

## **Golden Ticket (priority for trips)**

At Dame Alice Owen's, we value the learning which takes place outside of the classroom on our trips. We like to offer a variety of opportunities for our students and wish for them to experience as many as possible. Some of our trips are very popular and in an effort to ensure that all students have the opportunity to take part in at least one very popular trip during their time at school, we have a virtual golden ticket scheme. Students can use their golden ticket **once** to gain priority for a trip. However, students are welcome to apply for places on other trips during their time at Owen's without using their golden ticket.

All Key Stage 3 and 4 students are allocated a **single** virtual golden ticket which they can use to gain priority consideration for one Year 7-11 trip of their choice. Golden tickets cannot be used for 6th form trips. Trip organisers will give priority consideration to students using their golden ticket prior to offering places to other students. For some curriculum-focussed trips, those students taking the subject for GCSE will be given priority over those using a golden ticket. The final decision of permitting students to attend any trip lies with the Trip Leader.

The use of the golden ticket may not automatically guarantee a position on the trip if either  
a) the student's conduct in lessons or on previous trips has not been satisfactory, or  
b) if there are more students using their golden ticket than the number of places available for a trip. In this latter case, a random ballot (of those applying to use their golden ticket) will still be required. If a student secures a place on the trip then the golden ticket has been used and will be recorded. If a student does not secure a place, the golden ticket will be able to be used on a future occasion.

All students have the opportunity to go on any trip which is **essential** to the curriculum and some trips are offered to the whole year group. Golden tickets are not necessary for these trips. We also do not allow golden tickets to be used for language exchanges for safeguarding reasons.

In normal years we offer a variety of trips where golden tickets could be used. The trip offer is always subject to change and there is **no guarantee** that a particular trip will be run in any given year. Some examples of trips that we would normally offer are:

Year 7	Theatre trip
Year 8	Theatre trip, Ski trip
Year 9	Trip to the Somme battlefields, Theatre trip
Year 10	Theatre trip
Year 11	Iceland (Geography)

When available, students will need to indicate on their application for a trip that they wish to use their golden ticket. The use of a golden ticket is only to gain priority for a trip. Whenever a student has successfully secured a place on a trip, whether through the use of a golden ticket or otherwise, the standard costs will be payable and the usual paperwork will be required.