



11 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 12 English Literature Educational Visit to Lake District: 11-13 July 2027

Later this academic year your child will begin studying Romantic Poetry for their English Literature A Level. To enable them to gain a deeper understanding of the movement and some of the key poets, we are organising a visit at the end of summer term to the Lake District, an area closely connected to the Romantic movement. The key feature of this trip is that students will have the opportunity to learn from Professor Simon Bainbridge, an expert in Romantic Poetry at Lancaster University, who accompanies us throughout the trip and will deliver lectures on the movement and the poets, and lead readings and discussions.



We will leave Marlow on Sunday 11 July and travel by coach to Ambleside, where we will check into Ambleside Youth Hostel before walking up Todd Cragg, with its stunning views of the lakes and fells that inspired many of the Romantic poets. On Monday 12 July we will walk in Wordsworth's footsteps from Ambleside to Grasmere and visit his home there, Dove Cottage, and its excellent museum. On Tuesday 13 July we will follow Keats to Stock Ghyll Force, an impressive waterfall, then spend some time in Ambleside before returning to Marlow, arriving around 7pm.

Please note that unfortunately this trip overlaps with the school's DofE Gold expedition. If your child is intending to do this, they will need to choose one or the other, although there is the option to do the DofE expedition independently at another time.

The total cost of the trip, which includes a charge for board and lodgings as well as a voluntary contribution towards travel, admission fees and [insurance](#) (excluding lunches) will be £380 - £420 depending on the final number of students travelling. Once the booking deadline has passed, we will be able to confirm the exact cost and provide you with a payment schedule to spread the cost of the trip across the next 8 months. Please note that Bursary Funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies. In order to assess the requirement as fully as possible, students seeking such support are to discuss their whole year requirements with their Sixth Form Support Officer before applying.

To secure a place for your child on this trip, please pay an initial deposit of **£50 by Sunday 20 September 2026** via [Parentpay](#). If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay please email parentpay@swbgs.com. Please note that the deposit is a commitment to pay the full cost of the trip. If your child withdraws from the trip, we will endeavour to find a replacement to take their place, otherwise you will be required to pay the full cost. If your child is unable to travel once full payment has been made, a refund of recoverable costs will be made.

If you have any questions, please email me via parents@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully

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