



O.L.S.B. - Trip

Guide 2026/27

"THE WORLD IS A BOOK, AND THOSE
WHO DO NOT TRAVEL READ ONLY A
PAGE." **ST AUGUSTINE**



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why go on school trips?

SCHOOL TRIPS OPEN DOORS TO NEW EXPERIENCES, BROADEN HORIZONS AND BRING LEARNING TO LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. THEY HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE GROW IN CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE AND RESILIENCE WHILE CREATING MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME. AT OUR SCHOOL, WE BELIEVE THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF FORMING THE WHOLE CHILD — DEVELOPING CHARACTER, ASPIRATION AND A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WIDER WORLD. THROUGH EVERY JOURNEY, PUPILS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCOVER NEW TALENTS, STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIPS AND REALISE THE LIMITLESS POTENTIAL WITHIN THEMSELVES.

"Travel is one of life's greatest teachers."

Mr Hughes



Our School Aims



"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." **William Keats**



- **Broaden horizons and raise aspirations**
Helping pupils experience the wider world and realise their potential.
- **Bring learning to life**
Making classroom learning memorable through real experiences.
- **Build confidence and resilience**
Encouraging independence, self-belief and personal growth.
- **Strengthen community and teamwork**
Developing friendships, respect and a sense of belonging.
- **Form global citizens**
Inspiring curiosity, compassion and cultural understanding.

Trips at a Glance - Y7 Offer

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London

Our Spring RE Trip to London offers pupils the opportunity to explore three different places of worship, experience the wonder of the Natural History Museum and enjoy an exciting West End theatre performance. Travelling together by coach, pupils will deepen their understanding of world religions, culture and the wider world while creating unforgettable memories with friends.



Youth Village Retreat

Our Autumn Retreat to the Emmaus Youth Village, led by the Youth Ministry Team, gives pupils the opportunity to grow in faith, friendship and confidence through games, discussion, reflection and team-building activities. It is a fantastic experience for supporting transition into secondary school, helping pupils build relationships, develop resilience and feel part of our school community from the very beginning.



Tynemouth

An late spring, Year 7 students will have the opportunity to visit Tynemouth, a region renowned for its striking and varied coastline. The visit is designed to immerse students in a real-world coastal environment, where they can observe first-hand the powerful natural processes that shape cliffs, bays, beaches, and headlands. Through guided exploration and fieldwork activities, students will build on their classroom learning by analysing features such as erosion, deposition, and coastal management in action.

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El Camino Awards

Our pupils from the Trust take part each year in a competition run by St John's School through their links with Camino Inglés and the Galician Government in Northern Spain. The project is a cross-curricular one that includes the MFL and RE departments and students. Two representatives from the Galician Government and press attend and announce the winners on the day. We are delighted that such a prestigious award is being offered to students in our Trust.



Jarrow Hall

Step back into Anglo-Saxon England with a visit to Jarrow Hall and experience what life was really like over 1,000 years ago. You'll explore reconstructed buildings and discover how people lived, worked and survived in early medieval Britain. The site allows you to fully immerse yourself in the past, making it easier to understand the world you study in lessons. It's a fun, engaging way to bring your Year 7 history topics to life.



Rewards Trip

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Newcastle Life Science Centre

In the winter term year 7 will be given the opportunity to spend the day at the Life Science Centre, taking part in an exciting workshop and visiting the planetarium. Pupil will gain hands on experience relevant to their curriculum. Afterwards pupils will also enjoy a session on the outdoor ice rink.



Manchester

In spring term 30 year 9 students will be given the opportunity to spend the day in Manchester, visiting the Science and Industry Museum with hands-on STEM activities and interactive galleries. Included in the trip will be a visit to Manchester Runway Visitor Park.

Trips at a Glance - Y8 Offer

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Beamish

Step into the past at Beamish Museum and experience what life was like during the Industrial Revolution. You'll explore real streets, homes, shops and workplaces, seeing how people lived, worked and travelled in a rapidly changing world. You can ride on historic transport and visit a school, making history feel real and exciting. It's a brilliant way to build your knowledge and get ready for the fascinating topics you'll study in Year 9.



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Newcastle Civic Centre

Young people from across the North East take to the stage at the Newcastle Civic Centre's Council Chamber for a lively, high-energy Multilingual Poetry Slam as part of the North East Festival of Languages every year in the spring term. It is a competitive event (think X Factor but without the mean judges) where poets are judged on their skills as writers as well as performers. Now add poetry written in multiple languages that students are studying at school or speak at home!

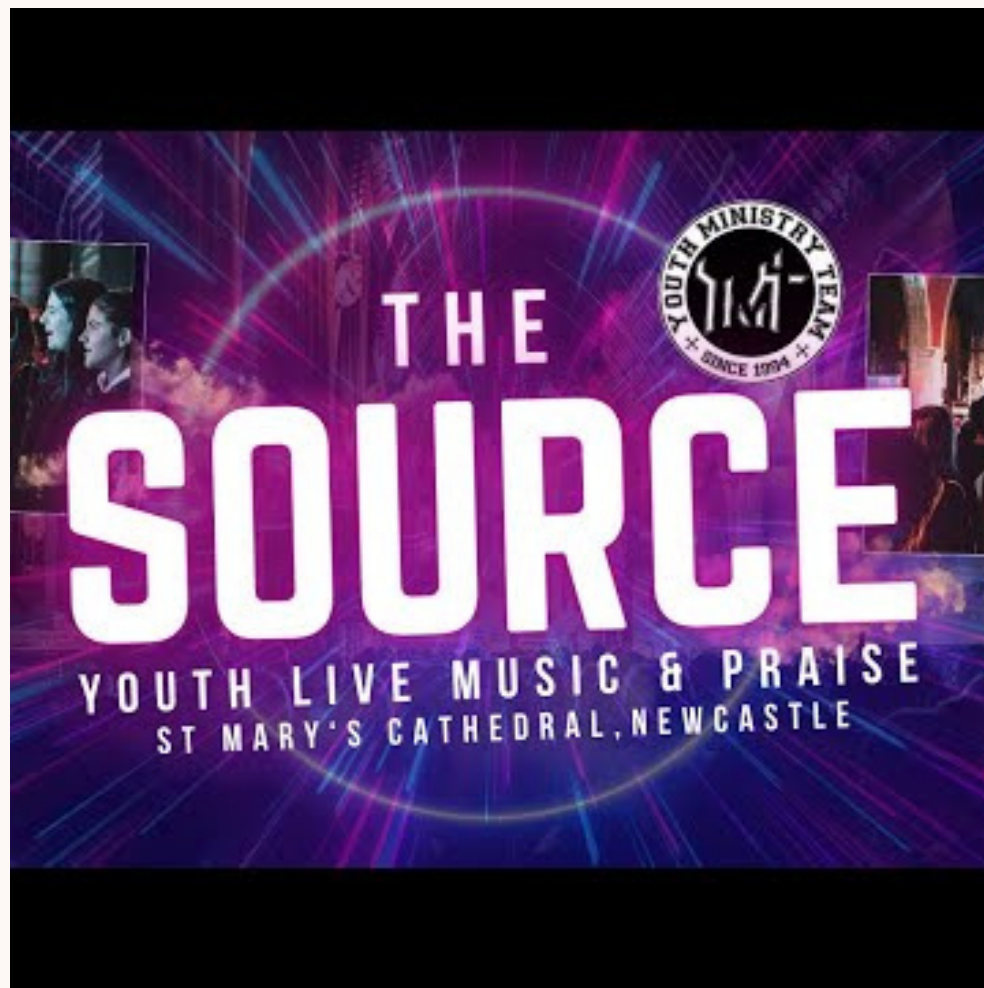


SVP Visit Joe's Place

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Trips at a Glance - Y9 Offer

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The Source

The Source at St Mary's Cathedral is a vibrant gathering place for young people from across the diocese. It's a space filled with praise and worship, inspirational speakers, and moments to explore faith together in a real and meaningful way. Alongside this, there's food and warm hospitality, creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere where friendships can grow. The Source is about coming together, being encouraged, and knowing you belong.



WW1 Battlefields

Travel to the battlefields of Ypres and the Somme and uncover the key events of the First World War where they actually happened. You'll explore important sites while developing a deeper understanding of medicine, technology, and the realities of fighting on the front line. By seeing these places for yourself, you'll gain powerful insights into topics like recruitment, the role of women, and the experiences of soldiers. This is a unique opportunity to prepare you for GCSE History.



High Force Waterfall

A Year 9 trip to High Force waterfall would involve exploring a local river environment, observing how waterfalls form through erosion and rock types, and understanding the force of water. Students would take part in simple fieldwork, such as sketching the waterfall and identifying river features, while learning about river processes in an engaging outdoor setting.

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Krakow (Poland)

Our Spring visit to Kraków is a powerful and unforgettable experience, giving pupils the opportunity to explore the city's rich history and culture while visiting the moving site of Auschwitz concentration camp and the breathtaking Wieliczka Salt Mine. This inspiring trip encourages reflection, deepens historical understanding and broadens pupils' perspectives through experiences that will stay with them for life.



Barcelona (Spain)

Our summer trip to Barcelona, led by the MFL department, gives the opportunity for pupils to immerse themselves in Spanish culture, enhancing language learning beyond the classroom. Pupils will explore iconic landmarks including the Sagrada Família and a visit to PortAventura theme park, combining learning with fun and adventure. This unforgettable experience broadens horizons, encourages independence, and brings language studies to life in a vibrant, real-world setting.



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Flame Wembley Arena

Flame 2027 is an exciting chance for young people to come together, celebrate faith, and feel inspired. It's a day filled with music, stories, and powerful moments that remind you that you are not alone and that your voice matters. Flame is about energy, hope, and discovering how faith connects to real life, giving you space to ask questions, be yourself, and be encouraged as you look to the future.



Holy Island

Holy Island is a place where beauty and stillness meet. Shaped by sea and sky, its wide sands, rugged coastline, and historic priory invite visitors to slow down and breathe deeply. Long associated with St. Cuthbert, whose life of prayer and simplicity still echoes across the island, walking the tidal causeway and exploring the island offers a rare chance to reconnect with nature, history, and quiet reflection. A visit to Holy Island is not just a journey to a special place, but an opportunity for rest and renewal.



Diocesan Youth Festival

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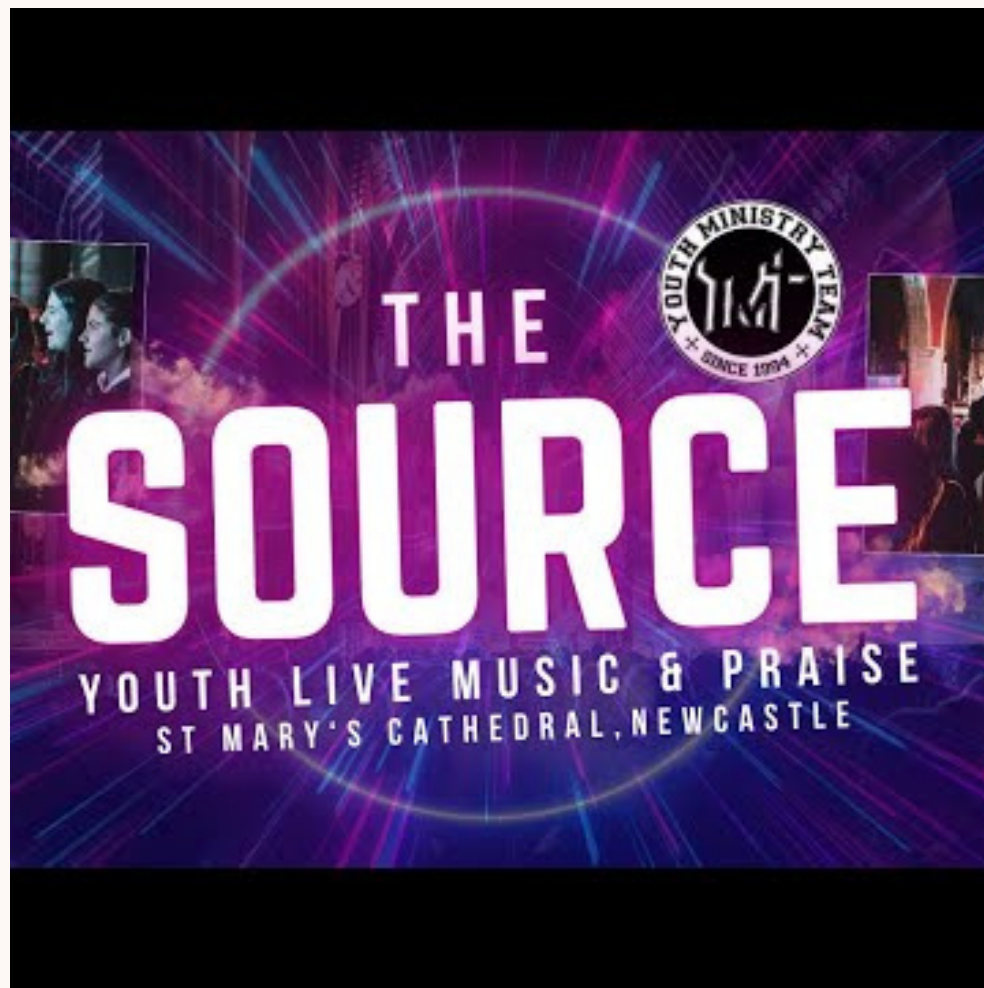


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London

Take your learning beyond the classroom with an exciting history trip to London, designed to deepen your understanding of Conflict and Tension. You’ll visit the Imperial War Museum and explore powerful exhibits that bring war, leadership and global conflict to life. The experience continues with an unforgettable evening at a West End show, making the trip both educational and memorable. It’s a fantastic opportunity to build your knowledge.



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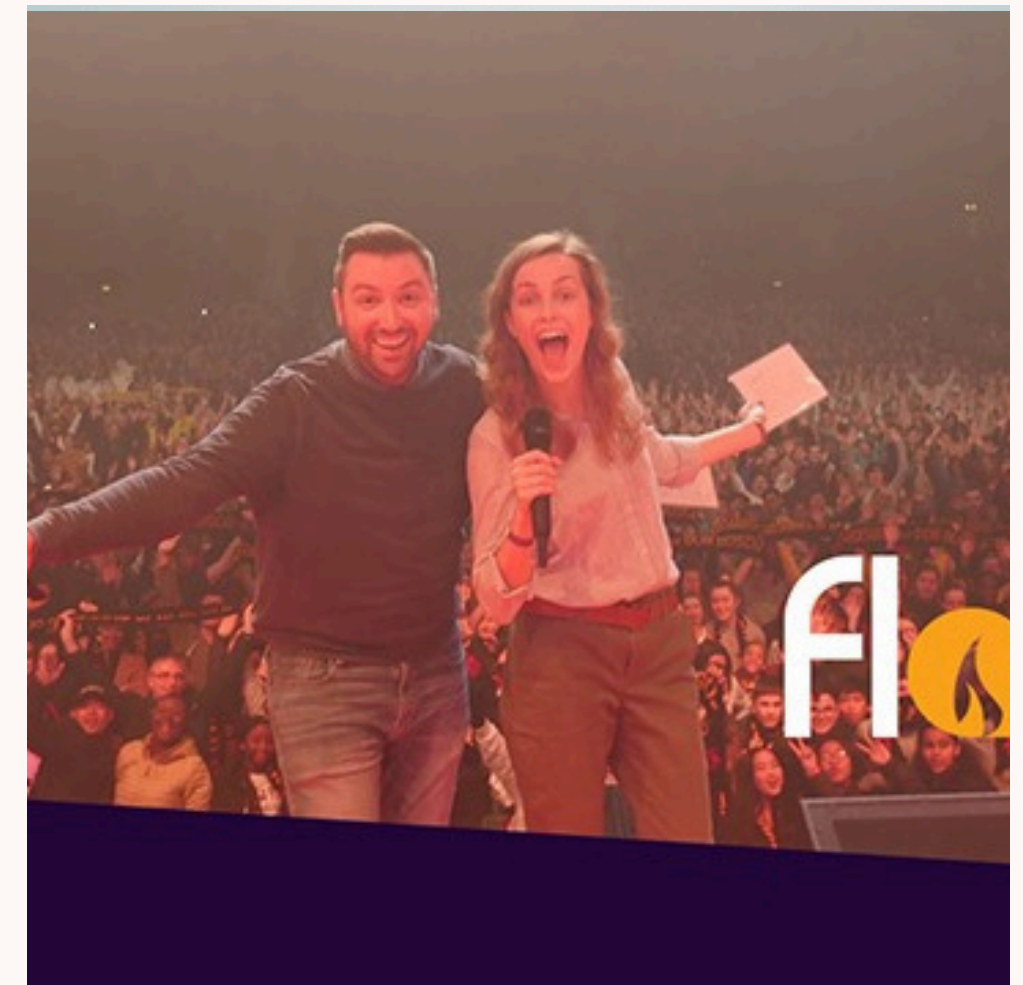
Rome

Our annual visit to Rome gives pupils the incredible opportunity to walk in the footsteps of history and faith, exploring iconic landmarks including St Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum and the Sistine Chapel. Filled with culture, faith, food and unforgettable experiences, the trip deepens pupils' understanding of the Catholic Church and the wider world while creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Spanish Gallery in Bishop Auckland

North East students encourage Spanish tourists to put Bishop Auckland on their UK itinerary as part of the Spanish Apprentice challenge – a competition designed to develop language skills, boost confidence, and promote regional tourism through fun activities, promoting The Auckland Project as a tourist destination to an expert panel of judges.



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Iceland

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure in Iceland —where you'll stand between tectonic plates, witness erupting geysers, explore powerful waterfalls, and walk across glaciers while discovering some of the most dramatic landscapes on Earth!



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PE Reward Trips

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Infinite Air

A trip to Infinite Air in Durham gives pupils a lively hour in the trampoline park, along with the chance to spend time with others in a friendly setting. It encourages teamwork, builds friendships and offers a refreshing break from the school day.



Newcastle Eagles

The Newcastle Eagles experience gives pupils the chance to see what they have been studying play out in a live setting. Watching professional players use the moves, tactics and teamwork they've learned about helps make the topic clearer, more fun and easier to understand.



Sport teams & Fixtures

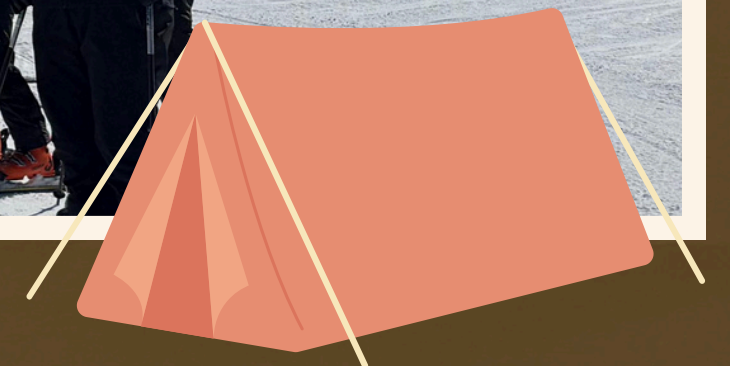
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Our Inclusive Offer

At our school, we are proud to offer a wide range of educational visits and experiences designed to ensure there is something for everyone. Our inclusive programme helps pupils develop confidence, curiosity and a deeper understanding of the wider world, while bringing the curriculum to life beyond the classroom.



Through these opportunities, pupils broaden their horizons, discover new interests and develop the skills, knowledge and character needed to thrive in the modern world.



Planning Your Route



1. New Opportunities

2. New Horizons

3. New Experiences

4. New Challenges

5. New Worldview