Time: 45 minutes
Marks available: This response will be given a scaled score with a maximum value of 100.

Writing Task

Your headteacher makes the following statement in an assembly:

'School trips are a poor use of student and teacher time. We should stop organising trips and instead focus on regular lessons in school.'

Write a letter to your headteacher explaining your views on the **value of school trips.**

You can use the ideas here as a starting point and develop them in more detail, or come up with your own reasons.

Here are some possible ideas:

In agreement with the statement:
• **Academic Focus:** Trips interrupt lessons; removing them allows more consistent classroom learning and potentially better results.
• **Cost Efficiency:** Trips are expensive; the money could improve school resources that benefit all students every day.

Against the statement:
• **Learning through Experience:** Trips bring subjects to life in ways lessons cannot, offering unique, memorable learning experiences.
• **Personal Development:** Trips build teamwork, independence, and social skills through interaction outside the classroom.