

WEEKENDS



AND

HOLIDAYS

at

Tettenhall

Information for the
2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years



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BOARDERS' WEEKEND TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

At Tettenhall College, we understand how important the programme outside of the classroom is, particularly for our boarding students.

Every weekend, we deliver a busy and active programme which includes Trips & Excursions, Sports, Arts, Games and much more.

Whilst it is good to allow time for socialising and relaxing, we want our students to make the very most of their time with us, so we are pleased to confirm:

- An organised trip or excursion takes place every weekend, either on a Saturday or a Sunday. Details about where we visit and what we do can be found in this brochure.
- Our brilliant location in the heart of Tettenhall village, allows students to access the lovely shops, restaurants, cafes and supermarket, which we know they enjoy very much.
- Superb connectivity to the rest of England, with London, Oxford, Warwick, Birmingham, Manchester and Shrewsbury, all easily reached in less than two hours.
- From September 2026, there will be a programme of international trips during the school holidays. Please see our dedicated information brochure for all information and costs.
- If a student prefers to stay at the school during the October, February or May mid-term breaks, this is now possible, for a daily charge.
(minimum numbers of students taking up this option applies)
- A guardian must still be appointed for emergency purposes, however a student can choose to stay at school, go on a trip, or spend time with family or friends in the holiday periods, rather than using a host family each time there is a break.





SCHEDULE OF WEEKEND TRIPS 2025 - 2026



Autumn Term

- Boarder's Arrival weekend
- Drayton Manor theme park
- Inflatable Water park
- Paintballing
- Go Karting
- Oxford City trip
- National Space Museum
- Tettenhall Firework Display
- Indoor Water Park
- Evening swimming pool disco
- Manchester, Football Museum and city centre shopping
- London Christmas Shopping and lights
- Bowling & cinema
- Birmingham Christmas Market
- Boarders' Christmas Meal

Spring Term

- Ice skating & shopping
- Warwick Castle
- Quad biking safari
- Ninja Warrior
- Lunar New Year meal out
- Imperial War Museum, Lowry Gallery & Trafford Centre Shopping
- Shrewsbury Climbing Wall
- Cat Cafe
- London Sight Seeing
- Go Karting
- Adventure Golf
- Easter Egg Hunt

Summer Term

- Trentham Monkey Forest & Shopping
- Silverstone Motor Museum
- London Museums & Galleries
- Go Karting
- Dragon Boat Race
- Beach Trip
- Cosford Air Show
- Chester Zoo
- Inflatable Water Park
- Alton Towers theme park
- Boarders' Fun Day and BBQ

“The schedule of trips will vary a little each year. However we talk regularly to our boarders and get their input on which trips are most popular, where else they would like to visit, and how often we offer certain options.”

“Senior boarders (15+), may discuss with their boarding tutors the option of taking a trip they organise themselves to a local venue, such as a shopping centre/ mall, cinema, or perhaps a football match. All requests are strictly subject to permission being granted and the students abiding closely to the rules given.”



THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



A significant area of strength at Tettenhall College is our broad and engaging programme of Enrichment activities. We have an extensive co-curricular and supra-curriculum which offers a superb range of clubs and activities which are designed to allow students to widen and deepen their experiences in the arts, technology, physical activities, global affairs and much more.



Whilst activities take place throughout the week, we have a particular and whole-school focus on a Thursday afternoon, when all students in Years 6 - 13 choose one specific club or activity which they will follow for the full term.

Every term there are different options available, however some of the most popular recent ones include:



- The Robotics Challenge Club
- Model United Nations
- World Challenge Cup
- The Investor Challenge
- Mock Trials
- Climbing at Wolf Mountain
- Advanced Running Club
- Laser and Target Shooting Club
- Modern Pentathlon
- Bootcamp
- Rookie Lifeguard
- Yoga and Pilates
- Theatre Technology
- Content Creators Club
- Reading Club
- Lace Making
- Manga and Anime Club
- Art History Club
- Mock Trial
- Portrait Club
- Medical Society
- Whizz Bang Science
- Cookery Club
- Economics Club
- Latin & Greek Myths Club
- Chess Club
- Science Research Club
- Coding Club
- Voluntary work
- Flash Fiction
- Fitness
- Lego Club



“Pupils enjoy and value the opportunity to participate in the wide range of physical and creative activities on offer through the school’s Enrichment Programme.”

HOLIDAY PERIODS & INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

During each academic year in the UK, there are a number of holiday/ vacation periods when classes do not take place, and day pupils do not attend.

The holiday periods are typically:

- End of October (mid-Autumn term break)
- Christmas (end of term)
- February (mid-Spring term break)
- Easter (end of term)
- May (mid-term break)
- Two weeks
- Three weeks
- One week
- Two weeks
- One week

In previous years, boarding students have stayed with their UK based guardian during this time, either taking part in a trip they have organised, or with a host family. This is still possible and often a fantastic experience. However, we are very pleased to confirm, that from September 2026, these are the holiday options:

October half term:

- Stay with host family/ friends
- Take part in School Trip during first week
- Stay at school for the second week

Christmas (end of term):

- Stay with host family/ friends
- Return to home country
- Take a holiday in the UK/ Europe with family or friends

February half term:

- Stay with host family/ friends
- Take part in School Trip
- Stay at school for the week

Easter (end of term):

- Stay with host family/ friends
- Take part in School Trip
- Return to home country
- Take a holiday in the UK/ Europe with family or friends

May half term:

- Stay with host family/ friends
- Stay at school for the week
- Return to home country (in Europe usually)

Summer (end of year):

- Stay with host family/ friends (subject to visa conditions)
- Return to home country

More information about our annual schedule of trips can be found in our Trips Brochure, and also on the Tettenhall College website. In summary, the trips taking place during the holiday periods in the 2026 - 2027 academic year will be:

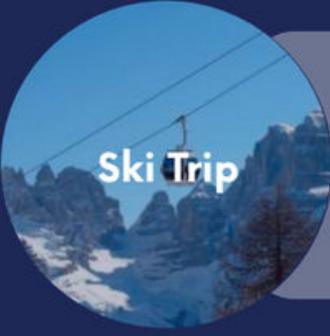
October half- term

 <p>Morocco Tour</p> <p>Marrakech, Atlas Mountains & Sahara</p> <p>A cultural journey where students experience stunning landscapes, rich traditions and a completely different way of life.</p>	<p> 7 days</p> <p> Marrakech, High Atlas & Sahara</p> <p> October Half Term</p> <p> £1375pp</p>
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February half- term

<p>France and Belgium</p> <p>Discover the stories, landscapes and legacies of the First World War through powerful visits to key battle sites, memorials and museums.</p>	 <p>Battlefields Tour</p>	<p> 3-4 days</p> <p> France & Belgium</p> <p> February Half Term</p> <p> £375pp - £470pp</p>
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Easter end of term holiday

 <p>Ski Trip</p> <p>Valloire, French Alps</p> <p>Experience a week on the slopes in the French Alps, building confidence and enjoying the thrill of alpine skiing.</p>	<p> 7 days</p> <p> Valloire & Valmeinier, France</p> <p> Easter Half Term</p> <p> £1295pp</p>
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Further trips at other times of the school year are also regularly organised. Recent examples of these have included:

- New York (Business Studies)
- Ecuador (Geography)
- Spain & France (Modern Foreign Languages & History)
- Italy (Skiing)

Other UK based trips take place as part of courses, most particularly Geography, and also as part of our Duke of Edinburgh programme.



SPORTS & CLUBS AT TETTENHALL COLLEGE



Sport plays a very important part of life at Tettenhall College. You will have opportunities to play sport as part of your weekly schedule, after classes finish, and also at the weekend.

Due to the changing weather and lengths of our days, many sports are seasonal. However, other sports we play throughout the year.

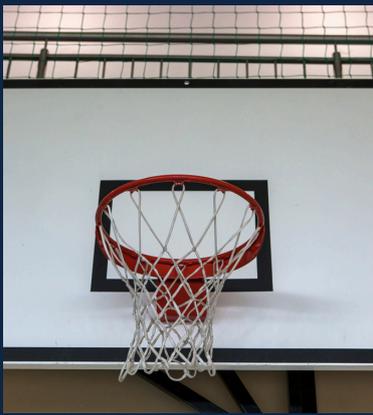
We offer a number of sports academies including Squash, Swimming and Football (from Sept 2026).



We play a competitive series of fixtures in a range of sports, and we often travel to other school across the region and more widely, to take part in matches and competitions.

We are pleased to offer at the school:

- Football
- Rugby
- Cricket
- Swimming
- Field hockey
- Netball
- Rounders
- Athletics
- Squash
- Badminton
- Fencing
- Laser shooting
- Cross country
- Basketball
- Volleyball



It is quite common for students to join Tettenhall College and be at a high level in a sport that is not typically played at a competitive level in British schools. Where this is the case, we always look to ensure that the student can access training and potentially competitions. We are pleased to confirm that we currently have excellent partnerships with clubs in the local area which offer:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Additional football (soccer) opportunities
- Martial Arts



TENNIS

We are very pleased to partner with Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club (WLTSC), which is located just ten minutes' walk from the school, and is locally known as 'Newbridge'. The tennis club is one of the leading racquet and fitness centres in the region and offers a large number of both indoor and outdoor courts. We have a special membership opportunity for our boarding students which can be used on a termly basis. This allows them to use the club up to 5 times per week. Individual coaching and opportunities to take part in competitions is also available. Tennis, squash and padel are all offered.

HORSE RIDING

Horse riding takes place at the excellent Upper Hattons Stables, which is a professional equestrian centre, livery and riding school. They are approved by the Association of British Riding Schools. This is less than a 10-minute drive from the school. More information can be found at <https://www.upperhattonsstables.co.uk/>

Whilst horse riding forms part of our weekly Enrichment Programme, for those students who wish to pursue their riding or jumping at a higher level, they could expect to be able to visit the Stables between 2 - 3 times per week.

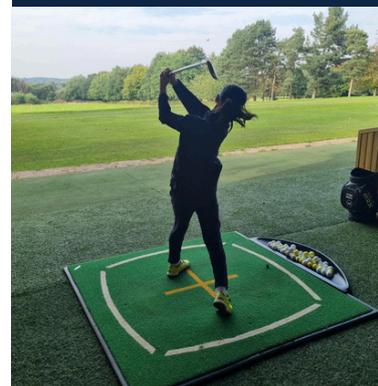
GOLF

Golf is a very popular option within our Enrichment Programme. Each week a group of students will attend South Staffordshire Golf Club, which is a superb golf course within Tettenhall village itself. It is just a few minutes' walk from the school campus, and has an 18-hole parkland course. There is also a 10-acre driving range with both grass and all-weather tees, a chipping green, and a practice bunker.

For students who wish to practice their golf throughout their time at the school, membership can be arranged which will allow access to coaching, practice sessions and competition opportunities.

TRACK & FIELD

Very near to the school there is Aldersley Stadium which has a 400-metre all-weather, synthetic running track. It has eight lanes, making it suitable for a wide range of athletic events and training. The venue also has a separate, slightly longer, banked 450-metre cycle velodrome that surrounds the running track. Students who wish to practice a range of athletics disciplines at a high level are offered the opportunity to take part in coaching and club activities here.





TETTENHALL - LIFE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE



Tettenhall is a beautiful, safe and prosperous village in the heart of England. When we talk to our boarding students, one key aspect that they talk about is the location of our school, and in particular the fact that they have regular access to the village and its lovely facilities.

Students aged 13 and above are able, at designated times, to take a stroll into the village, which is directly next to the school. In fact, when you come through the entrance gates to the school, you are immediately on the small high street. This high street is home to shops, a supermarket, coffee shops, restaurants, boutiques, a post office, a bank, a bakery and much more.



Tettenhall is also a very safe, residential location, where professional families tend to live. It is very well presented, and there is a real sense of community and a very friendly atmosphere.

On three evenings each week, students may be granted 'village leave' so they can go into the village to take a walk, buy a snack or other supplies, or perhaps use the bank etc. Students are required to go in a group, and must always sign in and out of school. This is very important and carefully monitored.



The spring, summer and early autumn months are particularly lovely in Tettenhall due to the large green parks, and even a lido (shallow swimming pool) on the village greens. As we approach Christmas, the village is beautiful decorated with lights and other festive displays, which is lovely to be part of.

At the weekends, students can also have use of the village, and they often tell us about the sense of freedom and independence that this gives them.



Although Tettenhall is a village, we have excellent transport links to the rest of the UK. We are well placed on the road network, and there are regular buses and access to the tram services very close by. The railway service is particularly important, with Wolverhampton Station offering direct trains into central London in less than two hours.

GUARDIANSHIP REQUIREMENTS IN THE UK

One factor that a family must consider when their child applies to join a British boarding school, is the need for a guardian to be appointed. This is particularly important if the student will have a Child visa in order to complete their course of study.

A guardian's role is to help ensure that the child is safe and well cared for at all times, particularly during the holiday periods, and also if there is a time when they cannot be at the school, which can happen for a variety of reasons (including ill health, behaviour etc).

If the family has a friend or relative who is over 25 years of age, lives in the UK and has the right to reside here, they can ask this person to act as the guardian. We do ask that this person is located no more than 2.5 hours drive from Tettenhall College, and that they undertake to come to the school on the same day, if this is necessary.



In the event you do not have a family member or friend who can act as the guardian, there are a range of guardianship companies who offer this service. AEGIS is the Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students. We warmly recommend that you review the information on the AEGIS website for more information: www.aegisuk.net



The guardian will stay in regular contact with you, your child and the school, and may, if you require, attend Parent-Teacher meetings on your behalf.



If you use a reputable guardianship company, they will have a member of staff who is contactable 24 hours a day, ready to deal with any problems or emergencies.



They will arrange a homestay (host family) for your child during holidays, or term-time if necessary, which has been carefully vetted.

Please note that a charge will be made by a Guardianship Company. There are options to take a basic 'emergency' package, whilst other organisations will offer a range of trips, both in the UK and internationally, that will come with a higher price.

VISITING TETTENHALL & WHERE TO STAY

If you are looking to stay in the local area when bringing your child to school, or if you come to visit them, you have a number of choices.

The closest hotel is **The Mount Country Manor Hotel.**

www.themount.co.uk

It is around a 3-minute drive, or a 15 minute walk, from Tettenhall College to this hotel. Please note that a special rate has been negotiated for families at the school, so please mention this when you are booking, to secure this price.

Other options can be found in the local area.

We warmly welcome parents visiting their children. It can be a lovely opportunity for them to meet with staff, see a regular school day and perhaps meet some of the friends that have been made. Please do ensure you give us a good amount of notice if you are planning to visit, so that we can make sure the right members of staff are available to meet with you. Your point of contact will be your child's House Parent.





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