

SECONDARY TRIPS



2025-26
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EXPERIENCE



INTRODUCING TRIPS WITH MBIS

Dear Parents and Students,

We are delighted to present our first MBIS Trips Prospectus. This aims to offer an overview of all the residential trips on offer in the coming years and allows our families to plan ahead and choose the opportunities that are the best fit for their child.

Trips are listed in chronological order and clearly state who is eligible to participate. Pricing is approximate at this stage and may change depending on local exchange rate fluctuations and the number of students who travel.

We strongly encourage students to attend the 'local' Year Group trips with their peers, providing the opportunity to experience adventure and to develop independence, interpersonal skills, and resilience—all without the need for visas or international travel.

All of our trips are planned to the highest British standards, and our trip partners are carefully vetted by our experienced trip leaders for both quality and safety.

You can feel confident knowing that your child's wellbeing is at the heart of every trip we plan.

Stephen Rogers

School Principal

WHY TRIPS?

At MBIS, we aim to provide a comprehensive character education alongside our academic offerings. Our trips are integral to this mission, as they allow students to explore the world beyond their immediate environment and develop essential life skills. Through these experiences, students learn the value of empathy, resilience, and adaptability. They are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones and engage with diverse perspectives, fostering a sense of global citizenship. Our carefully curated itineraries ensure that each student not only gains academic knowledge but also grows personally and socially, preparing them to make meaningful contributions to society as well as reinforcing positive relationships between students and staff alike.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Each of our journeys offers an opportunity for personal growth and development, accompanied by new experiences that are both enriching and memorable for everyone involved.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

At MBIS, our goal is to provide a variety of day trips and residential experiences that are accessible and engaging for all students, both within Egypt and abroad.



LEADERSHIP

Excursions provide students with the chance to take on leadership roles beyond the classroom, encouraging them to push their limits and acquire valuable life experiences.



ACADEMIC BENEFITS

Subject knowledge can be enriched and expanded through experiences beyond the classroom. Our trips are designed to complement the curriculum and offer exceptional learning opportunities.



BESPOKE EXPERIENCES

At MBIS, trips are thoughtfully designed with each student in mind. No two trips are the same, and itineraries are adjusted to meet the needs and interests of the group.



GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Students have the chance to connect and immerse themselves in diverse cultures while also creating opportunities to interact with the local community. Volunteering activities allow students to make a tangible difference to the environment or people's lives.



LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to empowering students, MBIS trips provide a valuable platform for developing leadership in action. Away from the familiar routines of school, students are given opportunities to take on new roles, make group decisions, and guide their peers through shared challenges. These moments encourage initiative, responsibility, and the ability to think clearly under pressure—key traits of effective leaders.

Importantly, leadership at MBIS is not about being the loudest voice, but about setting a positive example, listening to others, and rising to meet challenges with maturity and purpose. Through these experiences, students begin to recognise their own leadership potential and understand how they can positively influence those around them.



STUDENT **EMPOWERMENT**

Sending your child on a school trip with MBIS is a powerful way to support their personal growth and self-belief. At MBIS, trips are not just educational—they are empowering experiences that help young people realise their potential and discover what they are truly capable of. Each trip is carefully designed to challenge students in new environments, spark curiosity, and build the skills they need to thrive in a changing world. By stepping outside the classroom, young people gain independence, learn to lead, and grow in confidence as they face new situations and overcome real challenges. These experiences give students a sense of ownership over their learning and development, inspiring them to aim higher and believe in themselves. At MBIS, trips don't just enrich education—they empower students to become the very best version of themselves.

TRIP CALENDAR

TRIP OPPORTUNITIES 2025-2026

- **ALEXANDRIA**
- **MANGO TREE**
- **MARSA ALLAM**
- **LAKE NASSER**
- **ASWAN/LUXOR**
- **SKI TRIP**
- **ENGLAND**
- **SPAIN**
- **WORLD SCHOLARS CUP**
- **CYPRUS**
- **BSME GAMES**

TRIP CALENDAR

TRIP OPPORTUNITIES 2025-2026

Year 7

Alexandria
Spain
Ski Trip
BSME Games*

Year 8

Mango Tree
Spain
Ski Trip
BSME Games*

Year 9

World Scholar's Cup*
Aswan/Luxor
Spain
Ski Trip
England

Year 10

World Scholar's Cup*
Marsa Alam
Cyprus
Ski Trip
England

Year 11

Cyprus
Ski Trip

Years 12&13

Lake Nasser
Ski Trip

Year 8

SEPTEMBER

MANGO TREE

30th September - 2nd October, 2025

Approximate Cost - 7000 EGP



In association with Carpe Diem, one of Egypt's leading activity providers, we are offering Year 8 an exciting introduction to camp life residential opportunity. Staying at 'The Mango Tree' in Obour City, students will experience camp life while staying in bunk houses, preparing meals outdoors, and enjoying evenings around the campfire. Days will be filled with fun, engaging team-building activities that strike the right balance between friendly competition and inclusion—led by the experienced Carpe Diem team.

The Mango Tree camp may be local, but with its green mango plantations, it feels a world away from the classroom.

This trip is a fantastic way for students to build independence, strengthen friendships, and gain confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

And while it's framed as an introduction to camping, don't worry—there are beds, toilets, and showers as well as great food!



OCTOBER

Years 12 & 13

LAKE NASSER

16th to 21st October, 2025:

Approximate cost 35000 EGP



A side of Egypt that many don't see: this is an opportunity to contribute to the knowledge and understanding of ecosystems in Upper Egypt. A mixture of adventure travel, working with the local community and the opportunity to connect with nature in a spectacular way. Students will be participating in a mixture of teambuilding and fun activities alongside meaningful community service that really makes a difference to understand and preserve the ecological diversity of the area.



Experienced leaders from Carpe Diem, one of Egypt's leading activity providers, will be facilitating a programme that is aimed at young adults and University students to both challenge, inspire and engage our 6th formers.



NOVEMBER

Year 7

ALEXANDRIA

16th to 22nd November, 2025

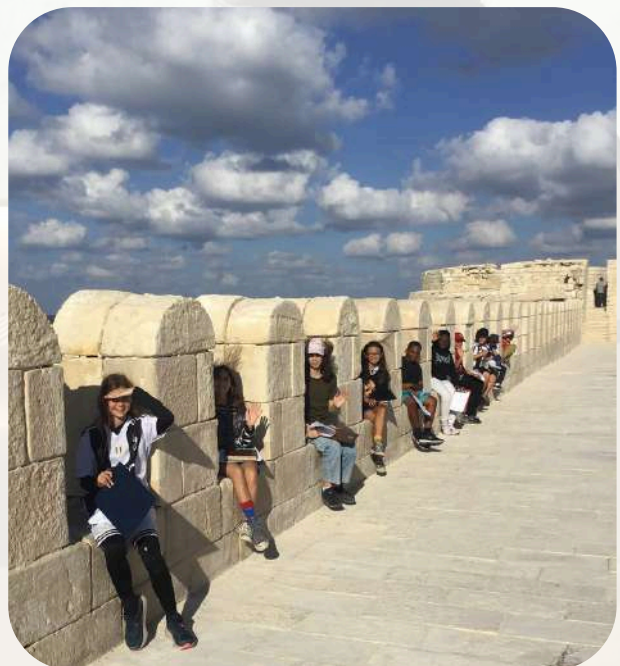
Approximate Cost 13500 EGP



This is the first residential trip offered to students in the secondary school, and it is strongly encouraged that all students in Year 7 attend.

Students will visit a range of fascinating historical sites and attractions in the Alexandria area, including Qaitbey Fort, the Greco-Roman Museum, the Catacombs and Odeon, the Library of Alexandria, and the Alamein War Cemeteries, as well as take part in fun evening activities. This trip brings history to life in a memorable and engaging way, offering students the chance to explore the past while creating lasting memories with their classmates.

Attending this trip helps students grow in independence, build stronger friendships, and gain a deeper understanding of the topics they've studied in class. Students will stay in hotel accommodation, sharing double or triple rooms, and will travel by school transport to and around Alexandria.



DECEMBER

**Years 10 & 11
(IGCSE Geography
Students only)**

CYPRUS



8th to 13th December, 2025

Approximate Cost 1000 GBP

IGCSE Geography requires that students complete case studies on specific topics and this year students are being given the opportunity to complete the case studies in ideal environments outside of Egypt. MBIS teachers have partnered with the Terra Cypria Environmental Studies Centre in Cyprus to offer a course that meets all the objectives of the IGCSE course as well as giving students some down time to explore the local area and get some all-important shopping time at the local mall.

All IGCSE Geography students are encouraged to take advantage of this important study opportunity.



**Qualifying Students
Only**

DECEMBER

WORLD SCHOLARS CUP - DUBAI

11th to 16th December, 2025

Expected Cost 1800 GBP



The World Scholar's Cup – an international academic competition that celebrates teamwork, critical thinking, and global knowledge. Competing in events such as collaborative writing, team debates, and the Scholars' Challenge, our students demonstrated impressive skills in communication, creativity, and problem-solving. Beyond the academic contests, the event also offers opportunities to connect with students from around the world, fostering a sense of global citizenship and mutual respect.

This is an annual opportunity with the first round being held in Cairo so if you missed out this time, there are plenty more chances to qualify in future years! Our 2024 Team has also qualified for the Tournament of Champions and will head to Yale in November! What a fantastic achievement!



JANUARY

**Years 7 & 8
(Invitational)**

BSME GAMES ABU DHABI

14th to 19th January, 2026

Approximate Cost: 1000 GBP

Building on our fantastic success at the BSME Football Tournament in November 2024, MBIS is thrilled to announce our invitation to the prestigious U13 BSME Games in Abu Dhabi, January 2026! This exciting three-day event will see a selected mixed squad of 24 students from Years 7 & 8 (2025–26) compete in football, netball, volleyball, and athletics against top international schools from across the Middle East.

This invitation-only trip is a first for MBIS and offers a unique opportunity to represent the school on a regional stage—an unforgettable experience of sport, teamwork, and school pride.



Year 9

JANUARY

ASWAN/LUXOR

18th to 23rd January, 2026

Expected cost: 45000 EGP



The trip is managed by our experienced school trip leaders in conjunction with the Carpe Diem Team and promises to give students a taste of adventure travel in Egypt whilst being immersed in the true beauty of the Nile Valley and rural Egyptian culture.

The activity schedule is designed with fun in mind whilst also offering a degree of challenge that will prepare students for more independent expeditions (like the International Award).

Although many students will have visited the sights in Upper Egypt, they will not have experienced it like this and so all Year 9 students are urged to join the trip.

Trip highlights include visits to Philae Temple, Heissa Island, Nubian villages, Camel rides and sailing the Feluccas on the Nile before moving up to Luxor for challenges at some of the World's most popular historical sites.

Accommodation is a mixture of camp-style and budget hotel. Food is plentiful and prepared freshly for the group from quality local ingredients.

This is a truly unforgettable trip that is not to be missed!



Years 7-13

SKI TRIP

The annual MBIS ski trip is a highlight of our trip calendar. We're excited to offer students the opportunity to join our unforgettable school ski trip to the French Alps!

Whether your child is a complete beginner or an experienced skier, they'll receive expert instruction tailored to their level while developing confidence and independence on the slopes, learning in small groups and accompanied by their teachers.

Beyond skiing, this trip encourages resilience, adventure, and personal growth through travel to a new country and immersion in a unique cultural experience. With plenty of fun, friendship, and learning beyond the classroom, it's an opportunity your child won't want to miss!

If your child has not secured a place for this year's trip, make sure that you look out for the next opportunity to sign up in the Summer term.

FEBRUARY

31st January to 7th February, 2026

Expected cost: 2100 GBP (+ ski hire)



Year 10

APRIL

MARSA ALAM

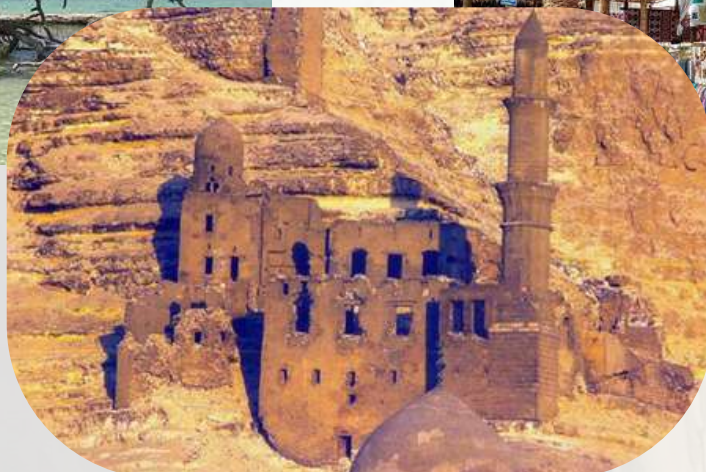
20th to 25th April, 2026

Expected Cost: 35000 EGP

This is the first time MBIS is offering this exciting new trip, and we're proud to have partnered with Carpe Diem—one of Egypt's leading activity providers—to create a bespoke experience designed to inspire, challenge, and engage our students.

This year-group adventure takes place in the stunning coastal region of Marsa Alam and offers a unique blend of exploration, adventure, and community service. The carefully curated itinerary includes a desert safari in Wadi El Gemal, snorkelling with turtles at Abu Dabbab beach, visits to local historical sites, and hands-on participation in marine conservation projects aimed at protecting the environment for future generations.

With its mix of physical challenge, cultural discovery, and meaningful contribution, this trip offers something for everyone—and is an unforgettable experience not to be missed!



MAY

Year 7-9

SPAIN

3rd to 8th May, 2026

Expected Cost: 2000 GBP

A new and exciting addition to the trip calendar is the biennial Spanish language trip. Following a similar format to last year's popular Paris trip, students will stay in fully catered accommodation near Madrid and enjoy day trips to a range of local attractions in the region—including a full day at the spectacular Puy du Fou theme park.

This trip offers a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Spanish culture and put their speaking and listening skills into real-world practice. While particularly beneficial for those studying Spanish, the trip is open to all Key Stage 3 students and promises a rich blend of language, culture, and adventure in a fun, supportive environment.

This is likely to be oversubscribed and so look out for the sign up links.



Year 9 and Year 10 ENGLAND

MAY

15th to 22nd May, 2026

Expected Cost: 2000 GBP



The annual England trip offers students an authentic taste of British life, based in the beautiful Midlands town of Stratford-upon-Avon—Shakespeare's birthplace and a gateway to the scenic Cotswolds, and Bristol, a city that has been built on maritime history and is a real cultural melting pot. These picturesque locations provide the perfect base from which to explore some of England's most iconic historical and cultural landmarks.



Trips and excursions are extremely varied, taking in the best of the arts and sciences. Highlights of the trip include a live Shakespeare performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, a dazzling musical, and visits to Warwick Castle, automotive and aerospace museums, as well as seeing some famous sights. Mealtimes are also a memorable part of the experience, with students sampling classic English favourites such as fish and chips or picnics in the park.



With a rich and varied itinerary designed to appeal to all interests, the trip promises something for everyone—whether you're a history buff, theatre lover, or simply curious to explore life in another culture. This is a side of England many tourists miss, but one that captures the true heart of British heritage.



Proud to deliver

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (the Award) is a Non-Formal Education and Learning framework supporting young people to find their purpose, place and passion in the world.

In more than 120 countries, their globally recognised accreditation is available to all 14 to 24-year-olds, inclusive of all backgrounds, locations, cultures and abilities. Through the programme, each young person becomes part of something special while developing their individual interests, universal skills and life ambitions.

Founded in 1956, the Award highlights the value of Non-Formal Education and Learning. Today there are consistently over a million young people taking on the Award's challenge to believe in the power of their potential, make a difference in their community and take control of their future.

The result? Entire generations of innovators and changemakers who are truly world-ready.



MBIS has been successfully delivering the Bronze award for 1 year and is excited to be supporting the first cohort through their Silver Award this year with a view to encouraging participation in the Gold Award in 6th form in the future.

The Adventurous Journey (AJ) encourages a spirit of adventure and discovery while planning and undertaking a journey with a small team of peers. Teams work together to set a clear and challenging goal that is achievable and defines what activities they will be doing throughout their journey. The AJ requires initiative, communication and perseverance. With suitable training, planning and supervision, the AJ section aims to safely take young people out of their comfort zone and promotes experiencing new challenges in a team setting. AJ dates will be confirmed later in the year for both the Bronze and Silver expeditions.

DAY TRIPS



LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

It is important that students are given the opportunity to engage with our local environment, culture and history, made even more exciting because of our amazing location in Cairo, surrounded by world-famous landmarks, rich traditions, and vibrant communities.

Through day trips, students get to step outside the classroom and experience learning in a real-world context—whether that means exploring ancient monuments, visiting local markets, or engaging with Egyptian art and crafts. These immersive experiences help students make connections between what they learn in school and the world around them.

For many of our students who are new to Egypt, these trips offer a unique chance to build a sense of place and belonging. Interacting with local guides, observing daily life, and asking questions on-site deepens their understanding of the host country and fosters a greater appreciation for its diversity and heritage. Day trips are also a powerful way to promote intercultural understanding, helping students to become more empathetic, open-minded, and globally aware.

These moments outside the school gates often become some of the most memorable highlights of the school year, enriching their educational journey and strengthening the school community.

NEXT STEPS

Trip sign ups will be announced in the school newsletter and by direct mailing from MBIS. Our international trips are often oversubscribed so it is important that if your child is interested in joining a trip, that sign up is completed on time and deposits paid by the deadline. Naturally, many of our trips also have minimum numbers and so insufficient interest may mean that the trip does not go ahead as planned.

Upon sign up, parents will be asked to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure a place on the trip. At the same time, we will ask for trip information packs to be completed and returned to school to allow for flight booking and visa support (if applicable) as well as medical information and payment plans to be agreed. This trip pack will contain all of the information that you need about the trip and detail our terms and conditions, cancellation information and insurance details.

Trip schedules are expected to remain similar each year and so if your child has missed out on a trip opportunity this year, you can plan ahead for the following year.

The school does not profit from trips and all trip budgets are planned very carefully to ensure value for money.

If you have any questions or feedback about trip opportunities, please get in touch.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES

As always we have a busy calendar and it is important that students and parents know the schedule of key academic dates, so as to help inform their planning and making choices with regards to specific trips. Please find below the list of key academic dates (this is not an exhaustive list but includes our major academic events):

SEPTEMBER

1st - 11th September: CAT4 Testing

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

JANUARY

14th - 22nd January: Year 11 Mocks

DECEMBER

FEBRUARY

8th - 12th February: AS/A2 Mocks

MARCH

APRIL

World Scholars - Cairo Round (TBC)

MAY

3rd-14th May: GL Progress Tests (Y7-9)
IGCSE & AS/A2 exams (May)

JUNE

7th-11th June: Exam Week (Y7-10)
IGCSE & AS/A2 exams (June)



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