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Orlando Trip - March/April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the successful Biology Trip to Orlando Florida in March 2024, we are pleased to announce that this trip will run again in 2026 and be open to pupils currently in Years 7 and 8.

This trip has a packed itinerary full of educational opportunities related to Biology as well as entertainment at world renowned theme parks. Pupils will experience a wide range of activities from an opportunity to swim with manatees and sampling for marine organisms in the Gulf of Mexico to enjoying the thrills of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™ at Universal Studios.

We will travel during the first half of the Easter break 2026. Provisional trip dates will be from Friday 27th March to Thursday 2nd April 2026.

- Accommodation will be on Universal Boulevard at The Comfort Inn Maingate, Orlando (breakfast and evening meals included)
- Return flights and transfers from Manchester to Orlando and transfers in the USA
- Entry to 2 Disney Resorts and Universal Studios
- The Manatee experience
- All activities listed in the itinerary below
- Travel Insurance

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Swimming with Manatees. A unique experience, and an option to join a small group snorkelling adventure with these gentle creatures.

MOTE Aquarium visit. A trip to this aquarium and rescue centre based in beautiful Sarasota Bay to learn about Marine Biology and conservation. The day will include a tour of the aquarium and the opportunity to see Manatees. We will visit the Gulf of Mexico and pupils will sample for marine organisms. This is followed by a workshop on Marine CSI - analyzing a mystery skeleton, discovering animal adaptations, biology and osteology along the way.

1 day at Disney:

- **Participation in Educational Programme at Disney's EPCOT Centre (to be confirmed).** A theme park with a scientific focus including Future World, which features technological innovations. Students will explore themes closely linked to the GCSE such as hydroponics and tissue culture and how these are used to help with sustainable production of food.

1 day at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. A day of fun at this renowned theme park which includes world class rollercoasters, movie sets and characters as well as the magical experience in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™ - Diagon Alley™ and a trip on the Hogwarts™ Express!

Cost

The total cost will be **£2600** and will include all activities listed on the itinerary above. The Finance Department has stipulated that each trip can have only a maximum of 6 payments via Parent Pay, so after an initial deposit of £200.00, the 5 remaining payments will be split over a 12-month period.

Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website [here](#).

See the payment schedule below.

Additional expenses

- Transport to and from Manchester Airport. (Pupils make their way to and from Manchester Airport)
- ESTA processing fee (approximately \$21 US). Please see below for further details.
- Spending money for lunch and drinks during the day.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please discuss this with your child and if you wish them to take part in this trip, please can you complete an [Expression of Interest Form](#) using this link. Once numbers are confirmed, we will email to request you to complete the Trip Form and to pay a deposit via ParentPay.

THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM IS BY 9AM ON 22ND NOVEMBER 2024.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DEPOSIT

Once all the applications have been processed and your son's place confirmed, you will be asked to pay an immediate deposit payment of £200 via Parent Pay by Friday 30 November 2024. *This deposit will be non-refundable.*

REMAINING COST

The remainder of the cost will be spread over 5 payments over a 12-month period. 1 February 2025 and ending 1 January 2026 with scheduled payments as follows:

Month	Amount £
Deposit 30 November 2024	200
1 February 2025	480
1 April 2025	480
1 June 2025	480
1 October 2025	480
1 January 2026	480
TOTAL	2600

Additional Information

- Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical, passports, GHIC requirements and Covid Compliance etc.
- **ESTA Requirements**
It is now a mandatory requirement when travelling to the USA to register for Electronic Travel Authority and receive travel authorisation via ESTA prior to travel.
Please visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms S Blaize in the Biology Department.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Blaize

Biology Department