



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

“Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow.” – Anita Desai, writer and professor

“People don’t take trips, trips take people.” – John Steinbeck, writer and Nobel Prize winner

These are two great quotes that sum up the importance of educational visits. They help to create our own life experiences and influence us over many years. They can also help to shape us as important global citizens.

Educational visits or ‘trips’ are therefore a key part for all students at Cape Cornwall and something that we encourage all of our young people to make the most of.

There are many reasons why educational visits are important:

- They help to enhance the curriculum
- Essential for some courses such as GCSE Geography
- Broaden horizons for students beyond Cape Cornwall School
- Inspire future career choices
- A chance to experience different cultures on foreign visits
- Allows students to work with other year groups
- Helps increase motivation for learning in school
- Develops a range of soft skills such as teamwork and independence
- Helps support physical and mental health/wellbeing

We organise a range of educational visits for all year groups and these can be categorised under the following;

- Specific subject visits – these include geography field trips, science trips such as the ‘Big Bang Fair’, drama visits to the Minack Theatre, art visits to the Tate gallery; visits to FE colleges and universities.
- Foreign visits – in the past we have organised visits to northern Italy to go skiing as well as other curriculum foreign trips.
- Activity visits – these include visits to water sports centres and activity centres such as ‘Bishops Forum Adventure’.

Our staff receive annual training on educational visits so that they are kept up to date with changes in policy and procedures. This also includes training on risk assessments and their use.

All educational visits are approved by the Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) and the Head of School. Also in the case of visits outside the county, adventurous activities and foreign residentials these also have to be approved by the local authority. In all situations

visits can only take place once the correct paper work and procedures have been submitted.

For most educational visits there will be a charge and we keep this as low as possible. In some cases we are also able to offer reductions in costs for certain students and will let you know at the time. All visits can be paid for using the Parent Mail system. If however the cost is prohibitive in attending please contact the school as we would like all students to have the opportunity of participating in educational visits.

If you have any further questions on educational visits you can contact Gary Olds, the Educational Visits Coordinator on oldsg@cape.cornwall.sch.uk