

BOLTON
SCHOOL
GIRLS' DIVISION

Trips Brochure

2026 – 2027





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TRIP PROGRAMME

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This Trip Brochure showcases the range of exciting opportunities planned for pupils in the Girls' Division in the future. It is designed to help families make well-informed choices, with each trip including an indicative cost.

Our trips programme gives pupils the chance to explore different parts of the world, immerse themselves in new cultures, broaden their horizons and grow in confidence and independence. Through these shared experiences, pupils develop curiosity, resilience, teamwork and a deeper understanding of the world around them. We hope that many of our pupils will choose to take part in the trips offered, as they form an invaluable part of a rich and balanced education at Bolton School.

Trips open to specific age groups will be communicated to parents via email, along with a request for an expression of interest. Parents will then be invited to pay a deposit. If a trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated using a random selection process, with a waiting list created where necessary.

All trips featured in this brochure are planned to take place over the next few years. However, if pupil numbers are too low, a trip may not run. Equally, if costs rise to a point where a trip no longer represents good value for money, it may be revised or, in some cases, replaced with an alternative destination.

Having been fortunate to lead several major school trips, I can confidently say that these experiences are exciting, life-enhancing and truly memorable. The friendships formed and memories created on school trips often become some of the most enduring and defining moments of a student's time at school.

Mr Jon Hitchin
Assistant Head

BORNEO EXPEDITION

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Date: Summer 2027
Venue: Borneo
Duration: 14 nights
Year Group(s): 12
Approximate Cost: £3,795 TBC
Trip Leader: Mr J Hitchin & Ms E Xerri

This life-changing, 14-day adventure, organised by Outlook Expeditions – the UK's leading provider of youth development programmes – promises an unforgettable experience filled with exploration, growth and lasting memories. Borneo is a land of ancient rainforests, rare wildlife and rich cultural heritage.

During the expedition, participants will venture into some of the world's oldest rainforests, home to orangutans, pygmy elephants and a dazzling array of unique plants and animals. They will engage with local communities, learning about traditional ways of life and supporting meaningful community projects. They will also take on exciting challenges such as jungle trekking, conservation work, and adventure activities – building resilience, teamwork and confidence along the way.





COMPUTER STUDIES/PHYSICS

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Date: March 2027
Venue: Patterdale Hall
Duration: 2 nights (annual)
Year Group(s): 9–11
Approximate Cost: £290
Trip Leader: Mrs S Brace



The Astrobyte Weekend residential takes place at Patterdale Hall in the Lake District. The weekend programme will include a variety of ciphering activities, astronomy-based activities, robot buggies, puzzles, archery and a walk in the beautiful surrounding countryside. Weather permitting, we will also observe the night sky with binoculars and telescopes.







CREATIVE WRITING RETREAT

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Date: February Half Term 2027 (annual)
Venue: Patterdale Hall, Ullswater
Duration: 3 nights
Year Group(s): 7–13
Approximate Cost: £375
Trip Leader: Ms N Lord

This residential Creative Writing Retreat offers pupils an immersive opportunity to develop their writing skills in one of the UK's most inspiring natural landscapes. Set in the heart of the Lake District, the retreat combines structured workshops, outdoor creative activities and dedicated personal writing time in a supportive, focused environment.



Pupils will explore a range of writing forms and approaches, building confidence, creativity and technical skill while working collaboratively with peers, specialist staff and visiting writers. During the retreat, pupils can expect to take part in:

- Writing workshops across poetry, prose and dramatic writing;
- Outdoor and site-inspired writing, using the landscape as a stimulus;
- Guided walks with creative tasks focused on imagery, rhythm, character and narrative;
- Structured independent writing time;
- Group discussion, sharing and constructive feedback;
- Evening creative activities and reflection.

Workshops are designed to encourage experimentation, discussion and personal expression, with appropriate challenge for different age groups.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

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Date: September 2026
Venue: London (annual)
Duration: 2 nights (Fully booked)
Year Group(s): 11 (Food Technology students only)
Approximate Cost: £290
Trip Leader: Mrs N James

Pupils will travel to London by train after school on the Friday and stay in a central hotel. On the Saturday pupils will have a full day food tour organised by an outside company. The tour will include visiting an artisan delicatessen, a food market and confectioners as well as other food themed activities. In the evening pupils will have a meal together in London with the Girls' Division staff. On the Sunday there will be an opportunity for some shopping and sightseeing before travelling back to Manchester Piccadilly Station by train.





FRENCH

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Date: April/May 2028 TBC (biennial)
Venue: Château de la Baudonnière, Normandy
Duration: 5 nights
Year Group(s): 7
Approximate Cost: £800
Trip Leaders: Mr S Perrin and Miss F Harris



Château de la Baudonnière, which is a well-established and highly regarded Language and Field Trip study centre near Avranches, in Normandy, offers good quality full board and lodging and has designed a stimulating and exciting programme of activities tailored to our pupils' interests and abilities. All the activities will be delivered in French and the pupils will be fully immersed in the language, thereby offering an invaluable opportunity for language acquisition.

The visit will include opportunities for the pupils to take part in archery, canoeing, fencing, an assault course, bread making and a fancy dress competition as well as other fun activities and games. The pupils will also visit a local market and the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mont Saint-Michel during their stay.





GEOGRAPHY

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Date: October Half Term 2026
Venue: The Azores, Portugal
Duration: 4 nights (Fully booked)
Year Group(s): 10–11 (Geography students only)
Approximate Cost: £1,215
Trip Leader: Miss L Gillibrand

The Portuguese archipelago of the Azores benefits from a sub-tropical marine climate which, coupled with the rich volcanic soil, combines to produce a green and verdant land with humid forests and shrubland. There are numerous opportunities to study physical geography including crater lakes, lava tunnels and geothermal activity, along with spectacular coastlines. The land supports diverse agriculture and tourism is represented by the popular whale watching tours which sail from the harbour at Ponta Delgada.

Excursions during the trip include visits to the Gruta do Carvão Lava Cave, Terra Nostra botanical gardens, Furnas Volcanic area and the Sete Cidades caldera and its twin lake and a hike to the Salto do Cabrito waterfall.



GERMAN

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Date: March 2027 (annual)
Venue: Patterdale Hall
Duration: 2 nights
Year Group(s): 8–9 (German students only)
Approximate Cost: £290
Trip Leader: Mr S Perrin



This German residential weekend takes place at Patterdale Hall in the Lake District. Pupils will watch one or two German films over the course of the weekend, as well as having the opportunity to practise German through a variety of language activities including music, games, a quiz in the hall grounds, a walk in the beautiful surrounding countryside, plus *Kaffee* und *Kuchen* which are an obligatory part of these occasions! They may even wish to take part in the talent show towards the end of the weekend!



GERMAN

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Date: October Half Term 2027 (biennial)
Venue: Cologne
Duration: 3 nights
Year Group(s): 7–8 (German students only)
Approximate Cost: £690
Trip Leader: Miss F Harris

The cathedral city of Cologne is the cultural centre of the Rhineland and Germany's 4th largest city. Pupils will have the opportunity to practice their German in a supported setting and will leave with a greater understanding of German culture.

Highlights of the trip will include a visit to the famous Gothic cathedral, a guided tour of Cologne, a panoramic cruise on the Rhine, a visit to the Cologne city museum, a lunch at a local market and a visit to the Lindt Chocolate Museum.





GERMAN

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Date: December 2027 (biennial)
Venue: Berlin
Duration: 3 nights
Year Group(s): 11 (German students only)
Approximate Cost: £650
Trip Leader: Mr D O'Neill

The German Department is planning an exciting Christmas trip to Berlin. This visit should be very valuable, enabling pupils to consider aspects of the course which are studied at GCSE. During the trip we are planning to visit the Olympiastadion, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, various magical Christmas Markets, the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtnis Kirche, the DDR Museum and the infamous Hohenschönhausen Stasi prison. We will also be attending a chocolate-making workshop at the world-famous Ritter Sport Factory.





HISTORY

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Date: October Half Term 2026
Venue: Ypres, Belgium
Duration: 3 nights (Fully booked)
Year Group(s): 9–11 (History students only)
Approximate Cost: £650
Trip Leader: Mr C Owen

Pupils travel by coach and overnight ferry from School to Ypres, for a battlefield tour. Highlights of the tour include the visits to the Hooge Crater Museum; The Hill 60 battlefield memorial; the Tyne Cot, Langemarck, Lijesenthoek and Essex Farm cemeteries, local chocolate shop and the In Flanders Field Museum. Pupils will also see the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.





PE - LACROSSE

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Date: September 2026 (annual)
Venue: Berkhamstead
Duration: 1 night
Year Group(s): 10–13 (Selected players only)
Approximate Cost: £200
Trip Leader: Mrs S Walters

Selected pupils will take part in the Berkhamsted 10s Lacrosse Tournament, in Shrewsbury. Pupils travel down to Shrewsbury on Saturday afternoon and stay overnight in a local hotel. The tournament takes place on the Sunday after which the pupils travel back to school that evening.





PE - GSA NETBALL TOURNAMENT

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Date: September 2026 (annual)
Venue: Shrewsbury
Duration: 2 nights (Fully booked)
Year Group(s): 8-9 (Selected players only)
Approximate Cost: £290
Trip Leader: Ms L Farrimond-Goff

Selected pupils will take part in a weekend netball tournament, organised by Masterclass Sports Tours in association with the Girls' Schools Association, at Condover Hall, near Shrewsbury. In addition to taking part in the netball tournament, the pupils attending also have the opportunity to participate in a range of team building activities such as high ropes and indoor climbing.

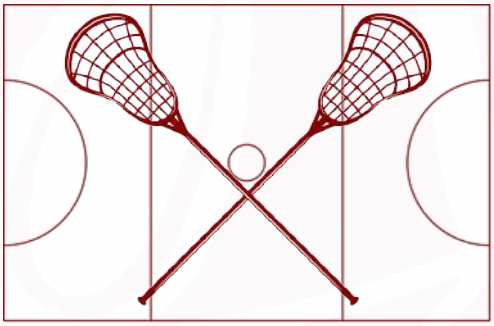






PE - NETBALL & LACROSSE TOUR

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Date: November 2026 (annual)
Venue: Edinburgh
Duration: 1 night (Fully booked)
Year Group(s): 12-13 (Selected players only)
Approximate Cost: £260
Trip Leader: Miss S Altdorf

This exciting two-day trip will focus on competitive fixtures against schools and colleges in Edinburgh. Alongside the sport, pupils will also have the opportunity to enjoy some leisure time, including shopping on Princes Street; sightseeing and a group dinner and visit to a nearby cinema complex.





PATTERDALE HALL

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Date: Various
Venue: Patterdale Hall, Ullswater
Duration: 2 nights
Year Group(s): 7–12
Approximate Cost: £300
Trip Leader: Head of Year

As an integral part of the School's Outdoor Learning curriculum, every pupil takes part in a three-day residential visit to Patterdale Hall with their form group during term-time. Our residential outdoor adventure and learning centre, situated at Lake Ullswater, provides direct access to the Lakeland fells, offering exceptional opportunities for a wide range of outdoor learning activities. These compulsory visits are designed to be memorable and meaningful and ensure that pupils experience progressive challenges and build on their skills throughout their time at Bolton School. Alumni often reflect and comment on the impact that their time at Patterdale Hall has on their future hobbies, interests and workplace skills.





The trips are carefully structured to develop character, resilience and independence. Pupils participate in a varied programme of facilitated activities such as canoeing, climbing, gorge walking, sailing and orienteering. Through these shared experiences, pupils strengthen teamwork, communication and leadership skills while gaining confidence in unfamiliar environments.

Beyond the activities themselves, the residential time at Patterdale Hall fosters lasting friendships and encourages pupils to step outside their comfort zones, developing deeper relationships with their year group staff, along with key life skills, all in a supportive and inspiring setting. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the Lake District, pupils return with a strong sense of achievement and confidence.

RELIGIOUS STUDES

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Date: October Half Term 2026
Venue: Patterdale Hall
Duration: 2 nights (Fully booked)
Year Group(s): 10–13 (Religious Studies pupils only)
Approximate Cost: £280
Trip Leader: Mrs K Porter

Pupils can enjoy a residential Religious Studies weekend at Patterdale Hall in the Lake District. The weekend is a fun, enriching and sociable experience, with a range of workshops and activities with an ethical or philosophical theme, followed by cosy film nights in the lounge. There will also be adventurous activities led by the Patterdale instructors, which may include canoeing, gorge walking and activities in the beautiful grounds of Patterdale Hall, subject to the weather conditions at the time.





SKI TRIP

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Date: February Half Term 2027 (biennial)
Duration: 6 nights (Fully booked)
Venue: Sestrière
Year Group(s): 8–9 (Year 10 at the time of the trip)
Approximate Cost: £2,000
Trip Leader: Mr M Chilton

Perhaps the largest school trip run jointly across the Foundation with Girls' Division, the Year 9–10 Ski Trip takes place biennially during February Half-Term. Recent trips have been concentrated around the Milky Way area of the Italian Alps, heading to resorts such as Claviere, Sestrière and Sauze d'Oulx, although we have also visited resorts in France and Austria.

Skiers from all abilities spend approximately thirty hours learning to ski or refining their skills across the week with qualified local ski instructors. A number of School staff also hold Ski Leader (ASCL) qualifications.

Night-time activities include sledging, ice skating, crêpe and pizza nights and even the occasional disco!





WATER POLO MALTA TOUR

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Date: Easter 2027 (annual)
Duration: 4 nights (Fully booked)
Venue: Malta
Year Group(s): 7–8 (Water Polo Squad only)
Approximate Cost: £1,100
Trip Leaders: Mrs N James & Mr D Teasdale

This popular Water Polo tour offers U13 Girls' Division and Boys' Division Water Polo Squad members the opportunity to train and compete in one of Europe's strongest water polo nations. Based in Malta during the Easter holidays, the tour focuses on high-quality training sessions and fixtures hosted by local Maltese clubs, providing excellent preparation and development opportunities.

Malta has a proud water polo culture, with professional league matches attracting large crowds and the island regularly hosting international training camps. Alongside the sporting programme, pupils will experience Malta's rich history and culture, with previous tours including a visit to watch a professional match at the National Pool, sightseeing in Valletta, and leisure activities such as bowling. The combination of elite sport, cultural enrichment and team bonding makes this an outstanding and memorable tour for young water polo players.







WATER POLO ITALY TOUR

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Date: October Half Term 2026
Venue: Camogli and the Ligurian Riviera, Italy
Duration: 4 nights
Year Group(s): Under 18 Water Polo Squad only
Approximate Cost: £1,200 TBC
Trip Leader: Mr D Teasdale

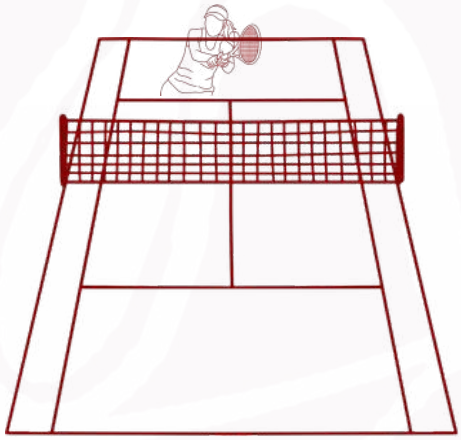
This Senior tour is planned to run every two to three years and provides our U18 squads with an outstanding blend of high-quality water polo and cultural experiences on the Italian Riviera.

Based in the coastal town of Camogli, students will take part in daily training sessions (typically 1.5–2 hours) and evening fixtures and scrimmages against local clubs, with the aim of maximising playing time across the tour. The programme is also expected to include a guided visit to Portofino, and – fixtures permitting – the opportunity to watch a professional match (e.g. Pro Recco / or other local elite clubs). This tour offers a superb opportunity for performance development, team bonding and an unforgettable sporting experience abroad.



WIMBLEDON TRIP

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Date: July 2027 (annual)
Duration: 1 night
Venue: Wimbledon, London
Year Group(s): 9–10
Approximate Cost: £330
Trip Leaders: Ms L Farrimond-Goff

Pupils will travel by coach and attend the Wimbledon Championships on the Tuesday afternoon, with access to the outside courts and No.2 Court. Pupils will then stay in a local hotel overnight and enjoy sightseeing and shopping in London on the Wednesday before travelling back to School.





