

5 TIPS TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR EDUCATIONAL VISIT OR TRIP

Well planned and supported educational visits and tours provide opportunities for students to learn in the real world and to experience adventure. They also improve engagement, confidence and self-belief.

This guide will ensure you and your students get the most from your next school visit.

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WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOUR RESIDENTIAL OR VISIT?

Planning is more than making sure you have the correct consent forms and everyone has the right kit. For the most impact, it is important to understand what you want to achieve through your residential. Rather than starting with 'a trip to...', think about what you want to achieve.

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HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR PROVIDER

Talk to your tour or visit provider before you go. By working together you can capitalise on your knowledge and the expertise of your visit provider. This way of working means you will need to set aside some planning time with the travel organiser, but it will lead to a stronger school/provider relationship and a better learning experience for students.

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WORK TOGETHER TO MAXIMISE RESOURCES

If you have a small group, planning a residential with another school can help make the trip more cost-effective, reduce planning and staffing burdens and add value to the experience for the students. You will also have the chance to share best practice and learn from the experiences of other schools.

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TRY A DIFFERENT TIME OF YEAR

Certain times of year are extremely busy for schools, making releasing staff even more of a challenge. Organising an visit or trip 'off-season' can help with fitting the it into the timetable and enable staff to be released to support the experience. It also means you are able to draw on your student's new found knowledge and confidence throughout the rest of the school year.

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LOOK FOR THE BADGE

The LOtC Quality Badge means that the holder has passed a robust assessment designed to ensure that they are meeting schools' learning and risk management needs, no matter what activities they offer.



Members of the School Travel Forum are also approved ABTA members, giving you added confidence for residentials in the UK and overseas.