

# St Benedict's High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **St. Benedict's Trip Abroad – Vancouver – June 2025.**

I am writing to let you know that we are planning a school trip to Vancouver, Canada for June 2025. Surrounded by a beautiful seascape with plentiful mountains further afield, Vancouver provides the perfect picturesque blend of city- and nature-based activities – all of which have been planned to provide our pupils with experiences that they will treasure forever.

The trip will last for seven days and five nights and consist of a full itinerary of the finest day tours, visits and events that the city has to offer. A brief summary of some activities is given below:

- The Vancouver Lookout Tower
- Guided Tour of the city
- Cruise around Vancouver Harbour
- Lynn Canyon Park and Suspension Bridge
- The Sea-to-Sky Gondola trip up Mount Habrich and subsequent nature walks
- Trip up to Grouse Mountain to see the lumberjack show and grizzly bears
- Vancouver Aquarium and Stanley Park (the 'Central Park' of Canada)

Flight schedules for June 2025 have yet to be released but, based on previous years' schedules, the trip would leave Glasgow Airport around 2pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and return in the afternoon of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – full timings to be confirmed once this detail is available.

The trip is open for expressions of interest from all pupils in our current S3 – S5 (who will be in S4-S6 at the time of departure).



***Pictured above left: Vancouver city and bay. Above right: skyride up to Grouse Mountain.***

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Given the nature of the trip and the activities planned therein, we have devised a payment schedule to try to ensure that it is accessible to as many of our students as possible. The payment schedule is as follows:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - £194.50
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - £150.00
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 - £150.00
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - £150.00
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - £150.00
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - £140.00

Breakfast and dinner will be provided as part of the overall trip and has been factored into the overall trip cost. Final details of accommodation will be provided once the trip has been confirmed with the travel company.

We will also be organising various fundraising activities over the course of the next 18 months to help fund the cost of public transport, souvenirs and other incidental costs arising throughout the trip. There is an expectation that any pupil offered a confirmed place on the trip will contribute to these fundraising activities.

The information above will be supplemented by an informal information evening dedicated to the trip, to be held in St. Benedict's High School at 7pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 – further details of which will be communicated via the school website, Twitter/X and through letter nearer the time.

In the meantime, if you are interested in your son/daughter going on the trip and would like to register a provisional note of interest, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to Mr. McKee by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at the latest**.

Kind Regards,

Christopher McKee  
Faculty Head of English and Modern Languages

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I confirm that I am interested in my son/daughter participating in the St. Benedict's High School trip to Vancouver proposed for the dates of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025.

Pupil name \_\_\_\_\_

Register class \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil's Pastoral Care Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer name \_\_\_\_\_

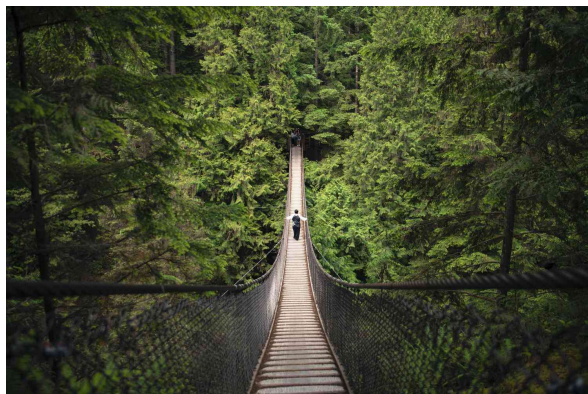
Parent/carer contact telephone number \_\_\_\_\_



## Further images of places to be visited on trip



Vancouver Lookout Tower – planned for 16/06/25



Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge – planned for 18/06/25



Left: Historic Gastown.  
Above: Vancouver Waterfront  
Walking tour including both areas planned for 17/06/25



Above left and above right: Sea to Sky Gondola up to summit of Mount Habrich and one of the suspension bridges leading to the nature trails – planned for 20/06/25.