



KENDRICK SCHOOL'S THRIVE OVER SUMMER CHALLENGE

A Delightful Resource Guide for Your Adventure

Hello, brilliant students! As you embark on your summer adventure, let's make it a holiday filled with exploration, learning, and a sprinkle of fun. This guide is your treasure map to cultural gems in Reading, Wokingham, Oxfordshire, and London. Each visit is a chance to discover something new, so grab your notebooks, camera's, put on your explorer hats, and let's dive into a world of wonder!

READING: A CULTURAL CORNUCOPIA

Museums

Reading Museum

Step into a world of history with brimming with fascinating artifacts. From local history to art, this museum is a treasure trove of knowledge. You might even find a few surprises that will make you say, 'I had no idea!' It's like a time machine, but without the risk of running into your past self! Perfect for history buffs and curious minds alike.

Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology

Fancy a trip to ancient Greece? This museum boasts a stunning collection of artifacts from Greek, Greco-Roman, Egyptian, and Cypriot civilizations. You'll feel like an archaeologist uncovering the secrets of the past. Ideal for those who dream of toga parties and epic tales of gods and heroes!

Museum of Berkshire Aviation

For the aviation enthusiasts among you, this museum showcases a variety of aircraft, from vintage planes to modern marvels. Plus, they offer educational programs that will have you soaring to new heights! It's a fantastic way to learn about the history of flight and the role it played in shaping our world.

[Cole Museum of Zoology](#)

Home to thousands of zoological specimens, this museum is a must-visit for anyone who's ever wondered what a taxidermy collection looks like. Spoiler: it's quite impressive! You'll see everything from insects to mammals. It's a unique opportunity to learn about biodiversity and the importance of conservation.

[Museum of English Rural Life](#)

Dive into England's agricultural history at this extensive museum dedicated to farming, food, and rural life. You'll discover how our countryside has shaped our culture and traditions. It's like a countryside adventure without the mud! Perfect for those who love the great outdoors and want to learn more about where their food comes from.

Art Galleries

[571 Oxford Road Gallery](#)

A contemporary art haven where new works are showcased. This gallery is a vibrant space for local artists and a great place to get inspired. Perfect for those who appreciate a bit of modern flair and want to see what's trending in the art world!

[Reading Museum Art Galleries](#)

Don't forget the historical art exhibitions nestled within the Reading Museum. You'll find a delightful mix of the old and the new, showcasing the rich artistic heritage of the region. It's a wonderful way to appreciate the beauty of art and its impact on society.

National Trust Spots

[Basildon Park](#)

A stately home with grounds so beautiful, you might just want to host a picnic there. The gardens are perfect for a leisurely stroll, and the house itself is a marvel of architecture. Bring your best sandwiches and enjoy a day in the sun, surrounded by history and nature!

Library

[Reading Central Library](#)

A treasure trove of books right in the heart of Reading. With a vast collection of reading materials, it's the perfect place to find your next summer read or a quiet spot to ponder life's big questions. Libraries are gateways to new worlds, and this one is no exception.



Plus, you might discover some hidden gems in the stacks that you never knew you needed in your life!

Extra Resource

For more attractions in Reading, check out [Visit Reading](#). It's like having a local guide in your pocket, ready to help you uncover all the hidden treasures of the town!

WOKINGHAM AND OXFORDSHIRE: A SLICE OF SERENITY

Library

[Wokingham Library](#)

A charming library offering a wide range of books and reading materials. Whether you're into fiction, non-fiction, or graphic novels, you'll find something to spark your interest. It's the perfect place to escape into a different world, catch up on your reading, or even join a book club to meet fellow bookworms!

National Trust Spot

[Grey's Court](#)

A picturesque 16th-century mansion surrounded by tranquil gardens. It's the ideal spot for a peaceful day out, where you can wander through beautiful landscapes and enjoy the serenity of nature. Perfect for a leisurely stroll or a bit of daydreaming. Don't forget your camera; the gardens are Instagram-worthy!

LONDON: THE CAPITAL AWAITS

Museums

[Natural History Museum](#)

A colossal museum filled with exhibits covering various aspects of the natural world. From dinosaurs to precious gems, this museum has it all. You'll feel like a kid in a candy store! It's a roar-some experience that will leave you in awe of the wonders of our planet. Plus, who doesn't love a good dinosaur skeleton?



[British Museum](#)

With over 60 galleries, this museum spans two million years of human history. You'll find everything from ancient Egyptian mummies to the Rosetta Stone. It's a history lover's paradise! It's like a history lesson, but way more exciting! You'll walk away with stories to tell and a newfound appreciation for our shared heritage.

[Victoria and Albert Museum](#)

Home to a massive collection of fashion, furniture, and decorative arts, this museum showcases over 1.25 million objects. It's a feast for the eyes and a celebration of creativity through the ages. Perfect for those who appreciate the finer things in life and want to see how art and design have evolved over time.

Art Galleries

[National Gallery](#)

Housing more than 2,600 paintings, this gallery is a treasure trove of artistic masterpieces. From Van Gogh to Monet, you'll find works that have shaped the art world. And keep an eye out as the gallery offers talks and tours, making it an educational experience that's both fun and enriching.

[National Portrait Gallery](#)

With over 12,700 portraits, this gallery is home to the most extensive collection of portraits in the world. You'll see famous faces from history and contemporary times. It's a unique opportunity to learn about the people who have shaped our culture and society through the ages.

[Tate Modern](#)

Showcasing modern and contemporary art from around the globe, this gallery is housed in a former power station, making it a striking venue for art lovers. It's a chance to engage with thought-provoking works and perhaps even discover your new favourite artist!

[Saatchi Gallery](#)

A contemporary art gallery that focuses on new and emerging artists. It's a vibrant space that challenges the norms of the art world. Perfect for those who want to see what's fresh and exciting in the art scene. You might just stumble upon the next big thing in contemporary art!



Library

British Library

The British Library! It's a treasure chest of knowledge. With millions of books, manuscripts, and historical documents—including the Magna Carta—you'll feel like a literary explorer. Sink into one of their lovely reading rooms for some peace and quiet, and don't miss the workshops and events, from writing sessions to talks by authors. It's a cultural feast you won't want to miss!

This guide is your passport to a summer holiday filled with discovery, creativity, and inspiration.

Whether you're wandering through the halls of a museum, admiring contemporary art, or losing yourself in a good book at the library, each experience is an opportunity to grow and learn.

So, gather your friends and family, plan your outings, and make the most of this summer challenge. Who knows what incredible stories and knowledge await you? Happy exploring, and may your summer be as bright and vibrant as the art you'll encounter!

Now, go forth and thrive over the summer!

You've got this!

