



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 and 12 Design & Technology Trip to Berlin – 20-23 October 2026

As part of the Year 10 and Year 12 Design & Technology curriculum for OCR (Assessment Objective 1: Explore), the DT Department will be running an international trip to see the first ever School of Design – Bauhaus. Although it was originally started in Weimar in 1919, it wasn't until 1926 that the purpose-built school was constructed in Dessau, near Berlin, designed by Walter Gropius. This year it is celebrating its centenary.

The Bauhaus in Dessau was groundbreaking for its radical approach to design and education, uniting art, craft, and technology in a single creative philosophy. Founded by Walter Gropius, it replaced traditional academic teaching with hands-on workshops and collaborative experimentation between artists, architects, and designers. Its minimalist aesthetic—focused on function, clean lines, and industrial materials—helped define modern design. The Bauhaus model and its faculty and students spread these ideas worldwide, profoundly shaping architecture, graphic design, and product/industrial design education throughout the 20th century and beyond.

We will fly to Berlin on Tuesday 20 October. On Wednesday, we will spend the whole day in Dessau, with guided tours of the school, the Master's House and Museum. On Thursday we will visit the Ludwig Mies Van der Rohe House before heading into Berlin itself. Thursday afternoon and Friday can be taken up with visits to Berlin's Museum Island and other key buildings and sights of Art and Design and historical importance. There will also be time on Friday for students to explore the area immediately around Alexanderplatz.

Costs

The cost of the visit will be **£750**, which includes travel, accommodation, breakfast and evening meals in Germany, travel insurance and any entrance fees to sites listed in the itinerary. Students will need to bring spending money to purchase lunches and gifts.

The payment on WisePay will include:

- Coach to and from Heathrow Airport
- Flights to and from Berlin
- Accommodation in Berlin
- Breakfast and evening meals while in Berlin
- Transport to and from Dessau
- Tickets to all the Bauhaus sites on Wednesday and the Mies Van der Rohe house on Thursday

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It will not include:

- Due to changes since Brexit, we can no longer provide tickets for transport in Berlin in advance. These will have to be purchased when we arrive.
- Lunches while in Berlin and Dessau
- Individual medical insurance (GHIC)
- Cost of individual VISAs for international passports
- Spending money

Passport/Health insurance

All students will need to have a valid individual passport and any visas necessary, dependent upon nationality. Please note that your child's passport must be valid for three months after the date that we leave Germany, and their passport must be no more than 10 years old. For non-British nationals/passport holders it will be your responsibility to ensure your child has the correct visa requirements prior to travelling.

Students will also be required to have a valid GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card). Further details can be found [here](#) and you can apply for a new GHIC card [here](#). You will be asked for passport and GHIC details once your child's place on the trip has been confirmed.

Applying for a place on the trip

The trip is open initially to all students studying Product Design in Year 10 and 12. There will be 30 places available, allocated on a first come, first served basis. To secure your child's place on the trip, please pay a deposit of £125 via WisePay **by Monday 4 April 2026**. Please be aware that this deposit is non-refundable and constitutes permission for this trip. Further instalments are as follows:

- Second payment of £200 by Friday 22 May 2026
- Third payment of £200 by Friday 19 June 2026
- Fourth Payment of £225 by Friday 17 July 2026

Should you have any financial concerns with regards to payment for this trip, please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

Information on students for this trip will be taken from the school database for the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact and medical information. Please check and update the school with any changes via the Arbor app.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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