

# HOLIDAYS AT HARLAXTON



**December 2021**

A travel abroad experience for  
Gatton Academy Class of 2022 students

## Expense

Cost is \$2,700, including roundtrip airfare from Louisville, all lodging, half meals, all ground transportation, and all site visits inclusive. Any student who has not previously used their one-time \$1,000 Gatton Academy Study Abroad Scholarship will only pay \$1,700. This is a travel abroad program without an academic component; therefore, no credit is awarded by this program.

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Travel

Fall finals are over! Now, hurry to the airport. Depart the USA, flying overnight to London, England.

### Day 2 Windsor and London

Upon arrival in London, students will be whisked by chartered coach for a visit to the royal Windsor Castle. In the early evening, students will settle into a London hotel and venture out to explore their first evening in London.

### Day 3 London

Students will have a free day in London for shopping, ice skating, markets, or museums. In the evening, students regroup to attend the most absurd of English holiday traditions together: a “panto,” or pantomime performance.

### Day 4 London

Students will visit the Charles Dickens Museum for the Very Dickensian Christmas program. Then, students will have the afternoon and evening free to enjoy all of London and to see light displays in the city.

### Day 5 Harry Potter day

Students will say goodbye early to London, traveling by chartered coach first to the Harry Potter Studio Tour’s Hogwarts in the Snow. In the afternoon, students continue on to Harlaxton Manor where they will settle into their rooms, receive an orientation, and take a tour of the Manor. To wrap up a Harry Potter-themed day, students’ first evening at Harlaxton will be celebrated with an evening banquet and Yule Ball! Students and staff alike will don their best for a celebration in the Great Hall.

### Day 6 Nottingham

Students will wake up to a free morning at Harlaxton to explore the Manor and the grounds. After lunch, students will board a coach to the nearby city of Nottingham to explore the city and visit a Christmas market.

### Day 7 Holidays at Harlaxton

Students will take tours with Harlaxton Manor staff members of the inner-workings of the Manor, including the bell tower and railway. Next, a British faculty member will acquaint students with a history of Harlaxton and with holiday traditions in the United Kingdom. Together, the students will decorate the Harlaxton Christmas tree.

### Day 8 York

Students will depart early for a day in the medieval city of York to experience the city during the holidays, including options to visit the Shambles, York Minster Cathedral, the medieval castle wall, or the Viking Centre among many choices.

### Day 9 Chatsworth House

Students will spend a leisurely morning exploring Harlaxton Manor, nearby Grantham, or taking a walk in the village or English countryside. After lunch, students will board a coach to stately Chatsworth House and then visit a Christmas market.

### Day 10 Return to the USA

Students will depart Harlaxton early to head to the airport for an in-time-for-the-holidays return to Kentucky in plenty of time to celebrate at home with family and friends.