

China Trip

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

As you will be aware, your son/daughter has secured a place on the Easter 2020 trip to China. At this point we would like to provide you with some additional information about the payment schedule for this trip.

The full cost of the trip will be paid for in instalments. All instalments should be brought to the Green Room on the following dates between 8:30am and 8:55am. Instalments can be paid in the form of cash or cheque with cheques made out to Ballymena Academy.

Instalment dates:

28th February - £150 (second deposit)

Week beginning:

7th May 2019 - £350

9th September 2019 - £500

11th November 2019 - £300

3rd February 2020 - £300

16th March 2020 - £200

If there are any difficulties with these instalments or if you would prefer to pay more or less at a certain time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further details about the trip including specifics about travel dates, hotels and the itinerary will be published nearer to departure which allows us to be as accurate with that as possible.

The trip will depart a couple of days before the end of the school term and will return before Easter weekend. In the meantime, we would ask that you check that passports are up to date and valid for up to six months after the date of return (April 2020). If not, it is advisable to renew passports well in advance as there is often a significant waiting period. This is especially true for Irish passports. Please be aware that, as things currently stand, there is a considerable saving to be made by securing an Irish visa (an Irish passport is required for this).

Finally allow us to congratulate your son/ daughter again for gaining the chance for a fantastic experience which will not only help them both culturally and linguistically but which will provide them with special memories for the rest of their lives.

Yours faithfully,

Neal Patterson, Rosemary Coulter

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