



ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

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College trips

2025-2026







Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the Residential Trip Booklet for the academic year spanning from October 2025 to October 2026. We are delighted to present an exciting array of residential trips carefully crafted to provide enriching experiences for our students.

At St Edmund's College, we firmly believe in the power of educational trips beyond the classroom walls. These experiences not only enhance academic learning but also foster personal growth, cultural understanding, and social development. By stepping out of their comfort zones and exploring new environments, students gain invaluable life skills and broaden their horizons.

Throughout the upcoming year, we have curated a diverse selection of trips, each designed to offer unique opportunities for discovery and adventure. Our dedicated trip leaders, along with experienced staff, will ensure the safety and well-being of all participants while facilitating memorable learning experiences.

Please note that the details provided in this booklet, including trip overviews, trip leaders, costs, and dates, are subject to change based on participant numbers and potential fluctuations in travel prices. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in this regard.

We encourage you to peruse the following pages for a comprehensive overview of the upcoming residential trips. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (mtowns@stedmundscollege.org).

Thank you for your continued support in making these enriching experiences possible for our students.

Warm regards,

Marie Towns

Educational Visits Coordinator





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& PREP SCHOOL

Educational Trips Golden Ticket for 2025/26



We will be operating Golden Tickets for pupils wanting to go on any of the trips proposed by the College over the next eighteen months.

Golden tickets will be awarded to pupils who maintain high standards of behaviour (specifically no Thursday after school or Saturday detentions) over the course of the school year preceding the launch of the trip. Whilst all students are welcome to apply for any trip, those with a golden ticket will be given priority on any residential trips that are very popular and/ or oversubscribed.

It is hoped that the provision of golden tickets will incentivise pupils and have a positive effect on behaviour so that the allocation of places on the trips offered by the College is fair to all.

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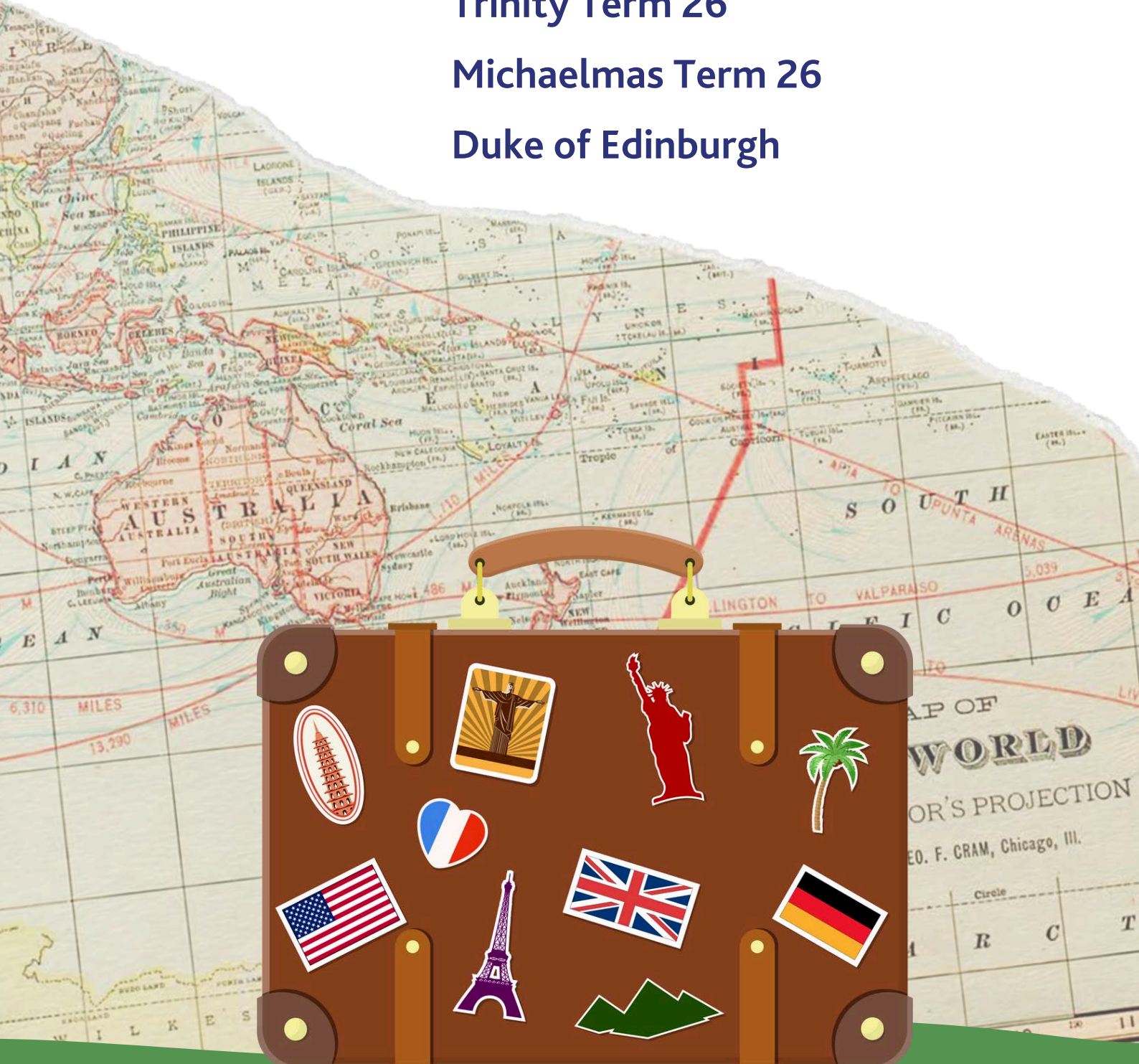
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Michaelmas Term

ARGENTINA SPORTS TOUR

Date: October Half Term 2025 19th -30th October

Price: £3,360

Contact: kdixon@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Rudiments - Rhetoric 2

Release Date: March 2024

In October 2025, we are organising an exciting football and rugby tour to Argentina, one of the proudest sporting nations in the southern hemisphere. This incredible trip will see our students compete against local teams while immersing themselves in Argentinian culture.

The tour will include stays in Buenos Aires and Rosario and is open to students from Rudiments through to Rhetoric 1 (including those planning to stay into Rhetoric). This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their skills, experience international competition, and practice their Spanish in a truly unique setting.

The 12-day tour (including flights to and from the UK) will take students from Buenos Aires to Mendoza and will feature:

- 9 nights in a minimum 4-star hotel with half-board accommodation
- 3 fixtures per team against local opposition
- City tours of Buenos Aires & Rosario
- A visit to the La Boca Neighbourhood, including a stadium tour and museum
- A programme of evening entertainment.
- Comprehensive medical and travel insurance

This promises to be an unforgettable sporting and cultural experience, and with only one or two places remaining, we encourage any interested students to secure their spot as soon as possible.



FRENCH EXCHANGE TRIP - DOUAI



Date: 11th-15th December 2025 (5 days)

Price: £1200

Contact: fharvey@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Pupils who study French and who will be in Syntax and Poetry from September 2025

Release Date: April 2025

Following two highly successful visits to our partner school in France, Institution St Jean Douai, another trip is planned for December 2025. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students of IGCSE French to meet and spend time with French students of their own age, as well as visiting the area at a magical time of year. This year we will also be spending a day in Paris, which will include visits to the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées, and Eiffel Tower.

Colleagues in Douai will be organising a range of activities in school for our students, to enable them to practise their French as much as possible. The Speaking Examination accounts for 25% of the marks for the IGCSE so this is a great opportunity to gain confidence in this skill.

Other highlights will include trips to the beautiful cities of Lille and Arras, which both have Christmas markets, as well as ice-skating, big-wheels and carousels. Travel will be by Eurostar, and accommodation will be in a hotel in the centre of Douai.



Lent Term

BATTLEFIELDS

Date: January 2026

Price: £350

Contact: j.manning@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Grammar & Syntax

Release Date: June 2025

This trip to Ypres, Belgium, will give pupils a real insight into the realities of warfare on the Western Front between 1914 and 1918. They will learn why Ypres became such a key battleground and how the war in this area developed into a long and gruelling stalemate. The visit will also explore what life was like for soldiers in the trenches - the conditions they endured, the challenges they faced, and the tactics used in battle.

Pupils will have the opportunity to visit key historical sites, cemeteries, and museums, bringing their classroom learning to life. They will gain a deeper understanding of how the deadlock was finally broken and the immense cost of war, both in terms of strategy and human lives. This will be a thought-provoking and moving experience, helping them to connect with the past in a meaningful way.



NEW YORK TRIP

Date: February 2026

Price: £2,050

Contact: lwoodward@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Rhetoric

Release Date: April 2025



This Rhetoric trip has a very broad focus, and we are proud of our ability to tailor an itinerary that appeals to students of all A-Level subjects. The trip promotes St Edmund's Virtues and prepares students for life after Sixth Form.

The trip includes excursions to some of New York's most iconic locations, as well as attending talks and tours at Hershey's Store, Madison Square Gardens and the United Nations Headquarters. Whether they are studying Business or Economics, Media, Politics, Geography, Languages, Literature or Science, or any other subject, throughout the trip students are encouraged to reflect on New York's standing as a financial, cultural and tourist hub.





SKI TRIPS

April 2025 FULLY BOOKED

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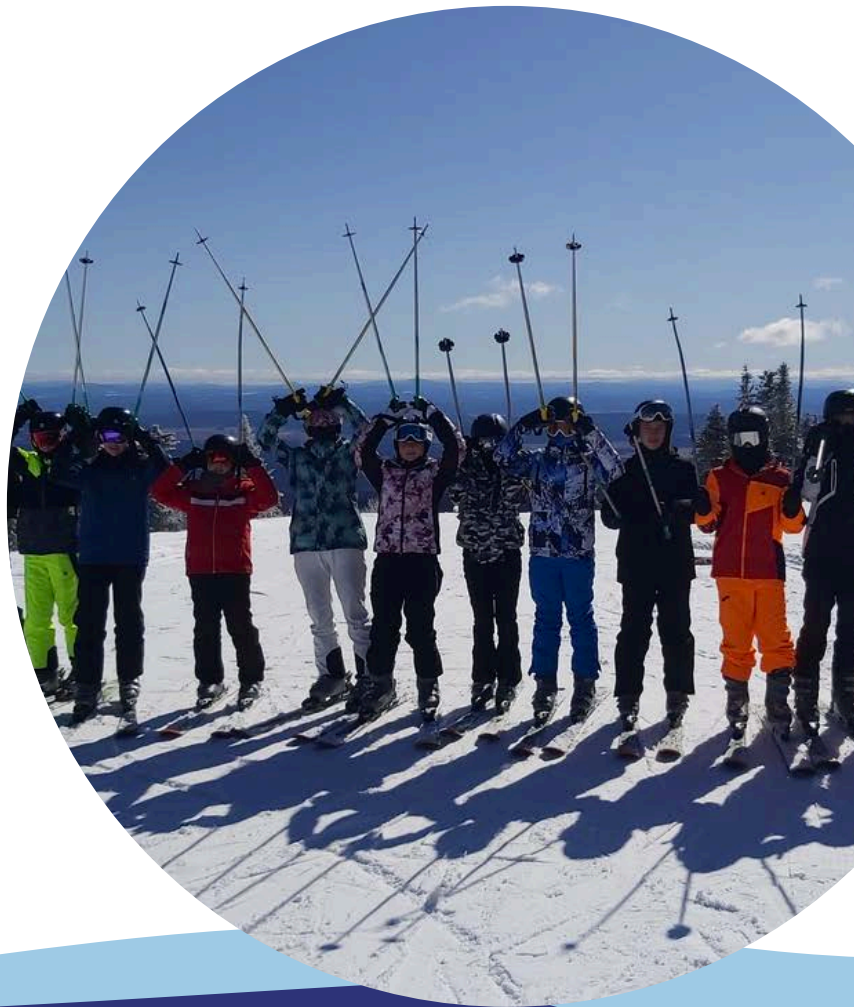
April 2027 TBC

Contact: kjones@stedmundscollege.org

School ski trips are a unique and enriching opportunity for students, combining physical activity, teamwork, and cultural exploration in stunning mountain settings. These trips foster resilience, confidence, and lifelong memories as students learn or develop their skiing skills while bonding with peers and staff.



At the College, we are proud to offer an exceptional annual ski trip to world-class destinations across North America, Canada, and Europe. These carefully planned trips provide a safe and enjoyable environment for students to grow both personally and socially.



CCF ADVENTUROUS TRAINING - WALES

Date: April 2025 (4 days - Easter Holidays)

Price: £250

Contact: ccf@stedmundscollege.org.

Year Group(s): Grammar - Rhetoric

Release Date: September 2024

Adventurous training opportunities are heavily subsidised by the MOD. This trip offers Cadets the opportunity to engage in a range of fun challenging activities designed to take them outside of their comfort zone and develop resilience, teamwork and leadership skills. Activities are likely to include, mountain walking, orienteering, kayaking, canyoning, and climbing.



Trinity Term

CRICKET TOUR

Date: June 2026 (Friday - Sunday)

Price: £150

Contact: jevans@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Cricket teams U13/15

Release Date: March 2026 - please note that this is an invite only tour.

This exciting opportunity allows our cricketers to represent St Edmund's College at the Emeriti Cricket Club Festival, an annual event hosted at Ampleforth College. Over the course of two days, pupils will experience cricket against other esteemed Catholic Independent Schools from across the country.

The festival kicks off with a thrilling day of 8-a-side fixtures, providing fast-paced action and an excellent chance for players to showcase their skills in a dynamic format. This is followed by a second day of traditional 11-a-side matches, played on Ampleforth's cricket pitches.

Beyond the matches, pupils will enjoy a full-board stay at Ampleforth College, allowing them to bond with teammates and socialise with players from other schools. The festival also provides leisure time to make the most of Ampleforth's outstanding facilities, ensuring a well-rounded and memorable sporting experience.

This festival is not only a fantastic opportunity for our cricketers to compete at a high level but also to develop teamwork, sportsmanship, and lasting friendships.



Trinity Term

NORWAY

Date: Enrichment week July 2026

Price: £1000

Contact: npitman@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Rudiments, Grammar, Syntax & Rhetoric 1

Release Date: September 2025

A fantastic opportunity to explore Norway's striking fjords, deep gorges, and impressive glaciers. Take in the country's dramatic landscapes, shaped by ice and water over thousands of years, and experience the thrill of white-water rafting.



ITALY - NAPLES

Date: Enrichment Week 2026 29 June - 2nd July 2026

Price: £1000

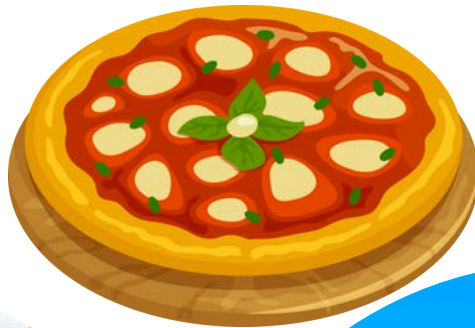
Contact: rcumming@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Rudiments & Grammar

Release Date: September 2025

Embark on an unforgettable journey to Naples, where history, culture, and culinary delights await! Savour the flavours of authentic Neapolitan cuisine as we indulge in local specialties and learn the art of making traditional pizza and creamy gelato.

Stroll through a charming orchard, discovering the region's freshest ingredients. Immerse yourself in the past with a fascinating tour of Pompeii, exploring the ruins of this ancient city. Then, cool off with a fun-filled visit to a water park. From rich history to mouth-watering food, this adventure promises an incredible taste of Naples' beauty and heritage.



AUSTRIA - ELEMENTS

Date: Enrichment week July 2026

Price: £1250

Contact: msimon@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Elements

Release Date: September 2025

The wonderful mountain range that makes Austria's Salzburger Sportwelt one of Europe's finest ski regions, transforms in summer into a playground for adventure activities. The picturesque towns provide a base from which you can enjoy a superb choice of activities and excursions from high ropes to rafting, canoeing to canyoning; salt mines to Salzburg.

Over the course of the week, students will take part in a range of activities and visits including paddle boarding, kayaking, a high ropes course, a toboggan course, an afternoon in a water park, a visit to a salt mine and a visit to the city of Salzburg. Students do not need any previous experience of the activities. All activities are led by qualified instructors who ensure the safety of students at all times.



EINDHOVEN FOOTBALL & HOCKEY TOUR

Date: Enrichment week July 2026

Price: £1150

Contact: abowers@stedmundscollege.org (football)

ebaughurst@stedmundscollege.org (hockey)

Year Group(s): Rudiments & Grammar (Rhetoric CTEC Sport)

Release Date: September 2025

Join us for an exciting football and hockey tour to Eindhoven in July 2026! This action-packed trip is open to students from Rudiments through Rhetoric (students planning to stay into Rhetoric) and promises an amazing sporting experience. Visiting the vibrant heart of Dutch innovation and culture, our tour promises an enriching blend of sportsmanship, cultural immersion, and educational exploration.

Tour Highlights:

Professional Coaching:

4 high-quality football training sessions led by PSV Eindhoven's full-time coaching staff, using their first-team facilities.

4 high-quality hockey training sessions with Oranje Rood HC's full-time coaching staff.

Competitive Fixtures:

2 pre-arranged matches per squad per sport against local opposition (*fixtures subject to availability in July).

Premium Facilities:

Use of first-team training facilities for all scheduled sessions.

4 nights in 4-star Hup Hotel accommodation (students 2-4 sharing) with full board (dinner on day one, lunch on the final day).

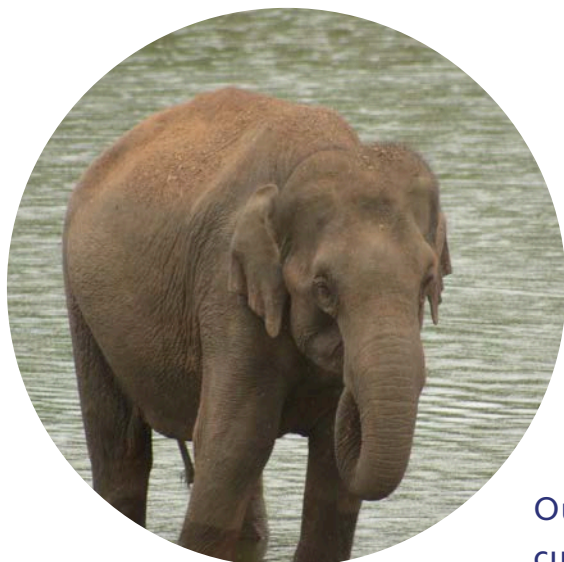
Exciting Activities:

Behind-the-scenes PSV Philips Stadium tour and visit to the club shop.

Fun-filled evening activities e.g. ten-pin bowling etc

Visit to De Efteling Themepark.





INDIA

Date: Summer 2026 (10 days) 2nd-13th July

Price: £1800

Contact: jhounsell@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Rhetoric 1

Release date: September 2025

Our students will have the opportunity to experience the culture of schools in south India. This will promote team building, interaction and communication!

They will be spending time in Indian schools, observing the delivery of curriculum and sports, and visiting schools dedicated to educating students from economically challenged families. They will be able to experience different cultures, visiting rural India to get a rare insight into the lives and difficulty of people in villages.



KILIMANJARO TREK

Date: Summer 2026 Either June or October 2026

Price: £3195 (tbc) fully inclusive of flights, accommodation, food and expedition logistics (guides, porters, medics)

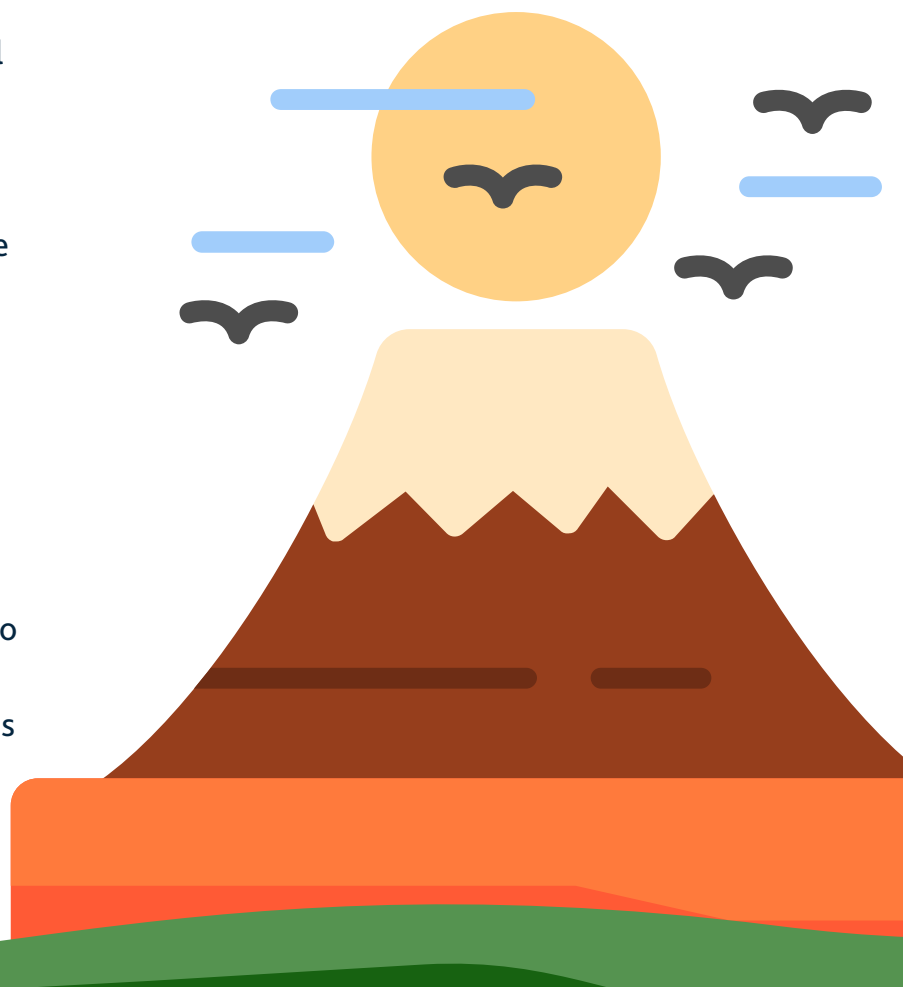
Contact: nlee@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Rhetoric only (as of August 2026)

Release Date: June 2025

The fantastic expedition offers you the challenge of trekking up the highest mountain in Africa. Kilimanjaro stands 5895m above the savannah of Tanzania and dominates the landscape for miles around. Known as the Roof of Africa, you will ascend Kilimanjaro via the Machame Route, which is the best route to view the stunning landscape and offers easy acclimatisation. The mountain is spectacular with lush rainforests at the base and clear blue skies at the snow covered peak. You need to be very fit to undertake the trip as, although you will be walking at a slow pace on the mountain, fitness will help you acclimatise to the long days and altitude. This is a porter assisted trek, you will only be asked to carry a small day pack, and you will be led by a fully qualified Kilimanjaro National Park Mountain Guide assisted by porters and cooks.

Part of the challenge will also be to raise money for charity and will require an 18-month commitment before the expedition departs in July or October 2026. We will aim to raise more than £10,000 for the Kilimanjaro Orphanage, a charity that looks after children in this part of Tanzania who have no parents or family to look after them. The British Expedition Company is an Approved Activity Provider with the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. The Kilimanjaro trek has been verified by the Award as meeting all the standards required to fulfil the Residential Section of the Gold Award.



CCF SUMMER CAMP

Date: Summer Holidays 2026

Price: £200

Contact: ccf@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Grammar - Rhetoric

Release Date: September 2025



The CCF participate in annual summer camps at the end of every academic year. These are either run separately (Army and RAF sections) or occasionally combined.

During the camps, Cadets take part in a full range of activities including overnight field exercises, shooting, orienteering, adventurous training, museum visits, team building and leadership activities and for RAF camps, flying. Instruction is provided by a combination of St Edmund's College

CCF staff and regular Army and RAF instructors from the Regional Cadet Training Teams. The emphasis is on practising and developing skills whilst having fun at the same time and the camps are a fitting end to the year's training and a great reference point for those continuing with the CCF the following year.

If there are students who wish to participate, but who are committed to the Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions taking place at the same time, we can look to make arrangements for them to join the CCF camp after their expeditions.



Upcoming

AZORES BIOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY TOUR

Date: 16th - 21st October 2026 (6 days)

Price: £1,750

Contact: mtowns@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(s): Grammar - Rhetoric 2

Release Date: June 2025

The Azores, a stunning Portuguese archipelago, offers an unparalleled opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the wonders of biology and geography. Known for its lush volcanic landscapes, geothermal activity, and rich biodiversity, the Azores is a living classroom where science comes to life.

This six-day adventure is packed with exciting activities that highlight the unique features of these islands. Students will explore geothermal marvels like Lagoa das Furnas and Caldeira Velha, hike to breathtaking waterfalls, and study volcanic landscapes at Sete Cidades. Visits to a tea factory and pineapple farm showcase the region's agricultural heritage, while a whale-watching tour provides a close-up encounter with marine life guided by local biologists.

The trip also includes a journey into the Gruta do Carvão lava caves and a visit to a geothermal power plant, blending exploration with education. Ponta Delgada, the vibrant capital of São Miguel Island, offers a glimpse into the Azores' cultural and historical significance.

With opportunities to witness crater lakes, lush forests, and dramatic coastlines, this tour celebrates the intersection of nature and learning. Students will return with a deeper appreciation of our planet's beauty, a strengthened connection to the environment, and memories to last a lifetime.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

To receive the internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze or Silver level, participants must complete a range of activities across four sections:

- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills
- Expedition
- Gold Award also has a fifth section, the Residential

To facilitate achievement of these renowned Awards, the College arranges expeditions at each level. To complete the expedition section and be able to receive their Award, participants must be available for and complete both expeditions at the relevant level. The expeditions are a great chance to explore the outdoors with friends, and participants can choose their own group aim to help make the experience more fun – making video diaries, photo collages or investigating the local area are all popular choices!

We work with an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) to deliver safe and enjoyable expeditions for all. Group kit including tents and stoves is provided; additionally, the College has some items such as rucksacks and sleeping mats which can be borrowed free-of-charge.



BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD AWARDS



BRONZE

Bronze Award comprises of three days. The first day focusses on expedition training and this is followed by a two day qualifying expedition in and around Broxbourne Woods.

Training and Qualifying: April 2026

Price: £300 tbc

Contact: amartin@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(S): Grammar and above



SILVER

The Silver Award training and practice expeditions last three days and two nights. The practice expedition will take place in the Chiltern Hills and Qualifying in the Peak District.

Practice: April/May 2026

Qualifying: July 2026

Price: £375 tbc

Contact: nlee@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(S): Syntax and above



GOLD

The Gold Award expeditions each last four days and three nights. Expeditions take place in the Black Mountains and Snowdonia. Challenging but exceptional!

Practice: March 2026

Qualifying: July 2026

Price: £400 tbc

Contact: nlee@stedmundscollege.org

Year Group(S): Rhetoric



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