

FAQs on International Trip to Japan, Peru and India

Question: I'd like to be fully informed prior to further consideration of spending £4000 on an international trip.

Answer:

There has been a parent event and opportunities within that to ask. Please see breakdown below. As we get definite prices, we will be able to inform you more, and during the future trip meetings for parents and students who will be going.

The costs include;

- Accommodation
- All meals
- Transport to and from the airports
- Local Private Transportation whilst in the countries.
- Visit to the Partner School.
- All sightseeing activities.
- A local guide to accompany the group.
- Flight costs

Question: The cost of the Japan trip for 25 students, and 3 teachers (assuming the cost per teacher is the same as the cost per student) is min £98,000 to £112,000 max, based on NHGS estimate. Combine this with the cost of the Peru and India trips, and it's a very significant amount of money. Has NHGS attempted to book the trips at a discounted rate via a travel agent, or similar, if so what was the net difference the two? Thank you advance for your transparency.

Answer: We are not using an agent for our trips, which means we can keep costs down, and not have to pay extra fees. This way, we can pass the savings directly to the families.

Question: What is the total cost for the teachers to attend the Japan trip, and how is that cost funded?

Answer: The cost of teachers is costed from the trip price.

Question: Listening to feedback from parents and carers at the information evening, the significantly increased cost of the Japan trip appears to have forced a number of children to cease having any further involvement with the trip. That being the case, would NHGS reconsider their Japan trip itinerary, in order to make the trip more affordable, and therefore more accessible and inclusive to NHGS students.

Answer: Feedback from parents has been positive so far, and there have been subscriptions for the trip. As we have sufficient numbers for the trip to run, the Japan itinerary cannot now change

Question: In order to make the Japan trip more affordable, could it be moved to another time of year. I appreciate both schools holidays, exams etc have to be taken into consideration , but is there another time/s of year where the trip could go ahead, in a more affordable way.

Answer: Unfortunately the trip cannot be moved, as we have to work with our partnership school in Japan, and around our term dates too, so students are not affected. We will take that into consideration for future trips to Japan.

Question: Is it possible to give more concrete information about the type of collaborative work they will doing and the amount of commitment in terms of weekly time that this will involve.

Answer: There is a leadership delegation that has to be attended in the next few months, for each of the countries, where the projects will be discussed further with the partnership schools. The projects will then be agreed for the students to part take in.

Question: Will there be wifi on the trip so I can keep in touch with my child ?

We will expect Wi-Fi facilities at key locations during the trips. There will be regular access to Wi-Fi at hotels and schools.

Question: I notice that the date students will be informed if they have been chosen is Friday 6 October - do you mean Friday 4 Oct? Or Friday 11 Oct?

Answer: They will find out if they have got a place on Friday 11th October.

Question: We were wondering what other criteria for selection would be used? My daughter is in 6th form now and hasn't been on a school residential trip since year 6, due to Covid and then moving schools and the upcoming trips at NHGS at that time were already fully booked. We think it would be very beneficial for her to experience this trip if at all possible. She is also very keen on a career in film production, so the visit to Ghibli Studios would be extremely valuable.

Answer: Yes sixth form will be given preference due COVID affected trips that they could have gone on in the past.

Question: The 6th form London Arts trip, relating to the Japan trip.. we've received an email saying that the deposit for London needs to be paid tomorrow (1 Oct) to be included in the trip. However, if xxx is going to be chosen for the Japan trip we can't afford both trips, and they are so close to each other (days apart), she wouldn't be able to go on the London trip. Please advise if we can delay the decision and deposit payment for the London Arts trip until we have heard about the place on the Japan trip.

Answer: Both London and Japan trips are taking place almost at the same time, and a decision will have to be made about which trip you would like to pursue.

Question: Our daughter is new in year 9 to NHGS. We are very interested for the international programme, but have also been told that there may be a skiing trip for next year's year 10, please could you advise on this as it would have a bearing on our budgeting and decision making

Answer: Yes, the trip has been approved, but letters have not been sent out yet for current year 10s for April 2025. Your daughter in year 9 cannot go on the ski trip in 2025, as she is only in year 9.

Question: Is there a cost associated with using the Global School Alliance, their sister companies, and sister schools for the international trips, if so, what is that cost, and how is that cost paid for?

Answer: There is no cost associated with using GSA.

Question: I think xxx would qualify for financial assistance, is it possible to find out how much that would be, as I don't feel I can make a decision on whether or not she is able to go without that information, as we would not be able to afford it with no assistance thanks, she is most interested in Japan but also interested in Peru.

Answer: We will be using pupil premium funding to support students, but we will need to discuss each individual student. Please contact school.