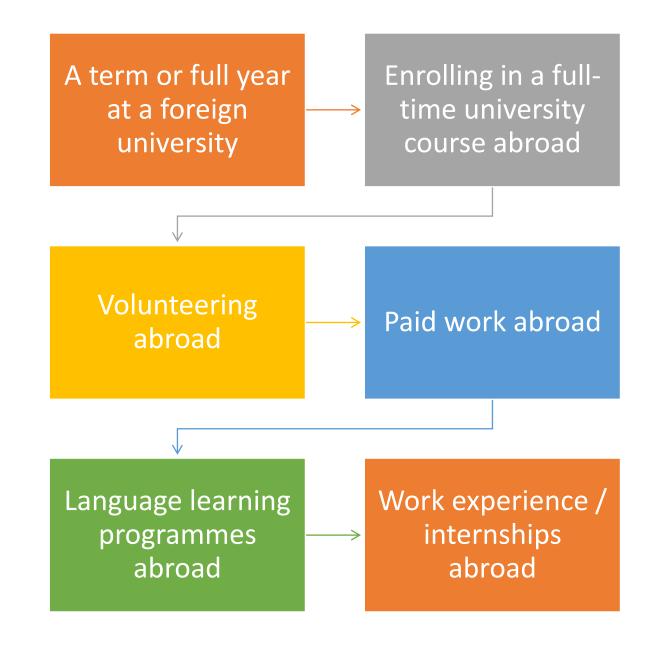


Has your child considered any of the following?







Turing Scheme (previously Erasmus+)



The Turing scheme is a government fund that helps UK students who want to work and live abroad, offering once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for personal and professional development for students.

This year (2023) the funding application submission window started on 14th February and will end on 6th April.

It is important to note these dates if students want to apply next year!

Important considerations of studying abroad



- Hidden costs of working/studying abroad travel, accommodation, currency, Visas
- Many volunteer programmes incur costs
- International courses and scholarships are very competitive
- Visa restrictions may prevent part-time work whilst studying
- Foreign university courses may seem cheaper but are not covered by UK Student Loans
- If considering a 'gap year' before university study, we strongly recommend making a UCAS application in Year 13 and then ask to defer a place
- Many **UK** university courses (not only Modern Languages) offer a 'Year Abroad' in the 2nd/3rd year Business, Law, Engineering, English, Politics, Economics, Drama...
- Many university courses in non-English speaking countries may require a Language qualification (e.g. B2/C1 European Framework)

Melissa Thompson – Year 13 Student

- Study abroad guide: 'One Stop Shop'
- Applied through Sutton Trust Programme



Melissa THOMSON > Studying Abroad - A One Stop Shop

Available to students on TEAMS

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What are the pros and cons?

Pros	Cons
An opportunity to have a break from studying and return refreshed. You can volunteer, get valuable work experience, and travel the world.	Some people find a year out becomes a distraction from their longer term plans.
A productive gap year can be valuable on your CV.	An unstructured year out may not add much value to your future – careful thought and planning is essential.
You could relate the experience and activities to the subject area you plan to study.	It can be harder to return to study or work after a year-long break.
You can earn and save money towards your higher education costs or future plans.	It can be expensive and you could find yourself in a worse financial position at the end.
You will develop maturity if you don't yet feel ready for higher education or work life. For some careers, it can be an advantage to be slightly older and have some life experience.	If you don't get organised, you may end up spending your gap year just 'thinking about it'.

Example programme - Volunteach Peru



The Teaching

Assistantship

Internship: paid

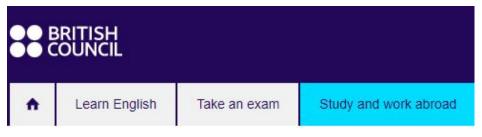
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Volunteer and paid placements are available between Peruvian term dates (March – November).

Applications for 2023 are now open.



Example programme - British Council





Erasmus+ funding for UK students, trainees, academic staff and youth projects

UK students and staff currently participating in the Erasmus+ 2014-2020 programme can participate fully and for the full duration of their placement.

Study and work abroad





Teach abroad as an English Language Assistant

Teach English in one of 14 destinations. Applications for 2022-23 are now closed.

This year the application submission deadline to work as an English Language Assistant was 1st February 2023.

Next steps: How we can help

If your child is interested in working or studying abroad, they should signal this to your form tutor in Year 13

Your child's Tutor / Sixth Form collegiate can provide references for work or study courses and read applications

Whilst your child is still a student at SWCHS, there is central guidance for applying to popular foreign universities. Speak to Mr Brown for more information.

We can put your child in touch with SWCHS alumni who have been successful

If applying for foreign universities it is strongly recommended to apply to UK universities as well via UCAS as insurance

SWCHS run a TEFL course (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) in July for Year 12 and 13 students. This is available to sign up for now on Wisepay.