



01 April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are now able to update you on the arrangements regarding Longdean School trips both for those happening in the remaining few days of this term and in the Summer term (2019/20); and for those happening in the next academic year (2020/21).

Please read carefully the section/s relevant to trips on which your child has a place as there is important information regarding the payment of instalments which differs between trips.

Spring and Summer term, 2019/20

Whipsnade Psychology Trip	31 st March 2020	CANCELLED
AQA Sociology Workshop	2nd April 2020	CANCELLED
Snowdonia Geography Field Trip	1st - 4th May 2020	CANCELLED
Year 7 Grosvenor Hall	22nd - 25th June 2020	ON HOLD
Year 8 PGL	24th - 26th June 2020	ON HOLD
CTEC Blue Peris	13th - 17th July 2020	ON HOLD

We must advise you that all trips planned for the remainder of the Spring term and the Geography Field Trip in May have been cancelled. The remaining trips in the Summer term are currently on hold as we are uncertain at this stage whether any of these trips will be permitted to run.

Until further notice, any outstanding instalments for these trips will not be visible on SIMS Pay and we request that you do not attempt to make payment for them until further notice.

Refund information

Whipsnade Psychology Trip, CANCELLED: A communication has already been sent to the parents of those students involved. Refunds will be processed after receiving refund from ZSL, Whipsnade. This may be several weeks after Whipsnade reopens. We will contact you when we are able to give you more information regarding this.

AQA Sociology Workshop, CANCELLED: A refund has been requested from the workshop organisers. We will contact you when we are able to give you more information regarding this.

Snowdonia Geography Field Trip, CANCELLED: We have been contacted by the trip operator and we will contact you when we are able to give you more information regarding this.

Year 7 Grosvenor Hall, Year 8 PGL, and CTEC Blue Peris Trips, ON HOLD: For these trips during the summer term which are currently on hold, we are not issuing refunds as we do not know if trip will be cancelled. For any trips which are ultimately cancelled, we will have to obtain refunds from the travel company or compensation from insurance which will allow refunds to parents. We cannot provide confirmation of the amount of the refund until a claim is processed and reimbursement is received.





If a trip is not ultimately cancelled, we will be in touch with the parents of participants at such a time when we are in a position to discuss financial details going forwards. Either way, we will communicate with you as soon as we know what is happening have any news or updates surrounding this.

Autumn and Spring term, 2020/21

Dubai Sports Tour	October 2020	Expected to happen
USA Ski Trip	February 2021	Expected to happen
Tokyo Computer Science/Science trip	March 2021	Expected to happen

At the current time we believe these trips will be going ahead as planned. Please continue to make payments in accordance with the instalment requests set out in the original trip letters and on SIMS Pay, and follow any other payment arrangements already agreed with the Finance Office.

If you are currently in a financially difficult situation which you feel may impact your making instalment payments on time, it is of paramount importance that you make contact with the Finance Office by email (finance@longdean.herts.sch.uk) at your very earliest convenience to discuss this. If we do not hear from you, it is expected that you will continue to make the instalment payments as stated above.

Should the situation regarding any of these 3 trips change, we shall communicate this with you.

Kind regards

Finance Team
Longdean School

