

Activities Week 2025

Monday 14th - Friday 18th July



Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to another exciting year of Cheltenham Bournside Activities Week, taking place from Monday, 14th July to Friday, 18th July. This week promises to be filled with a wide range of dynamic and enriching experiences for all of our students from Years 7-10 and 12.

As always, Activities Week offers a carefully curated programme of trips, activities, and challenges that extend learning beyond the traditional classroom environment. From outdoor adventures to creative workshops, students will have the opportunity to develop new skills, form lasting friendships, and gain invaluable life experiences. This is a chance to learn, explore, and discover in ways that regular school lessons simply cannot provide.

On Friday, 18th July, we will close the week and the school year with our Sports Day, a day of friendly competition between Houses and a celebration of both individual and team achievements. It is always a highlight of the year, showcasing our students' resilience, determination, and sportsmanship.

I want to take a moment to thank all of the teaching and support staff for their dedication in planning and delivering these exciting opportunities. Taking students off-site or organising residential trips is a significant responsibility, and we are grateful for the care and effort that goes into ensuring that these experiences are both enjoyable and safe.

Let's make this another memorable week for the entire Bournside community!

Warm regards,

Mr Jefferies
Headteacher



An Introduction to Activities Week 2025



I am excited to launch Activities Week 2025 on behalf of everyone involved at Bournside. Now in its third year, we have revised the Activities Week programme offer, taking into account valuable student and parent/carer feedback.

Key changes to this year's Activities Week include:

- **Activities Week is for ALL students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9).**
- Activities Week. We have simplified the week into a week long **'Package A'** or **'Package B'** system.
- Students are **split by year groups**, rather than by House, bringing friendship groups together.
- On Monday 14th July, all students will be off timetable but in school.
- From Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th July students will go on three days of external trips, relevant to the Package they have selected.
- **A £15 deposit is required for Package A. A £40 deposit is required for Package B.** The deposit deadline is **Wednesday 1st January 2025.** Payments should be made via MCAS (please see the 'Trips' tab).
- Students in Year 10 and Year 12 will carry out valuable work experience placements. Please follow the guidance sent from Mrs Martin. The expectation is that all Year 10 or Year 12 will either be on an organised school trip OR be on work experience during Activities Week.

As well as the Activities Week Packages in this guide, students have the opportunity to join extended residential trips during the week. These range from the **Year 9 Camp in the Mendips** and adventurous activities in the **Dordogne, France** and the **Brecon Beacons**, to exploring **France, Belgium, and Germany**. Plus, the welcome return of our Sports Tour, this time to **South Africa!**

We'd like our brilliant Bournsiders to experience a first class Activities Week, which will enrich their school experience and further develop their skills and relationships. If you have any questions regarding bookings or payments, please email activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

Mr Kelly
Assistant Headteacher



Year 7 - Activities Week 2025

Please select one option week:	Mon 14th July	Tues 15th - Thurs 17th July	Friday 18th July	Cost
Year 7 Package A	STEM day - Maths & Computing (All Y7 students in school)	Trips included: Tues 15th July: Lido Cheltenham Weds 16th July: Hollywood Bowl Thurs 17th July: We The Curious, Bristol	Sports Day (All students in school)	= £46
Year 7 Package B	STEM day - Maths & Computing (All Y7 students in school)	Trips included: Tues 15th July: Cotswold Beach/Aqua Venture Weds 16th July: We the Curious, Bristol Thurs 17th July: Legoland, Windsor	Sports Day (All students in school)	= £94

Please select
Year 7 Package A
 OR
Year 7 Package B
 If students do not select either of these Packages, or a residential trip, they will attend in-school lessons during Activities Week.

Year 7 STEM day - Package A + B

Year 7 will be carrying out a host of exciting Maths and computing challenges with a host of local employers. They will have a challenging but fun filled day.



We the Curious - Package A + B

We the Curious is a science centre and educational charity on Bristol's harbourside, home to the UK's only 3D Planetarium. The visit will include a science show.



Hollywood Bowl - Package A

Some think it's luck, others think it's skill, either way, join your friends for a game of bowling at Hollywood Bowl with its state-of-the-art bowling lanes. We'll be walking from school.



Lido, Cheltenham - Package A

Students are invited to join us for a 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.



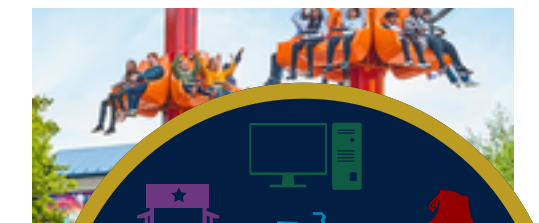
Cotswold Beach - Package B

Students will spend the day enjoying the Cotswold Beach facilities including Aqua Venture. If students wish, they can pay extra when there on pedalos, paddleboarding & electric boats.



Legoland Windsor - Package B

A Design & Technology led trip to Legoland with links to Science. Students will attend a hands-on workshop and have time to enjoy the rides too including the new Speedway ride!



Year 8 - Activities Week 2025

Please select one option week:	Mon 14th July	Tues 15th - Thurs 17th July	Friday 18th July	Cost
Year 8 Package A	STEM day - Maths & Computing (All Y8 students in school)	Trips included: Tues 15th July: Oxford Museum and Pitt Rivers Weds 16th July: Lido Cheltenham Thurs 17th July: Planet Ice	Sports Day (All students in school)	= £47.50
Year 8 Package B	English - Making a Newspaper (All Y8 students in school)	Trips included: Tues 15th July: Black Country Museum Weds 16th July: Drayton Manor Thurs 17th July: 270 Climbing	Sports Day (All students in school)	= £99

Please select
Year 8 Package A
OR Year 8 Package B

If students do not select either of these Packages, or a residential trip, they will attend in-school lessons during Activities Week.

Year 8 STEM day/Making a newspaper - Package A + B
Students will be creating and building a solar powered car OR they will be producing and editing 'The Bournside Newspaper' supported by local businesses.



Oxford Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum - Package A
Students will visit two Oxford University museums. Founded in 1884 the atmospheric building houses more than 500,000 amazing objects.



Lido Cheltenham - Package A
Students are invited to join us for a 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.



Planet Ice - Package A
All abilities are welcome to come and give ice-skating a go at Planet Ice! Shopping and the option of buying lunch at The Mall at Cribbs Causeway will be followed by ice-skating.



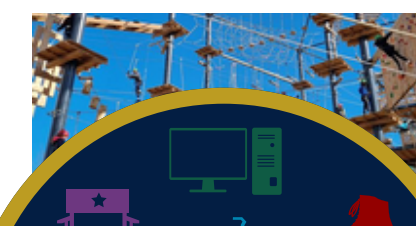
Black Country Museum - Package B
A history-led trip to see 300 years of history brought to life. Includes a lesson in a Victorian School, exploring a mine and visiting a 19th Century sweet shop.



Drayton Manor - Package B
Explore over 50 rides with friends at Drayton Manor Resort plus a 15-acre Zoo. Thrill rides include Stormforce 10, Thor, Maelstrom, Air Race and the Bounty Pirate Ship.



270 Climbing - Package B
A 4-hour session at the 270 Climbing Park. Including two hours on the high ropes course, 45 minutes of tower activities and 45 minutes on the mobile climbing wall.



Year 9 - Activities Week 2025

Please select one option week:	Mon 14th July	Tues 15th - Thurs 17th July	Friday 18th July	Cost
Year 9 Package A	Business & Enterprise Day (All Y9 students not at camp in school)	Trips included: Tues 15th July: London Musuems Weds 16th July: Planet Ice Thurs 17th July: Hollywood Bowl	Sports Day (All students in school)	= £51
Year 9 Package B	Business & Enterprise Day (All Y9 students not at camp in school)	Trips included: Tues 15th July: Planet Ice Weds 16th July: Thorpe Park Thurs 17th July: Cheddar Gorge	Sports Day (All students in school)	= £88
Year 9 Camp	Sunday 13th - Thursday 17th July: Year 9 students are able to select Mendips Base Camp as their option for the week. Four nights of adventure and outdoor activities including Archery Active, Mission Impossible, Axe Throwing, Rock Climbing and Water Sports, plus daily evening activities.		Sports Day (All students in school)	= £400

Please select
Year 9 Package A, Year 9
Package B OR Year 9 Camp
for your child.

If students do not select either of these Packages, or a residential trip, they will attend in-school lessons during Activities Week.



Year 9 Camp - Mendips
Are you ready for adventure?

Please note: there are 76 places available on a first-come, first-served basis. You will have received a separate letter

Business & Enterprise Day - Package A + B

BBC 1 Apprentice star, Adam Corbally will lead a challenging and fun entrepreneurial day alongside the Business Dept.



London Museums - Package A

Students will visit the Natural History and Science Museums. Both are home to award-winning exhibitions, iconic objects and stories of incredible achievement.



Planet Ice - Package A + B

All abilities are welcome to come and give ice-skating a go at Planet Ice! Shopping and the option of buying lunch at The Mall followed by ice-skating.



Hollywood Bowl - Package A

Some think it's luck, others think it's skill, either way, join your friends for a game of bowling at Hollywood Bowl. We'll be walking from school.



Drayton Manor - Package B

Explore over 50 rides with friends at Drayton Manor Resort plus a 15-acre Zoo. Thrill rides include Stormforce 10, Thor, Maelstrom, Air Race and the Pirate Ship.



Cheddar Gorge - Package B

Cheddar Gorge is England's largest gorge. Students will explore one of the country's most spectacular sights during a hike led by the Geography Dept.



Sports Day 2025

Friday 18th July

July 2024 saw the welcome return of the whole school sports day. Whether competing or enthusiastically supporting their house, everyone got involved. We're looking forward to the event - a highlight of the academic year - once again on the Friday of Activities Week. Can another House take the Sports Day Cup from last year's winners, Hawking?

"Bournside's school sports day is a brilliant and vibrant event which sees the whole school community coming out to support their House athletes. Last year was our best event in years, but I think we can beat the festive atmosphere and excellent sportspersonship this year!"

- Mr Winterbottom, Head of PE



Residential Trips - Activities Week 2025

For information only: Letters for all Residential Trips have been sent separately and will have different payment schedules.

*We hope this trip will run every two years. Therefore the next Sports Tour will run in 2027,



Year 9 Camp, Mendips

Year 9 are once again invited to our Year 9 Camp at the Mendip Activity Centre.

Students will enjoy outdoor activities, including Archery Active, Mission Impossible, Axe Throwing, Rock Climbing & Water Sports & evening activities,

Sunday 13th - Thurs 17th July
Year 9 only. £400.

To secure a place, please complete the [online form](#) and pay the £160 deposit via MCAS by 11.12.24.



Dordogne, France

An exciting adventure to the South of France. A very popular trip led by Mrs Rudge-Wills, students will have the opportunity to kayak, learn to sail, have a go at gorge scrambling, high ropes and obstacle courses and more, whilst staying in a picturesque lodge next to a lake.

Friday 11th - Saturday 19th July
Year 9, 10, 11, 12. £995.

To register interest, email lrw@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk by Friday 22nd November.



DofE Expedition - Brecon

Gold Duke of Edinburgh students will be travelling to the beautiful Brecon Beacons to complete their final assessed expedition.

CLOSED. For information only.
Sun 13th - Thurs 17th July
DofE students only. £650.



Germany

Join us to explore German culture and cuisine in the beautiful Rhine region!

Experience thrilling rides at Phantasialand theme park, a historic German castle, as well as a scenic river cruise.

Mon 14th - Thurs 17th July
Years 7, 8, 9. £597.

30 places available. To secure a place, please complete the [online form](#) and pay the £80 deposit via MCAS by 25.11.24.



Battlefields - France + Belgium

A memorable Battlefields trip led by the History dept taking in some of the most significant World War One Battlefields in Ypres, Belgium, and the Somme.

Plus the chance to enjoy Belgians chocolate waffles and evenings filled with organized fun and sporting activities with friends.

Mon 14th - Thurs 17th July
Year 8 + 9. £425.

40 places. To secure a place, please complete the [online form](#) and pay the £60 deposit via MCAS by 29.11.24.



Sports Tour 2025 - South Africa

In our first international sports tour since 2019, 73 students representing Bournside netball, football and rugby teams are set to travel the 6000 miles to the adventure capital of South Africa to experience sport and outdoor activities amidst stunning landscapes.*

CLOSED. For information only.
Tues 8th - Sat 19th July
Year 10, 11, 12 + 13 - £2300



Information and booking conditions

- Activities Week will take place from Monday 14th July until Friday 18th July 2025. Friday the 18th July will be our Sports Day and last day of term.
- All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will take part in Activities Week.
- Students in Year 10 and 12 complete Work Experience during Activities Week (information to follow).
- All students must select one Year Group Package (either A or B). This will include three trips taking place on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July 2025. This year, you will not select individual trips. Each Package will contain all your child's trips. These set trips are included in the total Package cost.
- A £15 deposit is required for Package A. A £40 deposit is required for Package B. The deposit deadline is Wednesday 1st January 2025. Payments should be made via MCAS (please see the 'Trips' tab).
- There will be a first come, first serve policy for spaces on each Package. In the event of a Year group Package being sold out, you can request to join a waiting list.
- Whilst every effort has been made to provide an accurate description of the proposed trips, some venues are not able to take bookings this 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.
- Students who do not sign up for a trip Package by the deposit deadline on Wednesday 1st January 2025 will be allocated school-based activities that explore different areas of the curriculum. We would like all students to select fun Package choices as a first priority to ensure they have the best, fun-filled week! We have considered the price of our two Packages, so there is a more affordable option for each year group.
- There is financial support of £30 per student eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Unfortunately, financial assistance will not be available to any other students.
- Packages require a minimum number of pupils to run. In the event of a Package not being viable due to pupils numbers, it may be replaced or removed. Parents/carers will be notified.
- We have tried to cost Packages as accurately as possible, however prices and transport costs may change, so costs may vary slightly. 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 agreeing to an alternative Package.
- Once places have been confirmed it will not be possible for pupils to swap Packages. Any queries regarding Packages or anything Activities Week related must be made via email to activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.
- All activities must be paid in full via MyChildatSchool (MCAS) by Monday 3rd March 2025. If full payment has not been made by this date, your child's place will be withdrawn without refund of monies paid. This payment deadline is separate for extended residentials - Y9 Camp, Dordogne, France (Y9, 10, 11 & 12), DofE to Beacon, Wales (Y12), Germany (Y8/9), Battlefields in Belgium (Y8/9) and South Africa (Y10/11). Please note, there is a different payment schedule for these extended residential trips. Please see individual trip communications for details.
- **CANCELLATION: Please note all deposits are non-refundable.**



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Due to the large number of students involved in Activities Week, if you have a question, please email activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk in the first instance. We will get back to you as soon as possible.



A week to remember!

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