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Parent and Carers

### **Outwood Academy Portland and Outwood Academy Valley - Student Visit to Nanjing, China, March 2027**

We are thrilled to announce a unique opportunity for our current **Year 8** students from both schools to participate in an educational and cultural trip to **Nanjing, China**. This seven day visit, which is scheduled for **11 March – 17 March 2027**, is designed to provide students with an exciting experience; immersing themselves in Chinese culture and the local education system. The trip is offered through Global Schools Alliance who have many years of organising trips and visits to worldwide destinations and have international links with schools across the globe.

#### **The experience**

The trip offers a balanced blend of "in-school immersion" and cultural exploration. Students will spend three days at a partner school, engaging directly with their peers and experiencing daily life in a Chinese classroom.

Beyond the classroom, the itinerary includes:

#### **Cultural Heritage**

These locations highlight China's rich history, ancient architecture, and scholarly traditions.

- **Yu Gardens:** Historic botanical beauty and traditional design.
- **Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum:** A significant site dedicated to the "Father of Modern China".
- **Confucius Temple Area:** Centred around the historic temple dedicated to the philosopher.
- **Zhujiajiao Ancient Town:** A preserved water village showcasing traditional canal-side living.
- **Shanghai Museum:** Home to a vast collection of ancient Chinese art and artifacts.

## Modern Wonders

These activities focus on the rapid development, impressive skylines, and contemporary life of China's major cities.

- **The Bund:** Shanghai's famous waterfront showcasing a blend of colonial and modern architecture.
- **Lujiazui:** The high-tech financial district featuring some of the world's tallest skyscrapers.
- **Huangpu River Cruise:** Offers a panoramic view of the neon-lit modern city skyline.

## Tradition

These elements focus on the lived experience, daily customs, and natural scenic beauty of the region.

- **School Immersion:** Three days spent at a partner school, allowing students to experience traditional Chinese educational practices and daily life.
- **Xuanwu Lake:** A scenic park that serves as a traditional gathering place for locals and leisure.

## Trip costs and inclusions

The total cost of the trip is determined by the number of participating students. The prices below give you an indication of the cost and what is included for students;

Group Size	Itinerary & Flights	Total Cost Per Student
20 Students	£1050 + £900* (flights)	£1950
30 Students	£1010 + £900* (flights)	£1910

**Important Note:** An additional **£180** per student may be required for group visa costs. Flights are currently estimated at **£900** and may be subject to change until the booking is confirmed.

## Details of what is included:

- Return flights and all ground transportation.
- Accommodation in a 3\* (or above) hotel.
- All meals (unless otherwise specified).
- All sightseeing activities and a local guide.
- Visa advice and paperwork assistance.

**What is NOT included:**

- Personal travel insurance.
- Visa costs (£180).
- Transportation to and from the UK airport.

**Payment schedule**

To help manage the cost, we have established a staged payment plan; although please note that the first two installments are a non-refundable deposit.

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>20 Student Rate</b>	<b>30 Student Rate</b>
<b>1st (Deposit)</b>	15th April	£175	£175
<b>2nd (Deposit)</b>	15th May	£175	£175
<b>3rd</b>	15th July	£535	£520
<b>4th</b>	15th September	£535	£520
<b>Final</b>	15th November	£535	£520

Visa paperwork will be submitted separately in January 2027, at which point the £180 fee will be due.

**Next steps:**

We believe this trip will be a life-changing experience for our students, fostering global citizenship and cultural understanding. To ensure we secure the lowest possible costs, we encourage you to express your interest as soon as possible.

**Staffing and student numbers:**

We can confirm that the colleagues from our schools accompanying students and leading the trip will be:

Ms M Longmore, Vice Principal from Outwood Academy Valley

Mr D Hazlehurst, Learning Manager from Outwood Academy Portland

And propose that Ms Longmore will be the link for Valley students and Mr Hazlehurst for Portland. These colleagues have extensive experience of organising, leading and participating in student trips and visits and are very excited to be involved. Additional staff will be identified in due course and details will be shared with parents and carers.

There are limited places for students, as for this trip we have a maximum number of 30, so please do ensure that you secure your child's place as soon as possible. Once we have a sense of numbers and names we will organise an information event when you can meet the staff, secure more detailed information and ask any questions you may have.

We appreciate this is a busy time of year, though were keen to get this communication to you as soon as we could.



Mrs D Sheehan  
**Principal**  
**Outwood Academy Portland**



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**Principal**  
**Outwood Academy Valley**

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**Outwood trip to Nanjing, China**

Reply Slip – **Please return to Mr Hazlehurst no later than Monday 13th April 2026.**

Student's full name:	
Any dietary requirements:	
Any known allergies:	
Any medical issues:	
Nationality:	
Does your child have a current passport, with at least 6 months of validity remaining beyond your intended return date:	

I would like my child to take part in the trip to Nanjing, China between the 11th-17th March 2027.

I understand a deposit will be required to be paid on Wednesday 15th April 2026 to secure my child's place.

**Please note this trip will operate on a first come, first served basis.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)