

SCHEDULE 2023/2024

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).

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY	THURSDAY 25 JANUARY	FRIDAY 26 JANUARY	SATURDAY 27 JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Departure from Lleida at 2.00 a.m. Bus meeting point: RECTORAT – MAIN DOOR. ✓ Arrival at BCN-T2 at 4:00 a.m. ✓ Flight information: Ryanair FR7543, leaving from Barcelona at 6.05 (Be at the boarding gate by 5.15. Doors closing at doors 5.30h) ✓ Arrival at Manchester International Airport at 7.40. ✓ National Express Coach from Manchester Airport to Liverpool One at 11.50. (We have to pay in advance: 8.3 Euros per person, approx) ✓ Arrival at Liverpool One bus station at 12.55. ✓ Walk to the hotel. ✓ Arrival at the Dolby Hotel. ✓ Free day. See some suggestions below. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaving from reception at 9.00. ✓ The Albert Dock (Gower Street) for a sightseeing tour with the City Explorer at 10.00 (we need to be there at 9.45). It is £7 PP ✓ International Slavery Museum (+ activity pack) and the Maritime Museum (they are in the same building). ✓ Lunch at the Slavery/Maritime Museum cafeteria. We have a reservation at 13.30. ✓ Gower Street at 15.00 to hop-in the City Explorer again to take us to our next venue. ✓ We are booked for a tour at the University of Liverpool. Meeting point at University Square at 15.45, opposite the Victoria Gallery and Museum. ✓ 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 (+00 44 151 707 28 37). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaving from reception at 8.30. ✓ Take the train at James Street, which is a 20/30-minute walk from the hotel. Return ticket is £4.40 PP. ✓ 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 PP ✓ Lady Lever art gallery. ✓ Lunch at the Lady Lever. We have a reservation at 13.30. ✓ Leisurely leave for Liverpool. Getting out at Liverpool Central. ✓ Stroll: Bold Street and beyond (Forbidden Planet, News from Nowhere, Chinese Arch (+ activity pack), The Anglican Cathedral and, with luck, the Superlambanana). ✓ Just for those with energy: Look for the Cavern at the Beatles' Quarter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaving from reception at 9.00. ✓ Cab from the hotel (approx. ride fare £10) ✓ Walker Art Gallery (+ activity pack) ✓ Picton Rooms at the Central Library and who dares to solve the Library entrance riddle? ✓ The World Museum. ✓ Lunch at the World Museum café. We have a reservation at 13.30. ✓ And you are free! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bye-bye Liverpool! ✓ Leaving hotel at 8.00 a.m. ✓ Bus at Liverpool One Bus station to the airport at 8.30 Price £2PP ✓ Flight information: Ryanair FR6558, leaving from Liverpool at 12.50p.m. (Be at the boarding gate by 12.00. Doors closing at 12.20) ✓ Arrival in Barcelona at 16.05.
<p>Unfortunately, Manchester does not have a Tourist Information Office, so we do not have the advantage of tips about local arrangements and travel information.</p> <p>Based on prices and availability, we have decided to travel by coach using the National Express service. To make things easier for you, we have asked our travel agent to arrange the purchase of your tickets. Take into account that the tickets are non-refundable. If, for some reason, we missed the coach, we would lose the money.</p> <p>For National Express queries: +00 44 8717 81 81 81</p> <p>For local travel (bus and train services) in Liverpool, queries should be addressed at Merseytravel Phone number: + 44 151 330 10 00</p> <p>Also, the staff at the tourist information office are very helpful and, apart from tourist attractions,</p>	<p>The City Explorer open-bus sightseeing tour is booked by mail since on-line would have meant paying in advance. Spoke to a very kind lady, Lynn Meacock (Bookings@maghullcoaches.co.uk), who has given us a group discount (we are paying £7 instead of the standard concession fare of £9). The City Explorer at Gower Street stops 00, 15, 30 and 45 minutes past the hour.</p> <p>Let's hope the weather is good since if it is pouring with rain, we won't be able to use the open deck and the tour is then lacklustre.</p> <p>City Explorer information number: 151 933 2324.</p> <p>To explore the stops: https://cityexplorerliverpool.co.uk/</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: the City Explorer bus ticket is valid for 24 hours so keep it since we are going to use it to go the Victoria Building (near the Metropolitan Cathedral). You may take advantage of it too to get back to Gower Street from the Philharmonic, as the bus also has a stop there.</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</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/journey-planning/plan-your-journey/network-map/</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 Liverpool Central 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 £4.40. There are trains every 15 minutes or so.</p>	<p>We called the Tourist Information office to enquire about the best way to go to the Walker. There is the option of getting a bus (the 500) to Lime Street station and walk from here but it would cost almost the same. Take into account that we are going to share the cabs among 3 or 4, so we share the ride and the fare!</p>	<p>From hotel to John Lennon International Airport: We have to go to Liverpool One Bus Station. We have to take the 500, which is the more direct bus to the airport. There is a 500 every hour and every half hour and the ride takes 45 minutes. The fare is £2. The 86A is another option but it is less direct.</p> <p>A cab is also an option. It would cost about £25-30, but we could share a cab among three or four.</p>

they provide information about transport, weather or strike action. Tourist Information number: +00 44 151 351 0300	know about Port Sunlight without her. She lived there with her two cats and I was lucky enough to have free accommodation at her place anytime I wished. She was also my mentor, research advisor and my go-to consultant for anything and everything about popular culture. She was also, and above all, my friend. This short paragraph has to be here as a tribute and as a memento.			
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ADDITIONAL INTERESTING TOURIST INFORMATION

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: Liverpool ONE 5 Wall Street Liverpool L1 8JQ Telephone: 151 351 0300	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. Notice that our schedule is very tight during the day. Liverpool never sleeps so have a look at what is on just in case at http://www.visitliverpool.com/	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?	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. We are 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.
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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. However, they are beyond our reach for a very intense five-day (three-day if we do not take into account days of arrival and departure) trip like ours. We cannot fit in the Anfield Stadium tour, which is 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. In any case, Anfield is not what it used to be. It was a very intense, very class conscious, stadium with a strong sense of identity. It is now bigger and newer, also less singular.

Consequently, we are 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. There is also a Oxfam where you can find second-hand books.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ We have fit in the Gothic cathedral, which you can see from the hotel. It is very close nearby. If we do not have time to go in, think of visiting in your free time. Visitors to Liverpool, in fact, should go 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. 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 is 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 some 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, for example:

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

If you want to get acquainted with the Scous accent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndz86Vm71Y>

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