



# 2019-20 PROGRAMS



## DWIGHT STUDENTS ARE ON THE GO!

An integral part of the Dwight journey is experiencing the world outside the classroom, whether on a class-wide, team-building orientation in New York's Catskills Mountains, or on a service-learning trip to Kenya with a small group of peers. Our travel programs are illustrative of Dwight's commitment to educating global leaders. Over time, our students have ventured abroad to: China, Japan, Korea, England, Ireland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy, France, Turkey, Russia, Canada, Brazil, Peru, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Australia, India, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. Additionally, our students regularly travel to a range of exciting and historic domestic destinations. Each year, we plan new opportunities to further expand horizons and learning opportunities for Dwight students.

Domestic travel begins in fourth grade; in fifth grade, students take part in a reciprocal exchange program with Dwight School London. No matter the destination, every program is designed to broaden students' perspectives and prepare them to thrive anywhere in the world. Through exchange programs and trips, students learn about other countries and cultures, and forge lasting friendships with their peers at Dwight global campuses and other schools throughout the world.



We are delighted to announce Dwight's domestic and international program offerings for the 2019-20 school year.

DATES		GROUP	TRIP/ DESTINATION
September 2019	3-4	Grade 9	Orientation at Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY
October	1-6	Grades 8-12	Dwight School London Choral Extravaganza
	23-25	Grade 6	Orientation at Greenkill YMCA Retreat Center, Huguenot, NY
	23-25	Grade 7	Social Studies trip to Boston, MA
	23-25	Grade 8	Social Studies trip to Washington, DC
December	18-22	Boys Varsity Basketball team	Kreul Classic National Tournament, Coral Springs, FL
January 2020	18-26	Grade 7	Dwight School Dubai reciprocal exchange program
March	12-22	Grade 9	Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School exchange program
	13-20	Boys Varsity Rugby team	Pre-season training trip to England and Scotland
	13-23	Grades 9-12	Trip to WISER Girls Secondary School in Muhuru Bay, Kenya
	15-22	Grades 6-8	Community service learning trip to Costa Rica
	24-29 tentative	Grades 8-11	Global Issues Network (GIN) Conference in Luxembourg
April	9-18	Grades 9-12	Trees for Life: Reforestation program in Nepal
May	2-8	Grade 5	Dwight School London reciprocal exchange program
	6-8	Grade 8	NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, AL
	6-8	Grade 4	Social Studies trip to Washington, DC
June	14-20	Grades 8-12	Animal rescue and service program in Costa Rica

# Domestic Programs

## GRADE 9

### ORIENTATION, FROST VALLEY YMCA, CLARYVILLE, NY

**SEPTEMBER 3-4 | \$475** (PRICE INCLUDED ON FIRST INVOICE)

This overnight trip to the Catskills is a grade-wide orientation program. Students will participate in fun, outdoor team-building activities. It's a great way for the ninth grade to bond and kick off their high school experience.



## GRADE 6

### ORIENTATION, GREENKILL YMCA RETREAT CENTER, HUGUENOT, NY

**OCTOBER 23-25 | \$500**

(PRICE INCLUDED ON FIRST INVOICE)

This two-day trip to Orange County is a grade-wide orientation program. Students will participate in fun, outdoor team-building activities. It's a great way for the sixth grade to bond and for students to build friendships.



## GRADE 7

### SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP TO BOSTON

**OCTOBER 23-25 | \$850**

(PRICE INCLUDED ON FIRST INVOICE)

The annual trip to Boston will bring the seventh-grade history curriculum to life. Highlights include walking the Freedom Trail, touring the Museum of Afro-American History, and visiting the USS Constitution. At night, activities will include a "ghost walk" and cosmic bowling. This trip will be an authentic, hands-on learning experience and a great way for the class to bond.

## GRADE 8

### SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

**OCTOBER 23-25 | \$975**

(PRICE INCLUDED ON FIRST INVOICE)

The annual trip to Washington, DC, is an excellent way to engage students in authentic, hands-on learning experiences based on the eighth-grade history curriculum. Highlights include meeting with members of Congress on Capitol Hill, as well as visiting several memorials and monuments. While students will have a busy schedule during the day, they'll also have time for fun nighttime activities with their classmates.



**BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**KREUL CLASSIC NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, CORAL SPRINGS, FL**

**DECEMBER 18-22 | \$1,650**

For the second year in a row, the Boys Varsity Basketball team will travel to compete in the prestigious Kreul Classic National Tournament, which provides exposure for aspiring student-athletes. Over three days, players will compete against high schools from across the country while also participating in a number of fun team-building activities off the court. For more information, please visit [kreul.com](http://kreul.com).



**GRADE 8**  
**NASA SPACE CAMP,**  
**HUNTSVILLE, AL**

**MAY 6-8 | \$1,575**

Students have the exciting opportunity to participate in a U.S. Space and Rocket Center Camp overnight program at the NASA Space Center. This unique program will spark students' interest in science while they learn about the history of space flight, participate in a simulated space flight mission, and experience an astronaut training simulator. Students will spend two nights in the Space Center, where astronauts have trained prior to departing for space!



**GRADE 4**  
**SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP**  
**TO WASHINGTON, DC**

**MAY 6-8 | \$875**  
(PRICE INCLUDED ON FIRST INVOICE)

The annual trip to Washington, DC, will bring the fourth-grade history curriculum to life. It is an excellent way to engage students in authentic, hands-on learning experiences and to prepare them for their fifth-grade exchange program in London. Highlights include a visit to the U.S. Capitol Building, where students will learn more about the structure and responsibilities of the legislative branch of government; a walking tour of the city to experience some of our nation's noteworthy architecture; visits to the Smithsonian Museums, focusing on forces and motion at the Air and Space Museum; and a fun bowling night.

# International Programs



GRADES 8-12

## DWIGHT LONDON CHORAL EXTRAVAGANZA

**OCTOBER 1-6 | \$2,350**

Students are invited to participate in this unique program at Dwight School London, where workshops and classes will be conducted by The Dwight Schools' Music Departments. Students will improve their vocal technique, sharpen their sight-reading skills, and explore choral singing in a wide variety of ensembles.

Students will also enjoy cultural experiences, including excursions to music venues and a West End show, seeing St Paul's Evensong, and a boat tour down the river Thames. This program will provide a wonderful opportunity for student-performers to collaborate with peers from London, Seoul, Shanghai, and Dubai in advance of Carnegie Hall in February 2020. The program will conclude with a concert, featuring the pieces explored during the week. *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#).*



GRADE 7

## DWIGHT SCHOOL DUBAI EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**JANUARY 18-26 | \$3,100**

Students are invited to participate in our inaugural reciprocal exchange program with Dwight School Dubai. Students will shadow their peers and attend classes for two days. They will also take a tour of new and old Dubai, visit museums, spend a day in Abu Dhabi, and participate in a number of activities focused on local food, water, and sustainability. Activities will include visits to Masdar, which is a low-carbon urban community, and to the Emirates Bio Farm. In return, seventh grade students from Dwight School Dubai will spend a week in New York, attending classes and exploring New York City. *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#).*



**GRADE 9  
SHANGHAI QIBAO DWIGHT  
HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM**

**MARCH 12-22 | \$3,750**

Over Spring Break, students have the opportunity to travel to Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School for our annual exchange program. They will shadow peers and attend classes, visit numerous cultural sites that will provide insight into China's illustrious history and culture, and even spend a day at Shanghai Disneyland! Students will form connections with fellow members of the Dwight family in China, gain meaningful international experience, and learn about the culture and daily life in Shanghai. *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#).*



**VARSITY RUGBY TEAM TRIP TO ENGLAND & SCOTLAND**

**MARCH 13-20 | \$4,175**

Members of the Varsity Rugby team are invited to join a pre-season training trip to England and Scotland during Spring Break. In addition to training sessions with Dwight coaches, student-athletes will also compete in friendly matches against local players of the same age and skill level. The program will begin in London, where students will tour the city, enjoy professional rugby and soccer matches, and visit Twickenham Stadium. Students will then travel to Edinburgh to experience the city, explore St. Andrews, and play against a Scottish rugby team. This is a great opportunity for students to practice their rugby skills while experiencing London and Edinburgh! *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#).*



**GRADES 9-12**  
**VISIT TO WISER GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL  
IN MUHURU BAY, KENYA**

**MARCH 13-23 | \$4,500**

Students have the opportunity to travel to Muhuru Bay, Kenya, to visit the WISER Girls Secondary School over Spring Break. This school was founded by WISER International, an organization that works with Kenyan girls to transcend poverty, HIV/AIDS, and gender-based violence by creating environments that empower young women to drive change in their communities. WISER provides girls from the local community with everything they need to succeed academically.

Dwight students will live at the school, attend classes, participate in discussions surrounding Kenyan culture and daily life in Muhuru Bay, and forge friendships with their peers. They will then travel to the Maasai Mara National Reserve to top off their trip with a two-day safari!

*To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#). In addition to this application, please note that students must also participate in an interview process before being admitted to the program. Please also note that this price includes a \$1,000 donation to WISER.*



**GRADES 6-8**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING TRIP  
IN COSTA RICA**

**MARCH 15-22 | \$4,595**

Students have the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica over Spring Break. They will be based in Heredia, located 11 kilometers northwest of San Jose, where they will be immersed in the local culture. Students will participate in community service projects in a vibrant neighborhood known as La Carpio, where Nicaraguan immigrants have forged a colorful and growing community. These projects help families in need and range from tutoring children to constructing and repairing homes.

In addition, students will visit a coffee plantation to learn about this important part of Costa Rica's agricultural industry; take cultural dance lessons with professional instructors; go on a ziplining adventure; visit the Baldi hot springs; and enjoy an overnight trip to Arenal, famous for its volcano, rainforests, waterfalls, and the country's largest lake. *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#).*





## GRADES 8-11 GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK CONFERENCE IN LUXEMBOURG

**MARCH 23-29 tentative | \$2,500**

For the eleventh year in a row, Dwight will send student representatives to the Global Issues Network (GIN) Conference in Luxembourg during Spring Break. Bringing students together from around the world, this conference empowers young people to collaborate and develop solutions for global issues. Participants should have a desire to investigate and solve pressing problems, as well as explore community and service opportunities throughout the world. To learn more, please visit [globalissuesnetwork.org](http://globalissuesnetwork.org).

*To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#). In addition to applying, please note that students must choose a topic and prepare a five-minute presentation to deliver before a Dwight faculty panel, which will select the finalists to represent Dwight at the conference.*



## GRADES 9-12 TREES FOR LIFE: REFORESTATION PROGRAM IN NEPAL

**APRIL 9-18 | TBD**

Students from New York will join our global campuses to work on a new program called “Trees for Life,” a community action project founded by Dwight School London. Five representatives from each campus will travel to Nepal to participate in a sustainable development project. They will plant tree saplings with partner Nepalese schools and work together to cultivate reforestation. The plantation area will be recognized as The Dwight Schools Conservation Area. Our aim is to plant at least 2,000 trees by the end of 2020.

Students will also visit and work with the Central Zoo of Kathmandu; and travel to Chitwan National Park, a rich natural area in the Terai, the subtropical southern part of Nepal. The park is especially renowned for its protection of the one-horned rhinoceros, Royal Bengal tiger, and gharial crocodile. Through this program, students will gain first-hand experience in conservation of natural resources in a developing country.

This is a unique opportunity for students across Dwight campuses to “act globally.” *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#). In addition to this application, please note that students must also participate in an interview process before being admitted to the program.*





## GRADE 5 DWIGHT SCHOOL LONDON EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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**MAY 2-8 | \$2,500**

For over 20 years, our fifth-grade class has enjoyed a reciprocal exchange program with the sixth-year class at Dwight School London. Students will experience life at our sister school, participate in activities with their London peers, and develop international friendships that will last a lifetime. With so much history in this majestic city, students will also enjoy extensive sightseeing with visits to the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the London Dungeon, Covent Garden, the London Eye, Buckingham Palace, and more. Not long after our students return home, their London buddies will spend a week in New York, visiting our campus and city. *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#).*

## GRADES 8-12 ANIMAL RESCUE AND SERVICE PROGRAM IN COSTA RICA

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**JUNE 14-20 | \$4,395**

Students have the opportunity to visit Costa Rica to participate in an animal rescue and service program based at Territorio de Zaguates, one of the largest dog shelters in the world. Students will begin with an orientation at the rescue center, getting to know the animals and working on a service project that will include a range of activities, from building kennels to sorting donations. Students will also spend a day visiting other shelters in the area to learn about local species and rescue efforts. We will end the program with two days at Territorio de Zaguates, spending time with the dogs, finishing our project, and learning from the volunteers and medical staff at the shelter.

Additionally, students will visit La Paz waterfall, attend a Costa Rican dance class, and visit local markets. This is a great program for animal lovers who are seeking hands-on service experience. *To apply for this program, please find the application [here](#).*



# POLICIES & PROCEDURES

## PRE-DEPARTURE APPLICATIONS, PERMISSIONS, & GUIDELINES

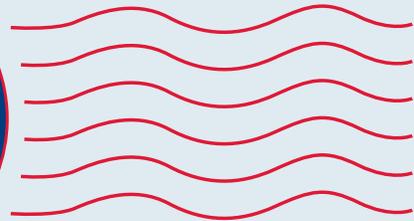
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To be considered for participation in a domestic or international program, prospective applicants must complete a preliminary application. After submitting the form and receiving final approval for participation, applicants will be required to complete an accepted participant application package and Dwight School waivers. All programs require a minimum number of accepted participants in order to operate. After the deadline, participants will be notified as to whether a trip has reached the minimum number of required registrants.

To participate in a program, Dwight students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing prior to acceptance and up until departure. The Middle and Upper School Division Heads must approve every student's application and program acceptance. In addition, for students in grades 9-12, a Dean's permission is required. Dwight reserves the right to refuse permission for a student to participate due to previous academic or behavioral misconduct.

When participating in any travel program, Dwight students are required to inform their division head (grades 6-12) and grade-level dean (grades 9-12), as well as all of their teachers and coaches, at least two weeks prior to departure to prepare for the missed class work, homework, practice, and games.

Prior to departure, students and teachers should discuss deadlines for the work that will be missed during travel to ensure a clear understanding of when things will be submitted.



While our international and domestic programs are intended to provide students with rich cultural experiences, the School also acknowledges the need for students to remain current with their work, thus allowing an easier transition upon return to classes. With this in mind, all students in grades 6-12 will be given an hour every day of the trip to complete assignments and communicate with teachers about school work.

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## BEHAVIORAL POLICIES

As all domestic and international trips are an extension of Dwight, all School rules outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook apply. Dwight reserves the right to send a student home early from a program if he/she breaks any official School rule or additional rules outlined below. When a student is sent home prior to the end of a program, parents are responsible for all costs associated with the early departure.



**In addition to official School rules, every student who participates in an off-campus program must agree to adhere to the following guidelines:**

- Students must follow all rules outlined by the chaperones prior to departure.
- Students shall behave respectfully toward chaperones and other students.
- Students must behave in a way that reflects favorably upon the name of Dwight School. When traveling for off-campus programs, students are ambassadors of Dwight and should act as such.
- Reducing risk on our programs is our primary concern. Students must behave in a safe way that does not put themselves or their classmates in any danger.
- Students must always be respectful of local norms and cultures.
- Absolutely no bullying or harassment of fellow students will be tolerated.
- During any free or unsupervised times, students must always remain with a buddy or in groups of three or four.
- Students must maintain an open line of communication with chaperones regarding health concerns, safety issues, or any other issues that could impact themselves or others.
- Students are not permitted to have guests in their hotel rooms. This includes other Dwight students on the program. At night, students should always remain in the hotel room to which they have been assigned.
- Lower School students are not permitted to have cell phones while participating in a Dwight off-campus program. Students in Middle School and Upper School are permitted to bring cell phones on programs. Cell phones and other technology may be used during the day only when allowed by chaperones. Cell phones and computers may not be used at night and will be collected by chaperones before students return to their hotel rooms.
- Absolutely no alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or e-cigarettes may be consumed during the program, regardless of the host country's laws. Should a student be caught with drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes, he/she will be dismissed immediately from the program.
- Students are responsible for their own belongings, including money, phone, camera, etc. Dwight chaperones will not be held responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Students are responsible for completing any school work they miss while traveling for a program. All students in grades 6-12 will be given an hour every day of the trip to complete assignments and communicate with teachers about school work.

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