



22 October 2025

Dear Families

## Educational Visit to BodyWorlds - Life Learning Lab, Berlin 2026

As part of our curriculum provision for Biology and Medical Science, we are planning a three day, two-night residential visit to Berlin, Germany to visit two unique biological exhibits.

[BodyWorlds](#) contains real plastinate bodies and organ displays to allow students to view the full, three-dimensional anatomy and physiology of the human body. It demonstrates the effects of different diseases and an insight into the importance of a healthy lifestyle. This will complement students' learning of body systems and the diseases affecting them, such as atherosclerosis and cancer as well as peaking their curiosity, promoting deep thinking and discussion.

Bodyworlds Berlin is the largest and most comprehensive Bodyworlds exhibit, and also has an 'Animals: Inside Out' exhibit, providing a unique insight into how animals move, breathe, connect and reproduce.

The Life Learning Lab in Berlin offers a four hour workshop where students get hands-on experience performing molecular biology experiments and techniques which are in the specification, which we simply can't do at school - such as PCR, electrophoresis, DNA analysis. Students will get an opportunity to get a taste of what it is like to work in a research lab, learning techniques that are a core part of many university courses in biology, biochemistry, biomedical science, molecular biology and more. These are techniques learnt about in year 13 and will provide context for this work.

Whilst we are in Berlin, we will also take the opportunity to visit some of the cultural highlights including the Futurium (an exhibit demonstrating scientific innovation and future developments in science) and others such as the Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, Reichstag building to allow us to appreciate the history of Berlin.

### Provisional itinerary includes:

- Flights to and from Gatwick
- Two nights in hostel-style accommodation
- Two breakfasts at accommodation
- Two dinners (two courses) at accommodation
- Bodyworlds exhibit
- Life-Learning Lab four hour workshop
- Futurium
- Bowling (two games)
- Tourist stops: Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag Building, Holocaust Memorial

This trip is currently planned to take place on Thursday 12 March 2026 - Saturday 14 March 2026. The cost of the trip is £560 with a £160 deposit to be paid by 04 November 2025 to secure a place. Families are invited to make a voluntary contribution for this amount to support the opportunity going ahead. We must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the full cost of the visit, and it will not take place unless all parents, who can, pay the full contribution. There is also a minimum number of 15 participants, if we do not secure this number we will have to cancel the visit for this year.



Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#).

You can either pay in full or using the payment schedule using MCAS below:

DEPOSIT	£ 160	Tuesday 04 November 2025
Payment 2	£ 100	Monday 01 December 2025
Payment 3	£ 100	Monday 05 January 2026
Payment 4	£ 100	Monday 02 February 2026
Payment 5	£ 100	Monday 02 March 2026
Total	£560	

Students will need to be transported to and from Gatwick airport (actual times TBC). Students will be staying in single-sex, shared rooms at the accommodation. As it is only a two-night stay, to keep costs down and keep us mobile, students will only have one small piece of hand luggage for clothes/sundries (max. 45 x 36 x 20 cm) which fits under the seat in front of them. This must be carried by the students all day.

All students will need their own passport which has at least three months validity from the date of travel and a valid [GHIC card](#), which may be applied for [online](#), if they do not already have one. There is no charge for this card. Additional spending money will be required to buy lunch, snacks and drinks on each day and this will need to be in Euros.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further queries about the trip – [kmorris@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:kmorris@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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