



Stay In For Leave Out (Exeat Programme)

Traditional boarding schools run a number of Exeat Weekends throughout the year when the school closes and pupils either go home, to visit friends and family or, for international pupils, to a homestay or guardian. However, many of our girls and parents tell us that they would rather stay at QM and enjoy a weekend of fun, rest and relaxation with their friends.

All girls are invited to stay at QM during our Leave Out (Exeat) Weekends with our 'Stay In For Leave Out' programme. Typically there are six Leave Out weekends each year which are carefully planned around academic commitments. Our programme combines the chance to visit some amazing cities, join fun and exciting trips to historic and cultural attractions and take part in a range of exhilarating outdoor and sporting activities. By balancing these activities with downtime for relaxation with friends that every pre-teen and teenager needs, girls are able to make the most of the wonderful setting and facilities at QM. During these weekends, the QM Family feel comes to the fore, with girls from across the year groups joining together in a dedicated 'sleepover' boarding house, cementing friendships and encouraging new connections.

Example Weekend Schedule:

- Day trips may include visits to Meadowhall Shopping Centre, York Christmas Market, visitor attractions such as Jorvik, Alton Towers or indoor activity centres
- Evenings may be taken up with bowling, movie nights, trips to the theatre or pamper sessions
- Food always plays an important part in the weekends; activities include baking and cooking masterclasses
- Trips to cities such as Manchester, London and Edinburgh are

commonplace and may include sightseeing, visits to attractions and museums, shopping and the theatre.

- Sampling the local cuisine is a must with visits to local cafés and restaurants packed into the busy schedule.

Activities are compulsory for Years I-III. For other year groups, activities are optional but everyone is encouraged to take part. Full day trips are compulsory.

Book your place via the Parent Portal

Places for our Stay In For Leave Out programme must be reserved in advance via the [Parent Portal](#). Bookings are for the full year, however, the programme is also available for our Short Stay students, in which case it can be booked for the duration of their stay. The cost for the full 2025/26 academic year is £2,700+VAT (£450+VAT per weekend) and this is non-refundable. Please note this cost may be subject to change. The school reserves the right to alter or suspend the programme if it is not viable to run, and to outsource some or all of the services to an external provider.

Leave Out Dates 2025-26

- Friday 19th September - Sunday 21st September 2025
- Friday 21st November - Monday 24th November 2025
- Friday 23rd January - Monday 26th January 2026
- Friday 13th March - Sunday 15th March 2026
- Friday 1st May - Monday 4th May 2026
- Friday 19th June - Sunday 21st June 2026

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