



Windsor High School and Sixth Form ACTIVITIES WEEK

15 - 19 July
2024

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Dear Parent/Carer

Activities Week 2024

15 - 19 July

We are pleased to share with you the full range of activities planned for Activities Week 2024.

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



Miss C Sparrow
Assistant Headteacher

ACTIVITIES WEEK 2024

Introduction

This booklet contains important information for parents/carers and students about the school week 15 – 19 July 2024, 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 ParentMail by which this booklet was sent) by **Friday 10 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 Parentmail. If you are not signed up to Parentmail, please contact us to arrange this as soon as possible.

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.**

Please note: If payments due are not received on time for the activity allocated to the student, the place may be withdrawn and re-offered to another student. Any student who has their place withdrawn will be placed on The Windsor Project Activity.

Using our Classcharts Rewards system, students with 300 Rewards points can request that they receive a contribution from school towards the cost of Activities Week. This is subject to availability and applies to Rewards gained from September 2023 to 31 May 2024. Reward contributions will reduce the amount outstanding after the deposit for the activity has been paid. Please note that only one discount voucher per student can be redeemed towards Activities Week.

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 ParentMail. Once activities have been allocated, the relevant activity will be available to each student via the ParentMail shop. If you are unable to pay via ParentMail, 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.

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 be 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 10 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 during November. 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 8 December. **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 by 15 December.**
- 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
Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024
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

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

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: 22

Jewellery and Craft 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

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £5 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 6

Maximum number of students: 20

Art and Fashion Week

Activity Code OS4

Students will get creative during the week being fashion accessory designers. They will design and print their own material and use this to sew their own drawstring or tote bag, learn the process of screen-printing on T-shirts to take away as well as other fashion design techniques. Students will come away with a variety of personalised items to show off and keep forever.

If you have done this activity or Arts and Crafts 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: Ms L Dovey

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £15

Non-refundable deposit: £5 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 8

Maximum number of students: 20

Graphics 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 Week is for you. You will spend the week learning new tools and techniques on Photoshop and Sketchbook, and creating your own designs. We will spend a day focussing on Photography, taking photos indoors and outdoors and then using Photoshop to edit your own photos. All the designs that you create can be printed for you to take home and display.

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 K Clifford

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £0

Minimum number of students: 5

Maximum number of students: 20

Football Week

Activity Code OS6

A week of on-site football coaching run by West Bromwich Albion coaches with organised fun activities designed to improve your footballing ability. This activity is open to both boys and girls of all abilities. Prizes and certificates will be awarded by WBA at the end of the week.



Activity Leader: TBC

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £85*

Non-refundable deposit: £35 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 40

Maximum number of students: 60

***Maximum cost shown, will depend on numbers participating**

Fashion Design Week

Activity Code OS7

Spend the week like a fashion designer and be given live briefs to work from to create your own fashion designs! You will learn how to design your own fashion/accessories collections using Photoshop and how to draw fashion sketches, creating your own fashion brand inspired by your own personality!



Activity Leader: Mrs J Webb

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £5 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 15

Maximum number of students: 15

Basketball Week

Activity Code OS8

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

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 9, 10

Cost: £0

Minimum number of students: 10

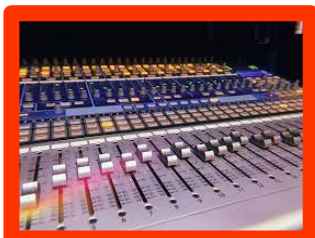
Maximum number of students: 30

Music Week – Liverpool

Overnighter

Activity Code NR1

This is a fantastic opportunity to discover Liverpool and discover more about British music. We will travel to Liverpool where we will go on an open-top tour bus to see the city's landmarks and attractions and go on a cruise of the River Mersey. We will also walk around the Royal Albert Docks and visit some famous filming locations that feature in films such as Harry Potter and Batman. We will also visit the British Music Experience, a museum for all types of British music - everything from The Beatles to Adele. This is an interactive museum where you will get to have a go on a variety of instruments. The trip will also include a visit to the famous Cavern Club, possibly the most famous live music venue in the world. Here you will see music performed by professional musicians live on stage. We will stay overnight and travel back to school the next day. During the week you will also have the opportunity to work on and develop your own musical skills and play a part in a performance. This could be as a musician, a technician or somebody filming or recording the performance. There will also be a DJ workshop where you can learn how to mix songs together like a Pro DJ!



Activity Leader: Mr C Jasper

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £140*

Non-refundable deposit: £40 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 7

Maximum number of students: 14

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

Tantalising Travel

Activity Code NR2

Come and experience some of the fantastic tourist destinations in the local area. You will learn about different types of tourist attractions by going to Cadbury World, shopping in Stratford-Upon-Avon and enjoying a picnic by the river, visiting the Safari Park (including the rides) and also learn 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

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £90*

Non-refundable deposit: £30 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 24

Maximum number of students: 45

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

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 (12th-16th February 2024) students will be transferred onto another Activities Week activity, subject to availability.



Activity Leader: Mrs J Brookes

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

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. Activities are likely to include a trip to:-

Boulder Central, West Bromwich and Sandwell Valley Park

Droitwich Lido and Splash Park Swimming or similar

Bubble football & Dodge Archery (onsite)

Wolverhampton Adventure Golf



Activity Leader: Mr S Holmes

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £140

Non-refundable deposit: £40 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 20

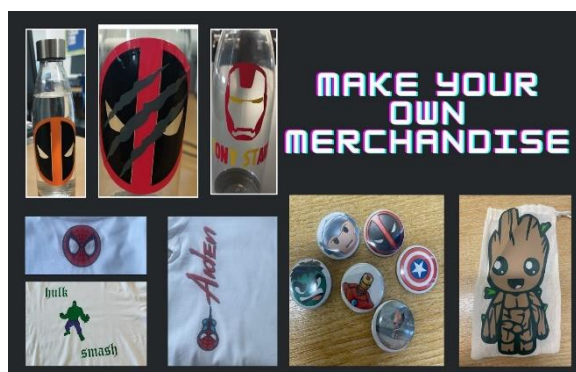
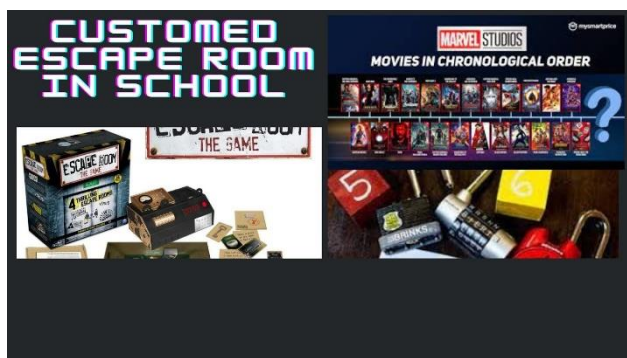
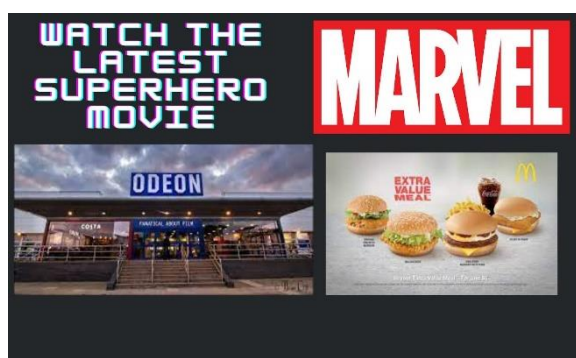
Maximum number of students: 30

Marvel Week

Activity Code NR5

You will be spending the week discovering the world of Marvel. Activities include testing your courage and agility at Ninja Warrior UK Walsall with lunch; a cinema trip to see the latest superhero movie with lunch; designing and creating your own merchandise and; putting your knowledge to the test with a Marvel themed escape room especially created in school for you.

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



Activity Leader: Miss M Nugent/Miss N Allsop

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £70

Non-refundable deposit: £30 required by 31 January 2024

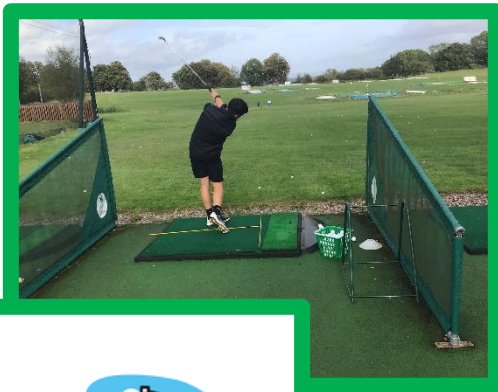
Minimum number of students: 5

Maximum number of students: 20

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 a PGA coach 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.



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COURSE
be with
YOU

Activity Leader: Mr R Lea

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £150

Non-refundable deposit: £40 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 12

Maximum number of students: 15

Wellbeing Week

Activity Code NR7

Wellbeing Week is about connecting with your own health and wellbeing as well as those around you. Activities include yoga; relaxation; smoothie making, a park walk and picnic, pampering, crafting and more.



Activity Leader: Miss L Harris

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £15

Non-refundable deposit: £5 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 10

Maximum number of students: 20

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 S Langford

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9

Cost: £280

Non-refundable deposit: £80 will be required by 15 December 2023

Minimum number of students: 25

Maximum number of students: 25

London Theatre Experience

Activity Code R2

Ever wondered what it would be like to be a performer in the West End? Maybe not a performer, but a lighting technician or stage manager backstage? Then come along to London Theatre Experience week. Across the week there will be a range of different workshops tailored to your interest in theatre. For students that are keen to be on the stage performing, this will include dance workshops with visiting artists and a dance masterclass at Pineapple Dance Studios. For students interested in technician work and delving into backstage, this will include workshops with real professionals talking through what it's like to light a professional theatre production and also be taken on a backstage tour of real life theatres. The week includes a two night stay in London where, in addition to the above activities, you will watch two West End shows and sight-see around London taking in the beauty of the city. If you love the theatre in any way then this trip is for you.



Activity Leader: Mrs M Edgar

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £350

Non-refundable deposit: £80 required by 15 December 2023

Minimum number of students: 20

Maximum number of students: 40

Football Week – Valencia CF

Activity Code R3

After a successful tour of PSV and Vitesse FC last summer we are looking forward to our 2024 football tour of Valencia CF.

The week will include:-

- Return flights and three nights' full-board accommodation
- Three training sessions on all aspects of play from the Valencia CF full-time coaching staff
- Use of the Paterna training facilities for all scheduled training sessions with club coaching staff
- One pre-arranged match per squad
- Behind the scenes tour of the Mestalla Stadium including a visit to the official club shop
- City centre & beach excursions
- Football tournaments at school at the end of the week



Activity Leader: Mr B Brooks

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8, 9, 10

Cost: £865

Non-refundable deposit: £250 required by 15 December 2023

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 a local theme park, a zoo, an outdoor activity adventure, ten-pin bowling, a trampoline park and the cinema . A finalised itinerary will be issued nearer the time.



Activity Leader: Miss H Grace

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 8

Cost: £195*

Non refundable deposit: £85 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 40

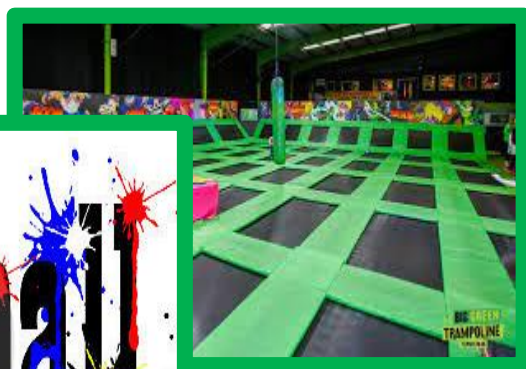
Maximum number of students: 90

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

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, an outdoor activity adventure and paintballing. A finalised itinerary will be issued nearer the time.



Activity Leader: Mrs H Abbiss

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 9

Cost: £225*

Non refundable deposit: £105 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 40

Maximum number of students: 90

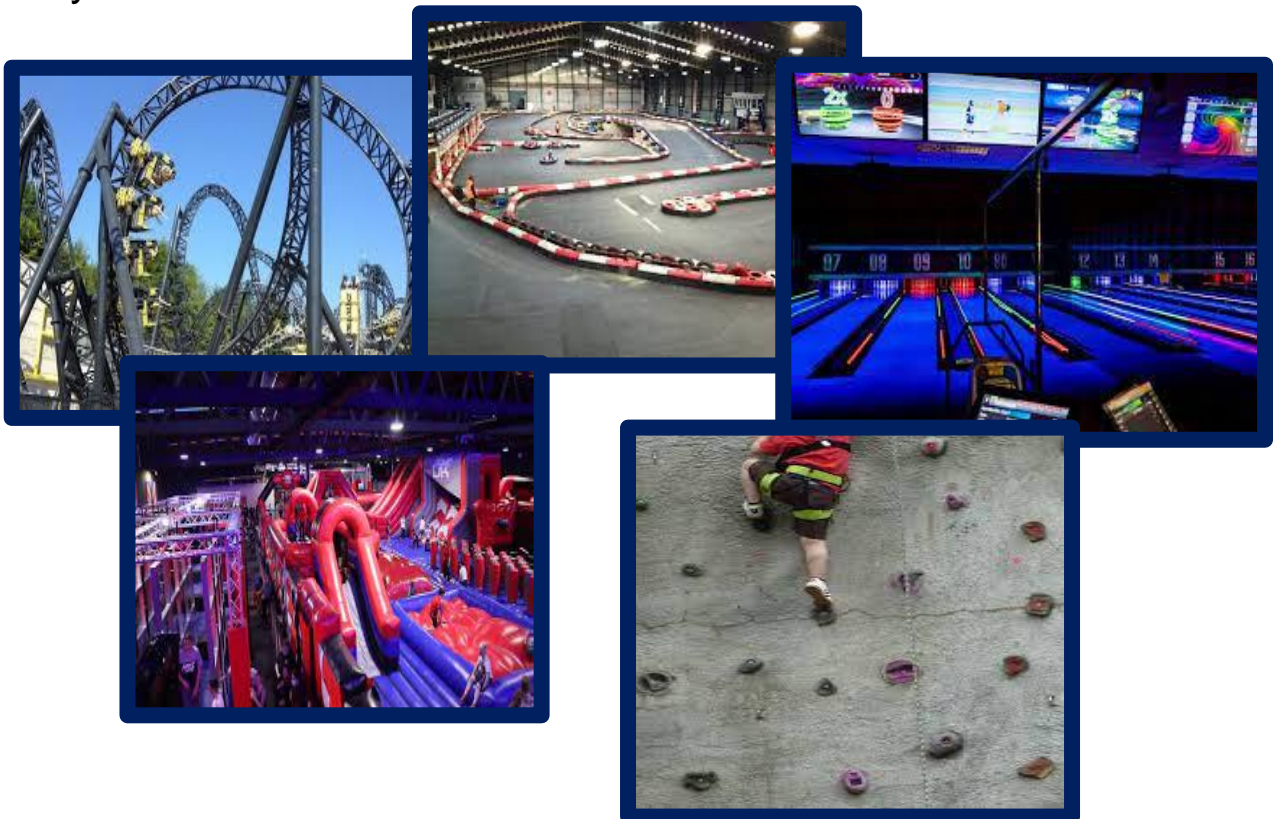
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Year 10 Day-tripper

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: Mr R Field

Dates: 15 – 19 July 2024

Open to Years: 10

Cost: £225*

Non refundable deposit: £105 required by 31 January 2024

Minimum number of students: 40

Maximum number of students: 90

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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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