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Group Trips 2026/27

At Forfar Education, everything we do is rooted in a shared belief that children thrive when learning extends beyond the classroom.

Our group-run residential and enrichment trips are designed to give pupils unforgettable experiences that build confidence, independence and character, while deepening friendships and broadening horizons.

From cultural immersion in world cities to outdoor adventure, sport and challenge, these trips allow children to apply their learning in real-world settings, develop resilience and teamwork, and grow socially and emotionally in ways that last well beyond the journey itself.

Crucially, the scale, expertise and collaboration that come from being part of the Forfar family make this programme possible. Working across our schools, we can offer a richer, more ambitious range of opportunities than any single school could deliver alone, while maintaining the highest standards of care, safety and educational purpose.

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Due to the wide geographic spread of the Forfar schools, all group trips are priced excluding travel costs in this document. Full pricing will be provided once you register your child for the trip.

Outdoor & Challenge Adventures

Skiing
Foppolo, Italy

5TH - 10TH MARCH 2027

Join the Forfar Group Ski Trip 2027 for six days of fresh air, confidence-building challenge and unforgettable memories in the Italian Alps. Our group ski trips are designed to give pupils experiences that go well beyond the classroom, building independence, resilience and friendships across the Forfar family.

WHY FOPPOLO?

Foppolo is a safe, compact, family-friendly resort that works exceptionally well for school groups. The layout makes it easier to supervise pupils, with gentle slopes and dedicated beginner areas for those new to skiing. Travel is also straightforward with short transfers (approximately 1–1.5 hours) from Milan Bergamo Airport, keeping time on the road to a minimum.

Foppolo is the main ski resort in the Brembana Valley, with a wide range of slopes. The resort features high-altitude pistes (up to 2,300m) and snowmaking equipment both of which ensure great skiing conditions.

SKIING FOR ALL ABILITIES (WITH STRUCTURED INSTRUCTION)

This trip caters for a broad ability range, from first-timers to confident intermediates, using a structured “Swiss model” approach with ability assessment and grouped progression. The Foppolo + Carona regions consists of mostly blue and red runs, making it particularly suitable for developing confidence and technique. The trip will have English-speaking instructors from an accredited local ski school.

We stay at the K2 Residence, chosen for its practicality and comfort for school groups. It features ski-in/ski-out convenience, located around 50m from the main lift, plus on-site catering suitable for children (including dietary needs). Previous Finborough trips to the location highlight the consistency and warmth of the K2 base and hosting, reflecting a long-established relationship and reliable delivery model.

BEYOND THE SLOPES: EVENINGS AND GROUP LIFE

After skiing, pupils unwind with supervised evening entertainment and time with friends—one of the best parts of a true “group trip” experience. There are additional resort activities such as ice-skating, playground and sledging, supporting a full trip experience beyond just ski time.

SAFETY, SUPERVISION AND WELLBEING

Sending a child abroad is a big decision. The programme is built around strong supervision and established routines. The trip will be supervised by trained staff, with clear arrangements involving Forfar staff, hotel staff and ski school staff, and clear escalation routes for injuries. This trip has a proven track record and has run successfully for many years.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The group ski trip is suitable for pupils in Years 5 to 13, bringing together children from across the Forfar schools.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

Indicative cost: €1,600 per student (excluding transport)

Group size: approximately 90 students

NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST

We are delighted to confirm that this trip is fully booked and secured. Demand is expected to be high and places are strictly limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to take part in a memorable and enriching experience as part of our wider trips programme.

Register now to secure a place:

Forfar Group Ski Trip 2027 Registration Form - Foppolo

Trip lead contact:
Robbie Waugh (Forfar Trip Coordinator)
trips@forfareducation.co.uk

Eligibility:
Children in Years 5 to 13 from any Forfar school

Once registered, families will receive full details including payment deadlines, travel arrangements and practical information.

Skiing
Grandvalira Resorts, Andorra

10TH - 15TH JANUARY 2027

Join us for next year's Group Ski Trip to Grandvalira Resorts in Andorra. This is a true Forfar residential: fresh air, confidence-building challenge, and the kind of shared experience pupils talk about for years afterwards.

It is also one of the best ways we bring children together across the Forfar family, forming friendships beyond their own school and learning to travel, live and succeed as part of a wider community.

WHY GRANDVALIRA?

Grandvalira offers the scale and variety that makes a school trip work brilliantly for mixed abilities. Our internal review of options highlighted Grandvalira as a 210–215 km linked ski domain, with multiple connected sectors and World Cup pistes, giving beginners plenty of safe progression space while still offering challenge and excitement for confident skiers.

It is a large resort with several access points, and the sectors are connected so groups can explore the full skiable area without having to remove skis. The official resort information also describes Grandvalira as offering slopes between 1,710 m and 2,640 m, served by an extensive lift network.

LEARNING, CONFIDENCE, AND REAL PROGRESSION

A key strength of Grandvalira is the depth of instruction available. Grandvalira's own ski school information sets out a wide range of lesson formats (private and group), with specialist instructors available across the resort. That means pupils can be grouped appropriately by level and age, and can make meaningful progress across the week.

BEYOND THE SLOPES

A ski trip should be more than just skiing. Grandvalira's own resort guide highlights that different sectors have distinct experiences and services, helping us build a balanced week with appropriate supervision and variety. For example, the Canillo sector is presented as a strong family-focused area with additional mountain activities available alongside skiing.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

Indicative cost: €1,600 per student (excluding transport)

Group size: approximately 90 students

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Register now to secure a place:

Forfar Group Ski Trip 2027 Registration Form - Grandvalira, Andorra

Trip lead contact:
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Eligibility:
Children in Years 5 to 13 from any Forfar school

Once registered, families will receive full details including payment deadlines, travel arrangements and practical information.

Surfing
Ericeira, Portugal

21ST TO 26TH JUNE 2027

An unforgettable week of surf, connection and personal growth on Europe's only World Surfing Reserve.

Forfar Education is delighted to offer pupils the opportunity to join our group surf and wellbeing trip to Ericeira, Portugal, hosted by Waves & Minds, an exceptional programme that combines high-quality surf coaching with emotional intelligence, reflection and teamwork.

Set on Portugal's Atlantic coast, Ericeira is Europe's first and only World Surfing Reserve, internationally recognised for its outstanding waves, natural beauty and strong surf culture. Just north of Lisbon, it offers a safe, inspiring environment in which pupils can challenge themselves, build confidence and experience something genuinely different from the classroom.

THE WAVES & MINDS EXPERIENCE

This is not a traditional surf camp. Waves & Minds offers a carefully structured, fully supervised residential programme designed specifically for young people. Each day balances physical challenge with guided reflection, helping pupils grow both in and out of the water.

The programme includes:

- Daily professional surf lessons, suitable for complete beginners through to experienced surfers
- Structured emotional intelligence and personal development sessions, focused on confidence, resilience, communication and self-awareness
- A strong emphasis on teamwork, independence and shared experience
- Evening activities that encourage reflection, connection and fun
- Full board accommodation with home-cooked meals and 24-hour supervision

Pupils are supported throughout by experienced staff, with a clear focus on safety, wellbeing and inclusion.

LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Students stay in high-quality accommodation close to the coast, within easy reach of Ericeira's beaches and surf breaks. The setting is calm, secure and purpose-designed for residential groups, providing space to relax, reflect and recharge between activities.

Surf sessions take place on some of the most famous beaches in the Ericeira reserve, including locations used for international competitions. The variety of beaches allows conditions to be matched carefully to ability level, ensuring progress and enjoyment for all.

ABOUT WAVES & MINDS AND JOANA ROCHA

Waves & Minds is founded and led by Joana Rocha, an exceptional figure in Portuguese surfing and youth development.

Joana was Portugal's first professional female surfer and a former national and European champion. Following her competitive career, she trained as a therapist and facilitator working with children and adolescents, bringing together sport, emotional education and wellbeing. Over the past several years, her programmes have worked with more than a thousand young people, including pupils from international schools, helping them develop confidence, emotional awareness and resilience through structured surf-based experiences.

Joana is closely involved in the delivery of every camp, supported by a multidisciplinary team of surf instructors, educators and residential staff. Her calm, purposeful leadership sets the tone for the entire experience, creating an environment that is challenging, supportive and genuinely transformative.

WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR?

This trip is aimed at older pupils who are ready for a physically active, immersive residential experience. No prior surfing experience is required. What matters most is curiosity, openness and a willingness to engage fully with the programme.

WHY THIS TRIP MATTERS

The Waves & Minds trip reflects Forfar Education's commitment to holistic development, offering pupils:

- Challenge beyond the classroom
- Real independence in a supported environment
- Opportunities to build confidence, resilience and self-belief
- Shared experiences that create lasting friendships across the group

For many pupils, this will be a defining experience, combining adventure, personal growth and unforgettable memories.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

Indicative cost: €1,200 per student (excluding transport)

Group size: approximately 30 students

NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST

We are delighted to confirm that this trip is fully booked and secured. Demand is expected to be high and places are strictly limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to take part in a memorable and enriching experience as part of our wider trips programme.

Register now to secure a place:

Forfar Group Surf Trip 2027 Registration Form

Trip lead contact:
Robbie Waugh (Forfar Trip Coordinator)
trips@forfareducation.co.uk

Eligibility:
Children in Years 9 to 13 from any Forfar school

Once registered, families will receive full details including payment deadlines, travel arrangements and practical information.

Sailing
Poole Harbour, England

19TH - 23RD JANUARY 2027

An unforgettable coastal adventure combining sailing, watersports and nationally recognised qualifications.

Next summer, pupils from across the Forfar Education group will have the opportunity to take part in a residential sailing and watersports experience at Rockley Park in Poole, one of the UK's leading centres for youth sailing and outdoor education.

Set on the sheltered waters of Poole Harbour, Europe's largest natural harbour, Rockley Park provides an outstanding environment for young people to build confidence on the water, develop teamwork and resilience, and experience the excitement of coastal adventure in a safe, professionally run setting.

SAILING WITH A PURPOSE: RYA DINGHY SAILING AWARDS

At the heart of the programme is the opportunity for pupils to work towards Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Dinghy Sailing qualifications, delivered by Rockley's fully qualified instructors at an RYA-recognised training centre.

Depending on experience and conditions, pupils may work towards:

- RYA Level 1 (Start Sailing) An introduction to dinghy sailing, focusing on basic boat handling, steering, sail control and essential safety skills.
- RYA Level 2 (Basic Skills) For more confident sailors, developing independence on the water, improved boat control and sailing short courses.

RYA awards are internationally recognised and provide a clear progression route for pupils who wish to continue sailing beyond the trip, either recreationally or competitively. Instruction is delivered in small groups with close supervision, using stable training dinghies on safe, sheltered waters..

A FULL PROGRAMME OF WATER AND LAND ACTIVITIES

Alongside sailing, the trip offers a broad multi-activity programme, ensuring variety, challenge and enjoyment for all pupils, regardless of prior experience.

- Activities may include:
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Stand-up paddleboarding and Mega SUP
- Windsurfing
- Raft building and water-based challenges
- Team games and problem-solving activities
- Rockley Challenge and initiative exercises

The programme is designed to balance skill development with fun, encouraging pupils to step outside their comfort zones, support one another and build lasting memories.

RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE AND SUPERVISION

Pupils stay in Rockley's on-site accommodation at Rockley Park, with:

- Full board catering (three meals per day)
- Comfortable multi-bed accommodation for pupils and staff
- Evening activities and social time
- Clear supervision arrangements and agreed staff-to-pupil ratios

All activities are run under Rockley's Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) licence, with comprehensive risk assessments and safety systems in place.

WHY THIS TRIP?

A proven, high-quality provider used previously by Forfar schools

- Nationally recognised RYA qualifications
- Exceptional sailing location on safe, sheltered waters
- A balance of challenge, confidence-building and enjoyment
- A shared group experience that strengthens connections across the Forfar family

All activities are run under Rockley's Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) licence, with comprehensive risk assessments and safety systems in place.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

Indicative cost: €825 per student (excluding transport)

Group size: approximately 46 students

NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST

We are delighted to confirm that this trip is fully booked and secured. Demand is expected to be high and places are strictly limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

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Register now to secure a place:

Forfar Group Surf Trip 2027 Registration Form

Trip lead contact:
Robbie Waugh (Forfar Trip Coordinator)
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Eligibility:
Children in Years 9 to 13 from any Forfar school
Once registered, families will receive full details including payment deadlines, travel arrangements and practical information.

Cultural & Academic Experiences

London, England

19TH - 23RD OCTOBER 2026
or 24TH - 28TH MAY 2027

London is one of the world's most influential global cities, bringing together history, culture, politics and creativity. Our London Experience uses the established Discover England Cultural Immersion programme at Finborough School as its foundation, combining a week of structured cultural exploration in London with high-quality boarding accommodation in the Suffolk countryside.

This immersive experience allows students to live and learn in England while exploring the capital's most significant historic sites, museums and cultural landmarks.

WHAT MAKES THIS TRIP SPECIAL?

Students are based at Finborough School, where they stay in boarding accommodation and travel daily to London by private minibus. This model offers the best of both worlds: access to the energy and opportunity of London by day, balanced with the calm, safety and structure of a traditional British boarding school environment in the evenings.

The programme is designed as a full cultural immersion, exposing students to British history, institutions and everyday life through guided visits, walking tours and shared group experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

Over the course of the week, students will experience a wide range of London's most important cultural and historic locations, including:

- Historic London and Royal landmarks, such as Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and St James's Park
- Visits to world-class museums, including the British Museum, National Gallery, Natural History Museum and Maritime Museum
- Exploration of South Bank and the Thames, including a river cruise and views of the London Eye
- Greenwich, with visits to the Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark and the historic maritime quarter
- Iconic city neighbourhoods and markets, including Camden Market, Leicester Square and Harrods
- A West End theatre show, introducing students to London's performing arts scene
- Orientation walks and city views, helping students understand London's geography, history and modern identity

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Students are accommodated at Finborough School in supervised boarding houses, with meals provided and daily travel to London by private minibus. This ensures a safe, well-structured experience while allowing students to build independence and confidence within a supportive environment.

WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR?

The London Experience is designed for secondary-age students and is particularly well suited to those interested in history, politics, culture, the arts and global citizenship. The programme also supports language development through immersion in everyday English, alongside shared activities with peers.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Indicative cost: £1,000 per student (excluding transport)

Group size: approximately 30 students

Base: Finborough School, Suffolk

NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST

We are delighted to confirm that this trip is fully booked and secured. Demand is expected to be high and places are strictly limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to take part in a memorable and enriching experience as part of our wider trips programme.

Register now to secure a place:

Forfar Group Cultural Trips 2027 Registration Form - London

Trip lead contact:
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Eligibility:
Children in Years 5 to 13 from any Forfar school

Once registered, families will receive full details including payment deadlines, travel arrangements and practical information.

Edinburgh, Scotland

13th - 18th June 2027

Edinburgh is one of Europe's most historic and characterful capitals, a city where medieval streets, world-class museums and dramatic landscapes sit side by side. Our Scotland Experience has been carefully designed to immerse students in the history and culture of Edinburgh while also giving them the opportunity to explore the rugged natural beauty of the Scottish Highlands.

This group trip combines urban cultural exploration with outdoor challenge and teamwork, offering students a rich, memorable experience that extends learning well beyond the classroom.

WHAT MAKES THIS TRIP SPECIAL?

Over six days, students will experience the contrasting environments that make Scotland unique. In Edinburgh, they will explore the Old Town's cobbled streets, major national museums and iconic landmarks, gaining insight into Scotland's history, art and identity. Beyond the city, the focus shifts to outdoor adventure and personal challenge, with activities set in the spectacular landscapes of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

The programme is deliberately varied, balancing guided cultural visits with physical activity, creativity and shared evening experiences that help students build independence, resilience and strong peer relationships.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Edinburgh city exploration, including a guided walking tour through the Old Town and visits to the National Museum of Scotland and national galleries
- Edinburgh Castle and a guided visit to Mary King's Close, exploring the hidden streets beneath the city and learning about life in medieval Edinburgh
- A guided environmental and art workshop along the Water of Leith, combining conservation, observation and creative work
- Outdoor adventure on Loch Lomond, including kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding and pedal boats
- A full-day hike of Ben Lomond, Scotland's most southerly Munro, offering panoramic views across the Highlands
- A traditional Scottish ceilidh, with live folk music and group dancing led by a caller

ACCOMMODATION

Students will stay in a combination of well-located hostels, giving them experience of both city and rural settings:

- Edinburgh Old Town for the opening part of the trip
- Rowardennan Youth Hostel, set within Loch Lomond National Park
- Edinburgh New Town for the final night

WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR?

The Scotland Experience is open to students from Year 6 upwards and is suitable for those with an interest in history, culture, outdoor activity and adventure. Activities are fully supervised by experienced staff, with a strong emphasis on safety, inclusion and teamwork.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

Indicative cost: £900 per student (excluding transport)

Group size: approximately 50 students

NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST

We are delighted to confirm that this trip is fully booked and secured. Demand is expected to be high and places are strictly limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

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Register now to secure a place:

Forfar Group Cultural Trips 2027 Registration Form - Edinburgh

Trip lead contact:
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Eligibility:
Children in Years 5 to 13 from any Forfar school

Once registered, families will receive full details including payment deadlines, travel arrangements and practical information.

Athens, Greece

5th - 19th February 2027

Athens is one of the world's great historic cities and the birthplace of democracy, philosophy and classical art. Our Athens Experience is designed to bring the foundations of Western civilisation to life through a carefully balanced programme of guided cultural visits, hands-on workshops, outdoor activity and island exploration.

This is a rich, immersive journey that allows students to step directly into the stories, places and ideas that continue to shape the modern world.

WHAT MAKES THIS TRIP SPECIAL?

The programme combines structured learning with experiential discovery. Students explore the major landmarks of classical Athens, engage directly with Greek culture through food, music and creative workshops, and experience the country's natural environment along the Athenian Riviera and nearby islands.

The trip is currently planned to run twice each year and can be adapted for different age ranges, with scope to separate younger and older cohorts to ensure an appropriate pace and experience for all participants.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

Historic Athens walking tour, including the districts of Plaka and Monastiraki, with an orientation to the ancient city and its marketplaces

- Guided exploration of the Acropolis of Athens, including the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion, alongside a visit to the Acropolis Museum
- Focused learning on ancient Greek religion, architecture and the origins of democracy
- A hands-on Greek pottery workshop, allowing students to work with clay and explore traditional craft techniques
- Time on the Athenian Riviera, with supervised watersports, beach activities and a visit to the Temple of Poseidon
- A full-day island excursion to Aegina, including coastal exploration, swimming, local food and a visit to the Temple of Aphaia
- Cultural evenings featuring traditional Greek music and dance, including Sirtaki
- Visit to the Panathenaic Stadium, exploring the heritage of the modern Olympic Games

ACCOMMODATION

Students will stay in centrally located hostel accommodation in Athens, with breakfast included. This provides a safe, practical base for exploring the city while encouraging independence and shared responsibility within the group.

WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR?

The Athens Experience is open to students from Year 5 upwards and is well suited to those studying or interested in history, classics, culture, geography and global citizenship. Activities are fully supervised by experienced staff, with a strong emphasis on safeguarding, inclusion and educational value.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

Indicative cost: €900 per student (excluding transport)

Group size: approximately 50 students

NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST

We are delighted to confirm that this trip is fully booked and secured. Demand is expected to be high and places are strictly limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

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Register now to secure a place:

Forfar Group Cultural Trips 2027 Registration Form - Athens

Trip lead contact:
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Eligibility:
Children in Years 5 to 13 from any Forfar school

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