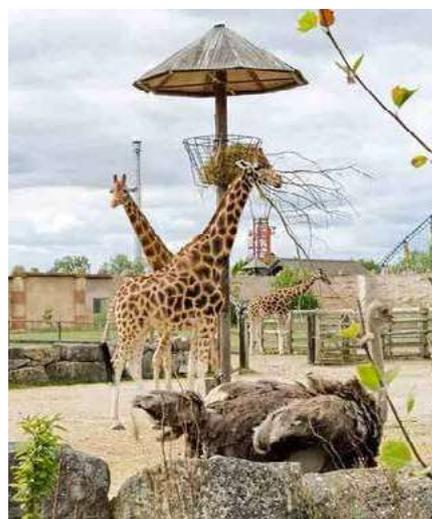


Saturday 13th September

Flamingo Land

Flamingo Land is a North Yorkshire based family resort and theme park with rollercoasters, rides for all ages and conservation zoo projects. There are multiple thrilling rollercoasters, an interactive water section alongside their award-winning zoo. The Zoo is home to mammals, farm animals, birds and fish.

www.flamingoland.co.uk



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.



Saturday 20th September

Chinese Supermarket and Formal Dinner

Before our formal dinner in the evening pupils will have the opportunity to go to a Chinese Supermarket in Leeds. Whether this is a pupils first time exploring Chinese food and snacks or they would like to stock up on favourites from home this is a trip welcomed by many.

The boarders' formal dinner is a tradition at the start of term following the pupils' first few weeks 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 Fox, the Principle joins the dinner alongside boarding and resident staff.



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Sunday 21st September

Hollywood Bowl 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

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Saturday 27th September

Boarders Festival and BBQ

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 4th October

Laser Tag at Xscape

Laser Tag is a fun, team activity where there will only be one winner! In 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.

laserforcetag.co.uk/location/lasertag-leeds



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Saturday 11th October

Halloween Silent Disco

Halloween originated from the pagan holiday of Samhain. In the UK we traditionally celebrate Halloween with trick or treating, costumes, pumpkins and costumes. To celebrate pupils can dress up for example as ghosts or witches which are commonly popular and dance the night way! A silent disco allows pupils to wear headphones connected to different channels of songs. They can sing as loud as they can as no one else can hear!



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Saturday 8th November

Bingo Night

Held in the Swinton theatre a classic night of Bingo! Pupils can have the opportunity to win prizes for a line, 2 lines or a full house. Boarders can choose to play individually, as a team to up their chances of winning. Classic calls will be given including 'one little duck, number 2' and 'legs eleven, number 11'.

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Saturday 15th November

Pottery Painting 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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Saturday 29th November

Ice Skating, Leeds

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.

planet-ice.co.uk

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Saturday 6th December

York Winter Wonderland and York Outlet

Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland is home to the North of England's largest outdoor ice rink, with real ice and a showstopping 30ft high Christmas tree at its centre. York's winter wonderland offers a cosy chalet café, fun fair and Santa's grotto. Following this pupils can venture into York Outlet for some Christmas Shopping.

www.yorkshireswinterwonderland.com

www.mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/uk/designer-outlet-york

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Saturday 10th January

Crazy Golf and Shopping, Manchester Trafford Centre

Manchester Trafford Centre is a shopping, leisure and food mall with high-end, high-street shopping brands, cafes to restaurants. Pupils will have the opportunity to play mini golf at Paradise Island in their 18-hole course before enjoying some well-deserved food and shopping with friends.

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Saturday 17th January

Outdoor games, fire pit and pizza supper

House gatherings are always popular with boarders as it allows pupils to mix together and form new friendships. Rounders is always popular and paired well with a deserved roasted marshmallow and smore around the fire pit.

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Saturday 24th January

Interhouse badminton and HLC afternoon tea

Badminton and sport competitions are well-loved among our boarding community. Each year we run various inter house competitions and badminton is always popular. House's battle it out through various matches to determine a winner. Following their hard work, boarders can enjoy a classic HLC afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones and jam to delicious desserts.



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Saturday 30th January

Escape Room

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.



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Saturday 7th February

Interhouse valentines bake off

Baking brings our community together as pupils draw from various cooking techniques and recipes from around the world. Coming up to Valentines Day pupils will be tasked with baking under strict rules where judging will take place by a senior member of the resident team.



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Saturday 28th February

Canvas Painting/Model making and Mocktails - Interhouse Art Competition

Art is an excellent way for pupils to express themselves and their own individual backgrounds. Between house's pupils will need to paint a canvas or make a model following rules and instructions. Pairing this with some fun mocktails and snacks. Once completed the Art will be judged by our Art Department for an overall winner.

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Sunday 8th March

Tropic Skincare Workshop

Tropic is a UK based skincare brand, they pride themselves on the power of the natural world in everything they do. Using a plethora of natural, nutrient-rich ingredients - all brimming with vitamins, antioxidants and essential oils. Pupils will have the opportunity for a skincare workshop learning about their own skin type, how to care for their skin and a relaxing facial.

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Saturday 14th March

Manchester Museum and China Town Dinner

Manchester Museum is a museum displaying works of archaeology, anthropology and natural history and is owned by the University of Manchester. It is home to over 4.5 million items from every continent around the world. Following this visit pupils can explore China Town in Manchester for a delicious supper.

www.museum.manchester.ac.uk

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Saturday 21st March

Go Karting

Go Karting near York consists of a 700-metre circuit using the latest BIZ Twin Engined 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

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

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Saturday 18th April

Raven Tree Top Adventure

Raven Tree Top Adventure offers high ropes courses up in the trees. Pupils will join Zip lines, balance beams, wobbly bridges, high wires and more. Set between 3 metres and 6 metres off ground. Pupils can overcome a fear, learn something new or tackle their inner adventure side.

www.ravenadventure.co.uk



Saturday 25th April

Legally Blonde Grand Opera House

This ultimate feel-good rom-com, based on the award-winning film starring Reese Witherspoon, follows Elle Woods on her transformation from It girl fashionista to legal ace at Harvard Law School, all in the name of love. Grand Opera House York is home to world-class live entertainment. The Grand Opera House York, built in 1902, has recently undergone a major re-furbishment and brings the best theatre, music, comedy, dance and musicals to audiences from across the region.



Saturday 2nd May

Harlow Carr 'big wellbeing walk and picnic'

Walking through Valley Gardens and the pine woods pupils will reach Harlow Carr. Home to the RHS Garden, one of five public gardens run by the Royal Horticultural Society. Betty's is also located here for pupils to get a traditional snack and drink. Pupils will enjoy a delicious picnic together before walking back.





Saturday 9th May

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 16th May

Vue Cinema, Leeds or Harrogate

From a classic movie, a new release or a musical pupils can enjoy a film of their choosing. With delicious snacks to choose from including nachos, sweets and popcorn it's the perfect relaxing afternoon.

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Saturday 6th June

Saltaire Museum

The Saltaire Collection is located in the model industrial village of Saltaire, a UNESCO World Heritage Site near Bradford, West Yorkshire. The Collection holds documents, research papers, maps, wills, images, objects, Salt and Roberts family items, and personal stories of workers and residents. These provide important insights into Saltaire's heritage from its foundation in the mid nineteenth century until the present day.

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Saturday 13th June

Whitby

Whitby is a seaside town in Yorkshire. Whitby is famous for its association with the Dracula novel, its historic harbor, the ruins of Whitby Abbey, and its connection to Captain James Cook. Pupils can enjoy spending time with friends on the beach, exploring the history of Whitby and small shops and may wish to enjoy classic British fish and chips!

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Saturday 20th June

Silly Sports and BBQ

Each year, as the sunshine comes boarders enjoy spending more time outside. Silly sports often entail egg and spoon races, two legged races, balancing water with some tennis, swing ball and football in the mix. We have a classic HLC BBQ for supper with salads, burgers, vegetarian hot dogs and delicious ice cream.

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Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June

House Trips

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.



Culture



Adventure



Recreational



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