



Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July

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Welcome

I am pleased to introduce Cheltenham Bournside School's first ever Activities Week. It's an ambitious timetable, offering a full week of trips and experiences for all of our students from Years 7-10 and 12.

Activities Week will offer valuable educational experiences which can't be delivered during the traditional school day. I know that students will return with stories to tell, increased self-confidence, greater motivation to learn new skills, improved communications skills, new friendships and a sense of pride and achievement.

Thank you to all of the teaching and support staff involved in the planning and delivery of these opportunities. It is a huge responsibility to take students off site and to return them safely, especially on a residential trip but we know the value of these experiences and how much the students look forward to, and benefit from them.

Steve Jefferies

Headteacher

Key dates:

Activities Week launch:	Monday 28th November, 2022
Activity choice booking and non-refundable deposit deadline:	Friday 9th December, 2022
Confirmation of allocated places:	January, 2023 (date TBC)
Pop-up Shop #1: <i>*information on page 3</i>	February, 2023 (date TBC)
Final payment deadline:	Friday 31st March
Pop-up Shop #2:	April, 2023 (date TBC)
Activities Week:	Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July

Timetable key:

Enrichment visit

Activity Choices (select from option menu on page 12)

In school activity. No booking required

Residential trip

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Activities Week 2023

Information and booking conditions

- All pupils must select three different activities for their Activity Choice slots, listed in order of preference. Please only list activities that your child will be happy doing.
- In the event of an activity being oversubscribed, priority will be given to pupils who submitted their completed booking forms by the deadline of **Friday 9th December, 2022**. Consideration will also be given to your child's conduct, attitude to learning and other activity preferences.
- Whilst every effort has been made to give as accurate a description of the proposed activities as possible, some of the venues are not currently able to take bookings so far in advance. Therefore, we may need to change the provider/venue if they are unable to provide what we require. We will make every effort to book an alternative as near as possible to the original offer.
- Pupils who do not complete an online form by the deadline of Friday 9th December 2022 will be given a choice of school-based activities that explore different areas of the curriculum in an engaging and fun way. These activities will run throughout the school day and to normal school timings.
- Most activities require a minimum number of pupils to run. In the event of an activity not receiving enough applications the activity will be withdrawn and pupils assigned an alternative preference.
- We have tried to cost activities as accurately as possible, however many are dependent on numbers so costs may vary slightly. When places are assigned, the final cost will be confirmed. Should the final cost exceed the amount advertised by more than £10, parents/carers will be contacted to discuss the option of meeting the increased cost or swapping to an alternative activity.
- Information regarding the financial assistance available has been sent directly to pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding. Unfortunately, financial assistance will not be available to any other pupils.
- An initial deposit of £10 per trip is required for all Activity Choices and educational visits. Initial deposits must be paid via MyChildatSchool (MCAS) by **Wednesday 1st February, 2023***. *this does not include Year 9 Camp or the Ardeche Trip.
- **CANCELLATION:** All deposits are non-refundable. If you cancel your child's place on an assigned activity, the school will not refund any further monies paid, unless the circumstances are exceptional, or the school can fill the place with another pupil. Request for the refund of payments for an activity should be made in writing to Mr Taylor via email (glt@bournside.glouc.sch.uk), accompanied by supporting documents (e.g. doctor's certificates).
- **COVID-19: IN THE EVENT THAT CANCELLATION IS REQUIRED DUE TO COVID-19 OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR UNFORSEEN EVENT, THE SCHOOL WILL ENDEAVOUR TO RECOUP ALL MONIES PAID, EITHER THROUGH THE ACTIVITY PROVIDER OR THE SCHOOL INSURANCE POLICY. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CLAIM THE FULL AMOUNT, SCHOOL WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE A FULL REFUND.**
- Once places have been confirmed it will not be possible for pupils to swap activities unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any requests to swap activities must be made via email to Mr Taylor.
- All activities must be paid in full via MyChildatSchool (MCAS) by **Friday 31st March, 2023**. If full payment has not been made by this date, your child's place will be withdrawn without refund of monies paid.
- There will be an opportunity for pupils who have missed the initial booking deadline to buy the remaining available places on the Activity Choice trips in one of two 'pop-up shops' (to be held in March and April - dates TBC).
- ***Pop-up shop** - Is an opportunity for a student who is not attending an enrichment visit or extra-curricular trip on a particular day (due to a late Microsoft entry or originally not choosing to attend a trip) to buy a place on a trip.



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Year 7 Activities Week timetable

Hello Year 7! During Activities Week 2023 you are invited to join us on two whole-year-group trips to Legoland and Warwick Castle. You are also invited to select one Activities Choice and to enjoy a STEAM-day and school-based activity day.

Please note that school-based activities will be teacher-led fun, engaging and interactive sessions. Details are to be confirmed at a later date.

Year 7 timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pupils in Attenborough, Frank, Hawking	Legoland - D&T	Cyber & STEAM day	Warwick Castle - History	Activities Choice	School based activity
Pupils in Owens, Parks, Rowling	Activities Choice	Cyber & STEAM day	School based activity	Legoland - D&T	Warwick Castle - History

Legoland Windsor - Science of Rollercoasters



A Design & Technology led trip to Legoland Windsor with links to Science. Students will attend a hands-on 'Science of Rollercoasters' workshop, where they'll discover and investigate how gravity, friction and weight can affect the speed and distance of Rollercoasters. Pupils will work in groups to design and build their own LEGO model rollercoaster with LEGO Technic.

Students will also get the opportunity to enjoy free time at Legoland Windsor to explore the park and to enjoy the rides.

Cost: £31

Warwick Castle



There is so much to see and do at Warwick Castle! Developed from a wooden fort, originally built by William the Conqueror during 1068, Warwick Castle played its part in the Hundred Years War, the War of the Roses and the English Civil War. We will be watching the Trebuchet and Birds of Prey shows and visiting the Madame Tussauds waxworks of historical characters during the day.

This History led trip will help our students to understand how people lived their lives in the medieval, Tudor and Stuart periods and how warfare changed over time. This links specifically to work we will cover at the end of Year 7 and the start of Year 8.

Cost: £26



Cyber and STEAM - Exploring future careers

An exciting day of exploration where 10 companies join us to deliver 10 activities with a focus on Cyber. In previous years, companies including GCHQ, BAE systems, Gamba and NNC have sent employees to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths with our students, looking at projects such as: programming a drone, how to defuse a bomb, ethical hacking and virtual reality. 2023 programme TBC.

Cost: Free



Year 8 Activities Week timetable

Hello Year 8! During Activities Week 2023 you are invited to join two whole-year-group trips, to the Black Country Museum and a geography Rivers trip. You will also enjoy a STEAM-day during the week and will be able to choose two days of Activity Choices.

Year 8 timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pupils in Attenborough, Frank, Hawking	Black Country Museum - History	Activities Choice	Rivers trip - Geography	Science & STEAM day	Activities Choice
Pupils in Owens, Parks, Rowling	Activities Choice	Black Country Museum - History	Science & STEAM day	Rivers trip - Geography	Activities Choice

Black Country Museum



A history-led trip to see 300 years of history brought to life as students discover the story of the Black Country at the open-air living museum in Dudley. Students will meet historic characters who will show what it was like to live and work in one of the first industrialised landscapes in Britain as they explore 26 acres of reconstructed shops, pubs and houses.

The day will include a lesson in a Victorian School, exploring a mine and visiting a 19th Century sweet shop. This links specifically to work we will cover on the Victorian and Edwardian Periods at the end of Year 8 and the start of Year 9.

Cost: £24

Rivers trip



A geography-led trip to learn about rivers and conduct river fieldwork techniques in an accessible river. As well as racing rubber ducks around a river meander (!), students will get into a river to measure the velocity, sediment size, sediment shape, channel width and depth; hunt for local vegetation; learn and complete accurate field sketches, and audit the site as a tourist area.

Rivers are an integral part of physical geography at both KS3 and GCSE and fieldwork techniques are a vital and unique part of the subject. This Rivers trip will give students a great foundation for further study.

Cost: £14

Science and STEAM - Solar Power Cars

Why is solar power so important today and can we adapt this technology to run a car? The answer is yes, we can! Engineers are developing cars that use the power of the sun to run aspects of a car or to top up the power of EV cars. This day is a Science and Careers day where students are asked to design, build and market a solar powered car. Students will work with engineers from local companies to build a prototype and then market their car at the 'Bournside Alternative Motor Show'. The ultimate test will be how fast their prototype will go when they race their car at the end of the day!

Cost: free



Year 9 Activities Week timetable

Hello Year 9! We are delighted that lots of you will be joining Camp 1 or Camp 2 during Activities Week, covering three of the five days. On the remaining two days, students are invited to select one Activities Choice and you will enjoy one school-based activity day too.

For students not joining Camp, you are able to select two Activities Choices and you will enjoy three school-based activities throughout the week.

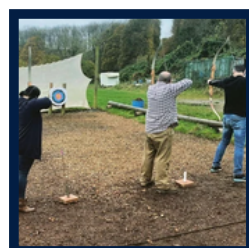
Please note that school-based activities will be teacher-led interactive sessions. Details to be confirmed at a later date.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pupils on camp 1	Camp 1			Activities Choice	School based activity
Pupils on camp 2	School based activity	Activities Choice	Camp 2		
Pupils not at camp	Activities Choice	School based activity	Activities Choice	School based activity	School based activity

Camping in the Mendips



Year 9s are invited to join us on our exciting first Year 9 camp. Stepping outside of school comfort zones, Camp will help students to build resilience and grow in confidence as they spend time together outside of school around the campfire, developing key social and team working skills, whilst having a lot of fun too and practising positive attitudes towards mental health.



For three days and two nights, students will be camping at the Mendip Adventure Centre based in the Mendip Hills, near Bristol and Weston-super-Mare. Students will enjoy outdoor activities such as Archery Active, Mission Impossible, rock climbing and target games, before a programme of evening activities and sleeping under the stars. Experienced instructors will be ensuring the activities are safe, and that individuals feel supported each step of the way.

Students and parents will have already received information on the Year 9 camp. The invitation letter can be found on the Activities Week webpage.

Cost: £195

Year 10 Activities Week timetable

Hello Year 10! We would like to invite you to a one-day Employability and Skills Workshop during Activities Week and you can also choose up to three exciting Activity Choices, as well as a school-based activity day.

For students studying Geography, one day will be spent in the Forest of Dean on a field trip and therefore you do not need to book anything else on that day. Please check teaching groups for the correct day.

Some students will be in the Ardeche for the duration of Activities Week. Please indicate this on the Microsoft booking form.

Year 10 timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pupils in Attenborough, Frank and Hawking	Employability Workshop (Skills & CV)	Activities Choice	Activities Choice (or work placement for selected students)	Activities Choice	School based activity
Pupils in Owens, Parks and Rowling	Activities Choice	School based activity		Employability Workshop (Skills & CV)	Activities Choice
Pupils on Geography field trip 1	Employability Workshop (Skills & CV)	GCSE Geography field trip 1		Activities Choice	Activity Choice
Pupils on Geography field trip 2	Activities Choice	Activity Choice		Employability Workshop (Skills & CV)	GCSE Geography field trip 2
Pupils on Ardeche trip	Ardeche				

Employability Workshop

Designed for students to experience a realistic workplace environment, working to identify and practise top employability skills, including teamwork, communication, problem solving, leadership, self-management, reliability, and analytical skills and working with LMI data. Students will explore recruitment from an employer's perspective and practise interview skills, including building a CV, responding to classic interview questions, and taking part in activities commonly used at Assessment Day events.

Cost: Free

Geography field trip



Year 10 Geography students will be completing one day of fieldwork, which is essential to their GCSE course.

Students will be visiting Beechenhurst Lodge in the Forest of Dean, and then going to Gloucester City Centre after lunch. The aim of the day is to introduce them to a range of fieldwork techniques, helping them to prepare for Paper 3 of the GCSE.

Cost: £14.50

Ardeche



As part of Activities Week 2023, we are delighted to be welcoming our popular Ardèche residential trip back into the school calendar.

Located in the popular Ardèche region, the camp we have selected is nestled amongst the trees on the banks of two rivers near the traditional town of Ruoms. Offering beautiful views, the large, private camp boasts an on-site swimming pool (with lifeguard), a beach, cafe/bar, volleyball areas, a games room and an onsite shop. Ideally located for adventure with activity sites located onsite or within walking distance, the highlight for many is the two-day canoe descent of the Ardèche River Gorge, including an overnight stay at a purpose-built bivouac site. An expert river team will be there to support your child every step (or stroke!) of the way. Students will enjoy climbing, as well as taking part in activities such as raft building, high ropes, kayaking and archery, or a more sedate visit to Ruoms market.

Cost: £950



Year 12 Activities Week timetable

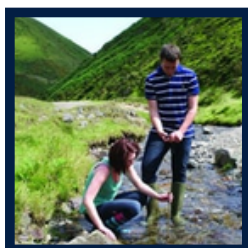
Hello Year 12! Activities Week is what you make it. You can choose to spend the time taking part in work-experience, choosing from our menu of Activities Choices, or a combination of the two!

For students studying biology, three days of Activities Week will be spent at Preston Montford and therefore you do not need to book anything else on those days.

Students taking part in the Gold DofE Expedition will be out for the duration of Activities Week and do not need to book anything else. Please indicate this on the form.

Year 12 timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12 pupils	Work Experience or Activities Choice	Work Experience or Activities Choice	Work Experience or Activities Choice	Work Experience or Activities Choice	Work Experience or Activities Choice
A-Level Geography pupils	A-Level Biology Preston Montford trip			Work Experience or Activities Choice	Work Experience or Activities Choice
Pupils on DofE Gold expedition	Gold DofE Expedition				
Pupils on Ardeche trip	Ardeche				

Preston Montford



The Biology Department are organising a three day A-Level Biology Field Course Studies visit to Preston Montford in Shrewsbury.

The course offers a fantastic opportunity for students to undertake ecological investigations in a variety of inspiring habitats and complete relevant required practicals. Students will develop their practical skills, use apparatus and techniques, and deepen their understanding of the ecological syllabus content and synoptic links through first-hand experience.

Cost: £340

Ardeche (see page 10)

Gold DofE: By invitation only

Activity Choices

Each year group has at least one 'Activity Choice' day during Activities Weeks, where they can select a trip from an exciting menu. Please see the choices below and confirm your child's choices (in order of preference) on the Microsoft form you have been emailed.

Alton Towers	Monday - Friday
Croft Farm	Monday - Friday
Go Ape	Monday, Tuesday, Friday
Pedal a Bike Away	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Planet Ice and Cribbs Causeway	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Sandford Lido	Monday - Friday
The Wave	Thursday

Please note that school-based activities will be teacher-led interactive sessions. Details are to be confirmed later.



Alton Towers



We're sure this one will be popular – a day out at the UK's #1 Theme Park Resort with over 40 rides and attractions. Offering a choice of head-spinning world-class rollercoasters, including Wicker Man, Nemesis, and The Oblivion. Students can dare themselves to visit the dungeons, get splashed on the Log flume or take a spin on Gangsta Granny: The Ride!

Cost: £44

Croft Farm Waterpark



Kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, water zorbing and giant pedal boat races; join us for a fun day of water sports activities and challenges at Croft Farm, near Tewkesbury.

Cost: £47



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Go Ape



Visiting the Treetop Challenge course at Beenchenhurst Lodge Go Ape, students will enjoy a jam-packed day of activities, including team games and a 'Baboonzled' team activity, plus 1 hour on the Treetop Adventure Plus. With professional instructors on hand to safely guide and encourage you at every step, challenge yourself to a day of adventure in the fresh air!

Cost: £44

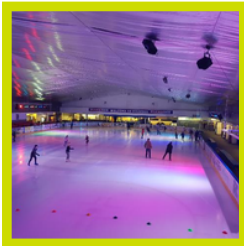
Pedal A Bike Away



Join us for a day of cycling through the Forest of Dean on one of the most popular traffic free cycle routes in Britain. Students will be guided along the cycle trail which follows old mining railway routes through the Cannop Valley, with opportunities to stop at viewpoints and learn about the area's historical heritage as we explore. For the more adventurous, downhill biking trails can be explored. Spot local wildlife along the way too. A great day out for students of all cycling abilities! Cost includes the hire of bikes.

Cost: £44

Planet Ice and Cribbs Causeway



Planet Ice Bristol is located near Cribbs Causeway. It is a large permanent indoor ice-skating rink and is a fantastic leisure space for young people. It doesn't matter if you can already whizz around the ice, or if you've never set foot on the ice, all abilities are welcome to come and give it a go! Students choosing this activity will start the day with shopping and the option of buying lunch at The Mall at Cribbs Causeway, before ice skating and then returning back to school.

Cost: £12

Sandford Lido



The Sandford Lido was built in 1935 and is one of 98 remaining lidos in the UK. Loved by many Bournside families, students are invited to join us for an Activities Choice trip to enjoy the popular outdoor pool with their friends. We will walk or cycle together from the school and enjoy a day of poolside fun in the fresh air.

Cost: £6

The Wave



The Wave is an inland surf destination near Bristol offering the ultimate surfing experience. A trip to the Wave combines a healthy dose of exercise with a memorable learning experience. Led by experienced wavemaker coaches, students will take part in a 1.5-hour lesson which is a mixture of lakeside training and in-wave action. They will learn about water safety, surf equipment, body positioning and how to surf. Once in the water, the coaches will be with them as they catch their first waves! Please note: All children must be able to swim at least 25 metres.

Cost: £63

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