

**Windsor High
School and
Sixth Form**

**ACTIVITIES
WEEK**



**14 - 18 July
2025**



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Dear Parent/Carer

Activities Week 2025
14 - 18 July

We are pleased to share with you the full range of activities planned for Activities Week 2025.

Activities Week at Windsor is a unique and positive time for all students involved. It offers a valuable educational experience not able to be delivered during a traditional school week.

With an unbeatable range of activities and trips students are engaged, inspired and challenged through their curriculum preferences, hobbies or interests. Students really enjoy the week as a reward for hard work and commitment to their studies throughout the year. They return with increased self-confidence, greater motivation to learn new skills, better communication skills, new friendships and a sense of pride and achievement.

Although the activities offered are outside of the normal curriculum, this week is an integral part of the school calendar and there is an expectation that every student will participate and attend daily.

This booklet offers a guide to the process and the incredible choice of activities and trips on offer.

If you have any questions, please do contact us.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Mortelmans
Assistant Headteacher

ACTIVITIES WEEK 2025

Introduction

This booklet contains important information for parents/carers and students about the school week 14 – 18 July 2025, including the activities on offer and how to make a choice. Please read through the details carefully and keep these details intact for future reference.

We would recommend that if your child wants to be with another student for Activities Week, they discuss what activities they would both prefer so that they can submit their choices in the same order. When you and your child have chosen which activities they would prefer to participate in, please complete and submit the **Choices Form** (link to the form is included in the letter by which this booklet was sent) by **Friday 8 November**

Please note some activities have a limited number of places. As far as possible students will be allocated their first choice of Activity but it is important to note that, where this is not possible, students may be allocated their second or third choice.

General Overview

Please refer to the school website to see further details of organisation of the week and a copy of this booklet.

Communication regarding Activities Week will be issued via Arbor. If you are not signed up to Arbor, please contact us to arrange this as soon as possible to avoid missing any updates regarding Activities Week.

Charges and Payments

Some activities are chargeable. This is to cover the additional costs involved including transport, accommodation and entrance fees. In terms of the chargeable activities we try to ensure a good balance between zero and low cost activities, through to the higher cost residential visits.

With the exception of those activities with zero cost, all activities require a **non-refundable** deposit to secure your child's place on that activity. The date and value of the deposits required varies according to the cost of the activity and the dates that we are required to make bookings. The date and value is displayed on each activity page. Once students have been allocated a place on an activity and the deposit received, it will not be possible to change activities.

Payments due will be payable in accordance with a pre-defined payment schedule issued by the Activity Leader. This will enable you to budget and plan for further payments. It is essential that this schedule is adhered to. **Failure to adhere to the payment schedule may result in your child's place on the activity being withdrawn without refund.** Any student who has their place withdrawn will be placed on The Windsor Project Activity.

In the event of any unavoidable cancellation of places, after payments have been made, the issue of refunds will be considered by the School on a case by case basis. The decision as to whether or not a full or part refund can be made will depend upon the individual circumstances of the cancellation and the financial commitments involved in each individual trip. Parents and students will appreciate that once the school has confirmed bookings for trips and activities, the school is liable for associated costs. Therefore, it is not possible for the school to absorb the charges that may result due to cancellation. In most instances of cancellation (with the exception of a medically certified illness) all payments made are non-refundable.

Payments

In accordance with the arrangements for collection of all monies being paid into school, deposits and subsequent instalments for Activities Week should be paid online via Arbor and will be available to pay once activities have been confirmed. If you are unable to pay via Arbor, payments can be made by cash, however this may delay the processing of payments. Cash payments should be handed into Student Reception in an envelope clearly labelled with your son/daughter's name and tutor group, stating Activities Week Payment. Please note, we are unable to give change so any cash payments need to be for the exact amount.

Refunds

Every effort is made to ensure the estimated cost of activities is accurate as school policy is not to make a profit. There may be occasions when, after making all associated activity payments, a small surplus remains. If this situation arises, the remaining funds will be retained and contributed to future school activities.

Behaviour

It is essential that students are aware that during Activities Week, as with the rest of the school year, they represent Windsor High School and Sixth Form, whether on- or off- site. As such, behaviour of the highest standard is expected at all times. Students exhibiting poor behaviour including, but not limited to, failure to adhere to instructions or rules, rudeness to School or other staff or students, will not be tolerated. Such behaviour may result in students being unable to participate in some or all of the activities without refund of payments made.

How to Choose

This booklet contains summary information about the full range of activity options on offer this year. Each activity will give a brief description of the activity itself and what is included, together with the cost, details of the minimum/maximum numbers of places available and the contact name of the Activity Leader. Please note that all activities and trips are subject to a minimum number of students in order to be viable to run. **Each activity will have an Option Code which is included on the Choices Form.**

Important Note: Every student will be expected to opt for a **1st, 2nd and 3rd choice** from the options available (even if they wish to take part in The Windsor Project Activity). Organisation of the selection process is complex and unfortunately we cannot guarantee all student preferences. We will, however, do our very best to accommodate these as far as possible.

What to do next

- Students, with their parents/carers, should carefully consider the activities and trips on offer and decide which they would most like to participate in. **As many of the activity options have limited places it is important that all students indicate a 2nd and 3rd preference. Your form will not be included if three different choices have not been specified.** Students who wish to be with a particular friend should indicate this on the Choices Form **(after speaking to the students in their friendship group to ensure they are also submitting the same choices in the same order)** and we will do our very best to accommodate this.
- Once students have decided on their preferences, the Choices Form should be completed and submitted by Friday 8 November. **All forms MUST be completed by parents/carers. Deposits must not be paid at this stage.**

Allocation and Confirmation of Activity Option Places

- The “sorting” process does take some time but we are aiming to notify all students of their allocation before Christmas. An offer letter will be issued for each student. Both parents/carers and students will be asked to sign the Activities Week Agreement Form attached to the letter. Please note, no place is secured until this form is returned to school. This form must be completed and returned no later than the date specified in the allocation letter. **If a signed agreement form is not received by this date, the place may be offered to another student.**
- **If you are accepting a place on a residential trip (those with Activity Codes beginning with R), deposits should be paid before Christmas.**
- Activity Leaders will issue details regarding payment schedules and other important information, as and when appropriate, in the lead up to Activities Week itself.

The Windsor Project

Activity Code OS1

Do you fancy a week spent in school taking part in a range of exciting activities and being with friends? This week will see you doing a variety of on-site activities within your year group. Previously activities have included “CSI style” forensics, art, sports, a climbing wall and many more!



Activity Leader: Various
Open to Years: 8, 9, 10
Cost: £0

The Great Windsor Bake Off

Activity Code OS2

A fun few days based in school. A baking course with no costs – you will however be expected to provide your own ingredients for making most of the products. Develop and test your baking skills making French brioche, rainbow cake and much more. You will be able to take home your creations for your family to admire and enjoy.



THE GREAT WINDSOR

BAKE OFF



Activity Leader: Mrs K Tinsley

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: The cost of your own ingredients which you will bring in each day from home.

Minimum number of students: 10

Maximum number of students: 20

Note: This activity is usually oversubscribed. Please do not choose this activity unless you definitely want to do it.

Craft and Jewellery Week

Activity Code OS3

Would you like to learn new skills of crafting and making your own jewellery out of recycled and upcycled materials? Come and join in with a relaxed and inspiring workshop, getting creative with paperclips, lollipop sticks, ribbons, buttons and beads! It doesn't matter if you have made things before or if you want to learn a new skill - everyone is welcome to come and have a go! You might find you can make presents for friends and family, or even turn your creations into a small business venture!

If you have done this activity in previous years, please be aware that we may be doing some of the same projects, as well as trying some new ideas.



Activity Leader: Mrs R Bracey-Howell

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £5 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: NA

Maximum number of students: 20

The Great Windsor Sewing Bee

Activity Code OS4

Join us for a week of sewing where you'll learn to use a sewing machine, how to design and create a pattern and then use this to recycle old clothing to make something new. Create your own vibe or start a new trend, it's up to you. It doesn't matter if you have made things before or if you want to learn a new skill - everyone is welcome to come and have a go!



Activity Leader: Mrs H Abbiss

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £10 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 8

Maximum number of students: 20

Graphics and Photography Week

Activity Code OS5

Do you like being creative and enjoy using Photoshop? Would you like to develop your skills in design and photography? Then Graphics and Photography Week is for you. This is a creative week where you will learn a range of techniques on Photoshop and experiment with photography and printmaking. We will go on a photography walk in the local area, and also a day trip to Birmingham to take more photos and visit some galleries to give you some inspiration for your own designs.

If you have done Graphics Week in previous years, please be aware that we may be doing some of the same projects, as well as trying some new ideas.



Activity Leader: Mrs K Clifford

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: Bus fare for the daytrip into Birmingham

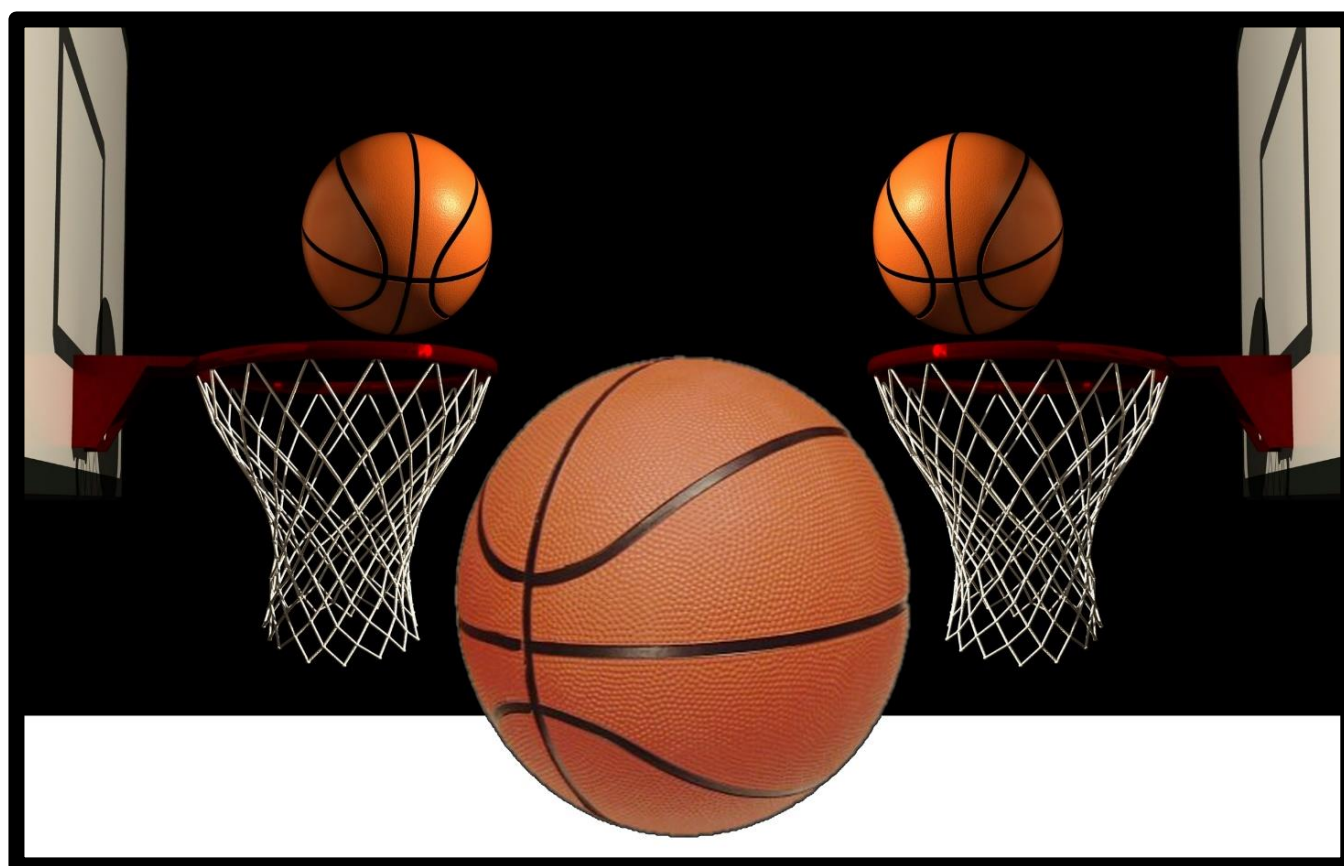
Minimum number of students: 10

Maximum number of students: 20

Basketball Week

Activity Code OS6

A week of basketball coaching where students will have the opportunity to develop a range of skills and a greater understanding of the game of basketball. The week will culminate in a mini tournament to allow students to showcase their skills learnt over the week.



Activity Leader: TBC

Open to Years: 9, 10

Cost: £0

Minimum number of students: 10

Maximum number of students: 30

Film Week

Activity Code OS7

Film Week will provide you with the opportunity to explore a range of exciting, diverse and interesting films (all films will be age appropriate for the year groups involved). You will spend each morning of the week at a 'screening' of a film which we will then discuss and explore the behind the scenes and 'making of' process. Following these screenings you will then develop 'hands on' filmmaking skills such as scriptwriting, editing and shooting as you devise, develop and create your own short film.



Activity Leader: Mr B Lawrence

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £0

Minimum number of students: 6

Maximum number of students: 20

Liverpool City Explorer

Activity Code NR1

Do you want to explore somewhere lively and exciting? Then Liverpool City Explorer is for you! We will spend two days in Liverpool exploring some of the sights and exciting venues of the Cultural Capital of Europe. As part of the experience, we will be taking part in lots of different fun-filled activities, such as:-

Visit the famous Strawberry Fields visitor experience

A trip to St John's Beacon where Hits Radio is broadcast; 400ft above the city

A hop-on and hop-off sight-seeing bus tour

A game of Junkyard Crazy Golf followed by a meal at Pizza Hut

Finishing the night at the famous Cavern Club where musicians such as The Arctic Monkeys, Queen, Oasis and Adele have performed.

We will be staying overnight in a city centre hotel before continuing our experience the following day.

The rest of the week will be based in school, experiencing musical activities such as DJ Workshops and jamming as a band or solo artist.



Activity Leader: Mr C Jasper

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £150*

Non-refundable deposit: £50 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 9

Maximum number of students: 14

***cost dependent upon number of students participating**

Tantalising Travel

Activity Code NR2

Come and experience some fantastic tourist destinations! You will learn about different types of tourist attractions by going shopping in Stratford-Upon-Avon and enjoying a picnic by the river, visiting the Safari Park (including the rides), visiting Liverpool's city centre, historic docks and Anfield Football stadium as well as learning map reading skills for a walk in the local countryside. You will also have the opportunity to plan a holiday of your dreams and understand all the components that go into a package holiday.

If you have done this activity in previous years, please be aware that we will be doing some of the same activities, as well as trying some new ideas



Activity Leader: Mrs L Hayes

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £115

Non-refundable deposit: £35 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 25

Maximum number of students: 30

Work Experience

Activity Code NR3

This activity is the opportunity of a week of work experience for Year 10 students.

Work Experience can provide students with huge opportunities, it builds confidence and provides an insight into the working world. This is a vital step in ensuring students make an informed choice about their continuing education and career path. It also provides students with extra credentials on future applications and at interviews.

Work experience forms an important part of a student's personal development. This experience encompasses the work related learning skills involved in researching and identifying placements independently and communicating effectively with potential employers to secure a chosen placement. Please note: although students will be supported throughout this process, students are expected to find their own work experience placement in a field that intrigues them and help will be given to those struggling. **However, if placements are not found by February half term (17-21 February 2025)** students will be transferred onto another Activities Week activity, subject to availability.



Activity Leader: Mrs J Brookes

Open to Year: 10

Cost: £0 (health and safety checks of placement provider could incur a fee)

Maximum number of students: N/A

Alternative Sports Week

Activity Code NR4

Take part in fun alternative sports and activities on- and off- site which will develop your physical and mental skills.

Participants **MUST** be able to swim 25 metres/be confident in the water and be a minimum of 4'1" (125cm) tall to participate in this activity.

Activities are likely to include:-

Boulder Central, West Bromwich and Sandwell Valley Park

Waterworld Aqua Park

Lakeside Activity Centre, University of Worcester

Go-Karting and more!



Activity Leader: Miss L Donnelly

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £165

Non-refundable deposit: £45 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 20

Maximum number of students: 30

Warhammer Week

Activity Code NR5

Come and join us for a week of all things Warhammer! We will visit Warhammer World, Nottingham, to get some inspiration and then engage in a range of creative tasks days to create resources for our own Warhammer games after which we will engage in strategically and tactically challenging board games. We shall also be showcasing efforts to be sustainable as will use recycled resources to create gaming terrain, giving pupils an opportunity to be resourceful and creative in a way that is not harmful to the planet.



Activity Leader: Mr R Field

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £20*

Non-refundable deposit: £10 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 10

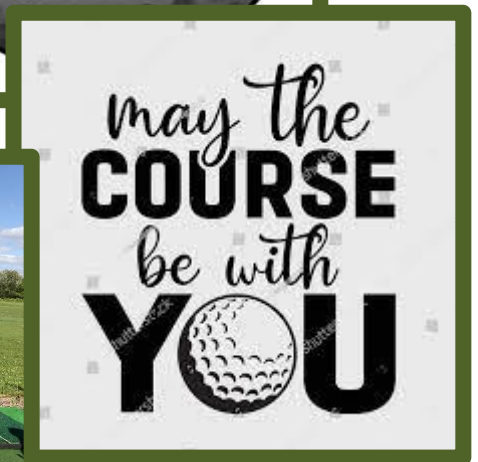
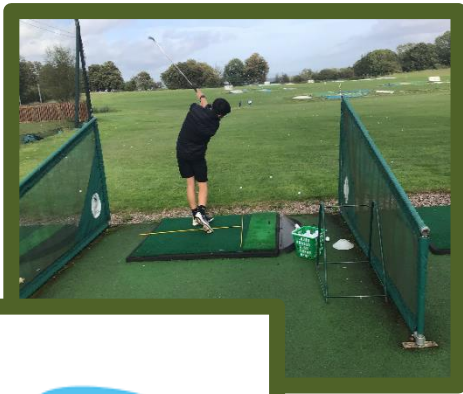
Maximum number of students: 30

***Cost dependent upon the number of students.**

Golf Week

Activity Code NR6

Can you stay out of the rough and on the green? Come and join us for a week on the fairways visiting local courses for 9 and 18 holes; with the benefit of one-to-one coaching with a PGA professional to guide you, you are bound to improve your swing and turn that bogey into an eagle! This week is a must for all golf enthusiasts or for those who have never played that would try their hand at a new sport.



Activity Leader: Mr C Hickman

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £180

Non-refundable deposit: £50 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 6

Maximum number of students: 10

Football Week

Activity Code NR7

Four days of on-site football coaching run by West Bromwich Albion coaches with organised fun activities plus, new for 2025, a visit to Aston Villa Inner City Academy where you will take part in a play session to further enhance your footballing abilities. This activity is open to both boys and girls of all abilities.



Activity Leader: TBC

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £95

Non-refundable deposit: £35 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 40

Maximum number of students: 45

Devon Adventures

Activity Code R1

Join us for this popular week by spending an exciting and enjoyable trip with friends exploring the beautiful Devon landscape whilst enjoying a range of outdoor activities which in the past have included cycling, go-karting, climbing, surfing, high-ropes and a water assault course.



Activity Leader: Mr D Campbell-Roberts

Open to Years: 8, 9

Cost: £285

Non-refundable deposit: £85 will be required by 15 December 2024

Minimum number of students: 25

Maximum number of students: 25

Harry Potter Week

Activity Code R2

Calling all Muggles...join us for an exciting week exploring all things Harry Potter from page to stage and film. We will be seeing how the films were created at Harry Potter Studios in Watford looking at the costume, set, props and wand art, amongst other things. We may even have time for a glass or two of Butterbeer! The trip will also include a one night stay in London, where we will see the production of 'The Cursed Child' on stage in the West End as well as watching some of the films and the making of film clips and much more!



Activity Leader: Mrs C McLaughlin

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £350*

Non-refundable deposit: £100 required by 15 December 2024

Minimum number of students: 16

Maximum number of students: 40

***costs currently estimated whilst we await confirmation of costs from venues and suppliers.**

Football Week – Inter Milan

Activity Code R3

After successful tours of PSV, Vitesse and Valencia FC we are looking forward to our 2025 football tour of Inter Milan.

The week will include:-

- Return flights and three nights' full-board accommodation
- Training sessions on all aspects of play from the Inter Milan's full-time coaching staff
- Use of the Club's training facilities for all scheduled training sessions with club coaching staff
- One pre-arranged match per squad
- A behind the scenes tour of the San Siro Stadium including a visit to the official club shop where we'll benefit from a 20% discount on any merchandise purchased
- City centre & waterpark excursions, including a trip to see the Inter Milan trophy cabinet!
- Football tournaments at school at the end of the week



Activity Leader: Mr J Bevan

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £1100

Non-refundable deposit: £300 required by 15 December 2024

Minimum number of students: 40

Maximum number of students: 45

Year 8 Day-tripper

Activity Code DT1

Students taking part in this activity will have five fun-filled days visiting a range of fun and exciting places which, in the past, have included Cadbury World, a local theme park, a zoo, an outdoor activity adventure, ten-pin bowling, and a trampoline park. A finalised itinerary will be issued nearer the time.



Activity Leader: TBC

Open to Years: 8

Cost: £210*

Non refundable deposit: £90 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 40

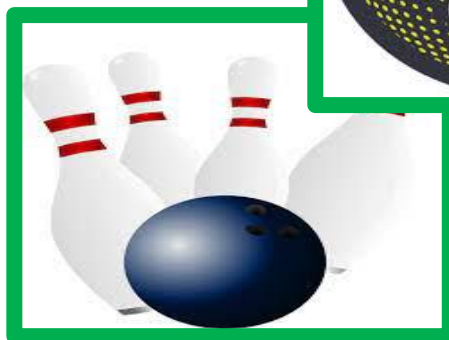
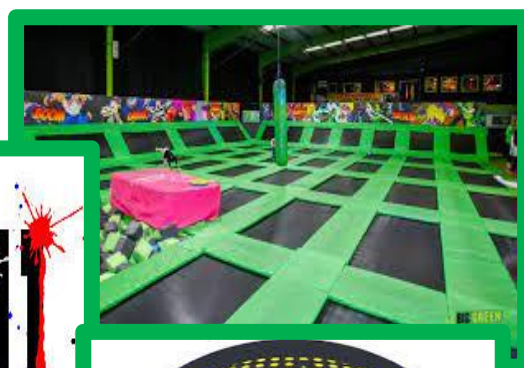
Maximum number of students: 90

**costs currently estimated whilst we await confirmation of costs from venues and suppliers. We may offer an optional Fast Pass for Drayton Manor which will incur an additional cost. We will write to you once prices are confirmed.*

Year 9 Day-tripper

Activity Code DT2

Students taking part in this activity will have five fun-filled days visiting a range of fun and exciting places which, in the past, have included local theme parks, trampoline parks, a roller-disco, an outdoor activity adventure and paintballing. A finalised itinerary will be issued nearer the time.



Activity Leader: TBC

Open to Years: 9

Cost: £230*

Non refundable deposit: £100 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 40

Maximum number of students: 90

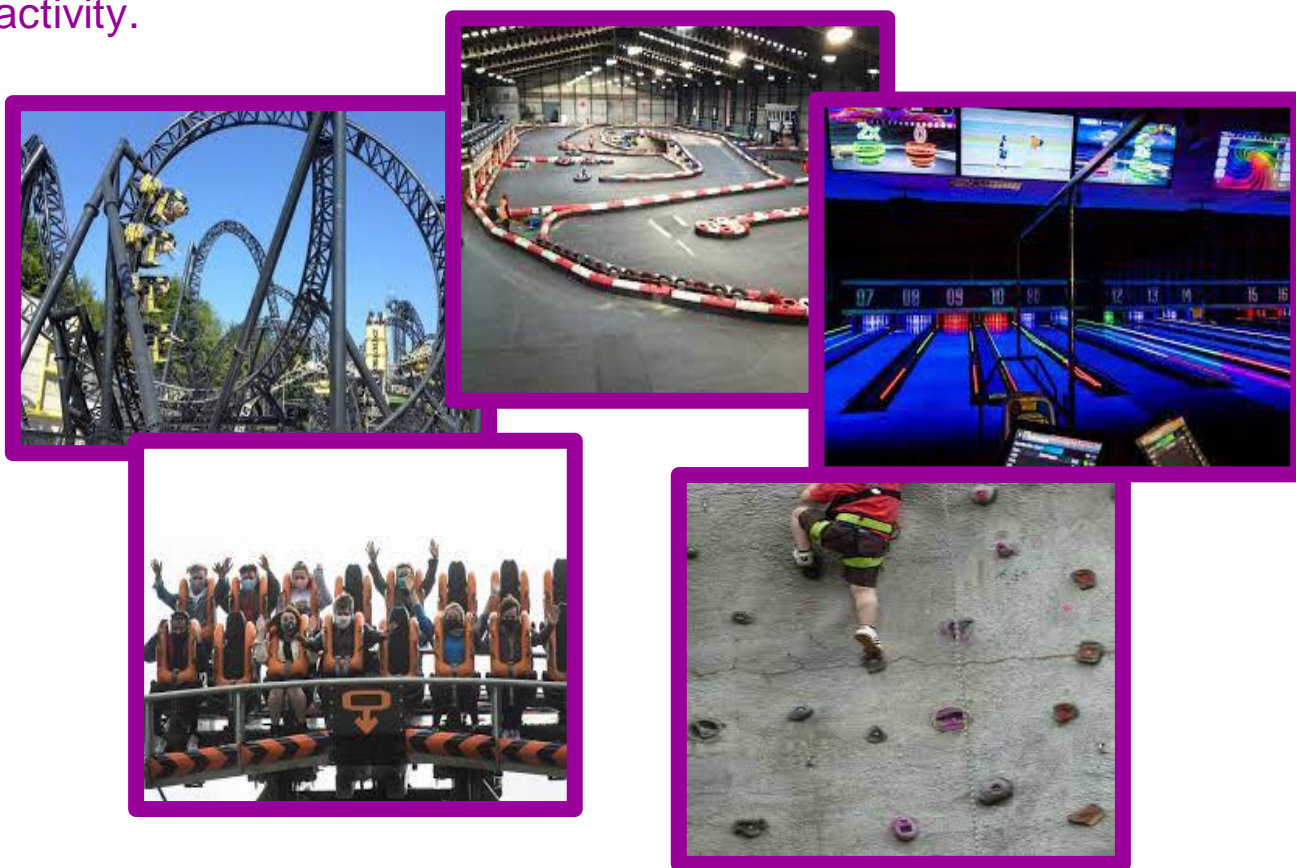
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Year 10 Day-tripper

Activity Code DT3

Students taking part in this activity will have five fun-filled days visiting a range of fun and exciting places which, in the past, have included local theme parks, an outdoor activity adventure, karting and bowling. A finalised itinerary will be issued nearer the time.

Students must be a minimum of 4'10" (147cm) tall to participate in this activity.



Activity Leader: TBC

Open to Years: 10

Cost: £240*

Non refundable deposit: £110 required by 31 January 2025

Minimum number of students: 40

Maximum number of students: 90

*costs currently estimated whilst we await confirmation of costs from venues and suppliers. We may offer an optional Fast Pass for Drayton Manor/Alton Towers which will incur an additional cost. We will write to you once prices are confirmed.

Comments from previous Activities Weeks

What some of our students said...

*I have learned a lot from this –
it has built my character*

*I enjoyed the
leadership
opportunities*

*We liked being able to
explore on our own*

*Very well arranged and
teachers have been lovely*

*I got to go
outside my
comfort zone at
Blackwell*

*I enjoyed all the laughter
with students and
teachers*

*Good range of activities
and did things I haven't
done before*

*I loved spending
time with my
friends*



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