

6 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Geography Residential Trip to Morocco – October Half Term 2027

We are delighted to offer our Year 12 students the opportunity to take part in a 5 day, 4 night residential trip to Morocco, during the October 2027 half term, which is being organised in partnership with an established educational travel company.

The trip is designed to support students' Geographical learning, cultural understanding and personal development. Although it has strong links to the A Level Geography curriculum, students who do not study A Level Geography are also welcome to express an interest in taking part in this opportunity.

Educational and Cultural Highlights

Whilst the itinerary will be finalised much closer to the trip, we hope that students will have the opportunity to:

- Explore the **Marrakech Medina, souks, Koutoubia Mosque and Water Museum.**
- Travel through the **High Atlas Mountains**, including the Tizi n'Tichka Pass, and observe fold mountain and gully-eroded landscapes.
- Visit **Amazigh villages** and an **Argan oil cooperative** to learn about local culture and livelihoods.
- Travel through the **Drâa Valley** and **palm groves**, exploring responses to desertification.
- Experience an overnight stay in a **Sahara Desert camp**, including traditional food, entertainment and stargazing.
- Visit **Ait Benhaddou** and explore sustainable farming and water-management practices.

The trip will also give students opportunities to develop confidence, independence, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills in an unfamiliar international environment.

Estimated Cost: £1 300 per student

The estimated cost includes:

- Return flights from London to Marrakech, including 15kg hold luggage and Air Passenger Duty.
- Accommodation and full board.
- All transport within Morocco, including airport transfers.
- Excursions, guided activities and entrance fees.
- A dedicated local Tour Leader.
- Travel disruption support and financial protection through ABTOT and ATOL bonding.

Not included: transport to/from the UK airport, passport/visa costs and personal spending money.

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Expression of Interest

Places are limited, so if your child would like to be considered for a place on this trip, please complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#) by no later than **9am on Monday 19 October 2026** to help us assess demand. **Completing this form does not guarantee a place.**

If applications exceed the number of available places, then they will be allocated using the following criteria and no discussion will be entered into if your child is not offered a place on the trip:

- **A Level Geography students will be prioritised.**
- Students will be expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude to learning and conduct.

Once places have been allocated, a **£300 non-refundable deposit** will then be required to secure the place. Further information and the payment schedule will be sent out to those who have been offered a place.

We hope this will be an exciting opportunity for our students to experience Morocco's diverse physical and human geography, whilst developing greater independence and confidence.

Yours sincerely

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