

SCHEDULE 2022/2023

The ACTIVITY PACK mentioned below makes reference to the compilation of information and activities that we will do only if we have time (as many as we can) and which we provided for you in the campus. You will see they are related to the places we go. Take into account that some are related to places we do not have time to visit or to explore in depth, so you are not going to need those. Keep them, though. It took a long time to prepare the whole thing and it was a job of love, really (love of Liverpool, of history, for our students).

WEDNESDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Liverpool John Lennon International Airport. ✓ Getting situated, leaving bags at the Dolby Hotel. ✓ Grab a bite around. ✓ Get together at the hotel lounge, take a walk ... you are free to wander around (mind you, we have not arranged anything because museums, galleries, etc. close at 17.00 so we do not arrive on time for cultural activities ... which are Núria's and my department!) ✓ See some suggestions below. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaving from reception at 9.15. ✓ The Albert Dock (Gower Street) for a sightseeing tour with the City Explorer at 10.00. It is £7 per person. ✓ International Slavery Museum (+ activity pack) and the Maritime Museum if we have time (they are in the same building). ✓ Lunch at the Maritime Museum cafeteria. We have a reservation at 13.00. ✓ We are booked for a tour at the University of Liverpool. Meeting point at University Square at 16.00, opposite the Victoria Gallery and Museum. ✓ If we are not too exhausted and since it is quite close (oh, and if open when we finish): The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King (+ activity pack). ✓ Drink at The Philharmonic to warm up and the pub is really impressive: 36, Hope Street (151 707 28 37). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaving from reception at 8.50. Do not forget to collect the lunch box at 8.30 which will be £5.95 each. Payment for the lunch box will be the previous day at the time they tell us at the hotel. ✓ Take the train at James Street, which is a 20/30-minute walk from the hotel. ✓ Port Sunlight outing (+ activity pack; we will use this document for the area, the Port Sunlight Museum and the Lady Lever) ✓ Port Sunlight Museum, Soap Works and Workers Cottage. We are booked at 10.30. This is a private institution so we have to pay. It's £6 per person. ✓ Lady Lever art gallery. ✓ Packed lunch 'al fresco' if not too cold (mind you, it will be cold) or rainy/windy/snowy. If unbearable, we'll ask if they let us eat indoors somewhere. They did not let me book at the cafeteria since they do not take reservations anymore but I hope there will be tables at some point so we can all have something warm (and/or a scone) before we leave. ✓ Arrive Liverpool at Lime Street Station. ✓ Walker Art Gallery (+ activity pack) ✓ Picton Rooms at the Central Library. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bye, bye Liverpool!

<p>From John Lennon Airport: The Airlink 500 will leave us at the Dolby. I think the 82A is another option but we'll have to ask on arrival. In any case, there are buses every half hour to the city so we should be all right. A ticket costs about £2. Make sure you either have change or pay in groups of 3/4.</p> <p>A cab is also an option. It would cost about £20-25, but we could share a cab among four or five.</p> <p>The staff at the tourist information office is very helpful and provide information about transport, weather or strike action that we should take into account. You have the number below.</p>	<p>The City Explorer open-bus sightseeing tour is not booked since there is one every half hour starting at 10.00 and I did not want to risk missing it or a cancellation if the weather is very bad. Tours are generally guided and it is a way to get a very good impression of the city and its highlights. Concession is generally £9, but I called and a very nice lady (Anne) gave us a group discount so we are going to pay £7 each on the day of the tour. We can pay by credit card. They have already taken note of our visit and the driver/guide will be expecting us. Let's hope the weather is good since if it is pouring with rain we would have to cancel. City Explorer information number: 151 933 2324. PLEASE NOTE: the City Explorer bus ticket is valid for 24 hours so keep it since we are going to use it to go to the Victoria Building (near the Metropolitan Cathedral)</p> <p>The University of Liverpool guided tour is a nice alternative to the lecture that Dr. Nickianne Moody used to prepare for us at the Liverpool John Moores University, year after year since the trip started in 2013. She sadly passed away in 2019. Too young and too early. I would not have started the Liverpool trip experience had I not known Nickianne. And would not know about Port Sunlight without her. She lived</p>	<p>To go to Port Sunlight we will have to take the Merseyrail train (closest station is James Street): Wirral Line (green) – direction to Elsmere Port/Chester and stop at Port Sunlight. See a network map following this link: https://www.merseyrail.org/common/map/networkmap.htm</p> <p>It is a twenty minute ride, approximately. Also, take into account that the walk from the hotel to the station is of about 20/30 minutes (approximately).</p> <p>We'll buy a return ticket, though we will stop at Lime Street Station on our way back (the return ticket is valid for all the Liverpool stations, that's why we do not have to specify the station we'll stop at on our way back, just say a return ticket to Port Sunlight). The price of a return ticket is £4.35.</p>	
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<p>Dolby Hotel: 36-42 Chaloner Street Queens Dock Liverpool L3 4DE Telephone: +44 151 708 72 72</p>	<p>Contacts at the Maritime Museum: Timothy Eccles: Timothy.Eccles@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk 151 478 4058 151 478 4489 (direct) Lisa Furlong Lisa.Furlong@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk</p>	<p>Contact at the Port Sunlight Museum: Lynne Jones L.Jones@portsunlightvillage.com +00 44 151 644 6466 +00 44 751 4648571</p> <p>The packed lunch is kindly prepared for us at the hotel. The General Manager, Gavin Shelton, has made arrangements for us and has taken care of our order.</p> <p>Contact: Gavin Shelton Direct Telephone 151 245 9112 m: 7730026593 e: gavin@dolbyhotels.co.uk</p> <p>If we had had more time, there is a pub that serves reasonably priced dishes in Port Sunlight, The Bridge Inn (151 645 84 41) but a reservation there would mean we would have no time for further activities in the afternoon.</p>	

ADDITIONAL INTERESTING TOURIST INFORMATION

<p>There used to be a tourist information office at the Albert Dock, which was very convenient for last-minute gifts or information. There is a tourist information centre nearby, though:</p> <p>Liverpool ONE 5 Wall Street Liverpool L1 8JQ Telephone: 151 351 0300</p>	<p>There's plenty to do and see in Liverpool and we cover some of the major highlights, but you may want to check the tourist information webpage before departure.</p> <p>Notice that our schedule is very tight during the day, and I include some suggestions of things to have a look at in the evening. But Liverpool never sleeps so have a look at what is on just in case at http://www.visitliverpool.com/</p>	<p>Since you are at the Queens Dock and we'll visit the Albert Dock, you should not miss the Pier Head, one of the most impressive waterfront areas with three emblematic buildings: The Royal Liver Building, The Cunard Building and the Port of Liverpool Building, referred to as The Three Graces. Fortunately, we'll see that during our open bus tour ... weather permitting. If the weather is horrible and we cannot take the tour, do find a way to take a stroll there. A very early bird walk, for example?</p>	<p>We are located very close to the shopping area (Liverpool One) and there are many supermarkets and reasonably priced restaurants around. Ask at reception and they should be able to help. I am particularly fond of the Pret A Manger in Liverpool One, Paradise Street. But there are many others. And Bold Street has many interesting multicultural options. Check web page anyway for more info.</p>
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SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENING ACTIVITIES:

There are galleries we do not have time to visit and which you may want to take into account when you come back to Liverpool in the future: The Beatles Story, Tate Liverpool, The Museum of Liverpool, and The World Museum. However, they are beyond our reach for a very intense two-day trip like ours. We cannot fit in the Anfield Stadium tour, which is very interesting and gives us history teachers the opportunity to explain things about Spion Kop and the Boer War and to delve into Thatcherite England and the backlash of the working classes after Hillsborough.

Consequently, I am only noting down some spots which are within our grasp. We are going to see most during the bus tour, but they are worth a stroll if you have the chance:

- ✓ Bold Street for pubs, restaurants, and two iconic bookshops: Forbidden Planet and News from Nowhere.
- ✓ At the top of the street there is also a church, St Luke's, that was bombed during the Blitz and which remains empty and roofless, a reminder of what happened and an iconic sight.
- ✓ The Gothic cathedral you can see from the hotel. It is very close nearby. You may not be able to go in since it closes quite early to the public but it is a tradition for visitors to walk in and look for a very particular mouse for good luck. They also have excellent views from the tower. And a mysterious whispering arch.
- ✓ Down the street from the Gothic cathedral, you go by the Chinese Arch and the Superlambanana. Don't ask and look for pictures. It is a dangerous creature so it is kept in a cage. You may approach it at your own risk. The Superlambanana likes kids, but she finds them difficult to digest!

- ✓ And you are a five-minute walk from Liverpool One, the shopping area. Full of life, street music and activity (at least before Covid), it was a favourite spot for most students. We teachers particularly love the Waterstones bookshop and Paperchase for stationary. And if you are a bibliophile freak I recommend you rummage the W.H. Smith bookshelves since they usually have interesting book discounts. Nostalgics may also want to step into HMV for music and DVD deals.

There are a couple of interesting videos in YouTube that provide a good overview of the history of the city, which you should watch some time before you leave and/or take into account when preparing your trip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8dbSA-TuRg>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXfv7WnG5is>

If you want to get acquainted with the Scousers accent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndz86gVm71Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWAUrHODRWM>