



Dear Parent/Carer,

15th November 2024

YEAR 8 ACTIVITIES WEEK 2025 – MONDAY 14TH TO FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025

I am delighted to announce the launch of our annual Cheltenham Bournside Activities Week programme taking place from Monday 14th to Friday 18th July 2025. Sports Day will take place on Friday 18th July, which is our last day of term. Timings for the last day are to be confirmed later in the year.

Our aim is to make this the best Activities Week to date. We have made some changes to our Activities Week offering for 2025. We will offer Activities Week in Year Groups, rather than Houses, to ensure friendship groups can mix more freely. To simplify Activities Week for students and parents, we are offering a choice of two Packages for each year group. Each year group can select either Package A or B.

We are immensely proud of our Activities Week's to date and hope this new schedule will further enrich and offer our students a brilliant experience which cannot always 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 and will have built new friendships.

Activities Week is an integral part of our school calendar and there is an expectation that every student will participate fully throughout the week with 100% attendance.

Your child can choose **ONE** of two exciting trip Packages that we have put together below, please see more information about the trips [here](#). The price below is the full trip Package for the week.

	Monday 14th July	Tuesday 15th July	Wednesday 16th July	Thursday 17th July	Friday 18th July	PRICE
Year 8 Package A	STEM Day in school	Oxford Museums Trip	The Lido/ Sanford Park	Planet Ice/Cribbs Causeway	Sports Day	£47.50 (Deposit £15)
Year 8 Package B	STEM Day in school	Black Country Museum	Drayton Manor	270 Climbing	Sports Day	£99 (Deposit £40)

Please note: There is a maximum number of places for each Package and places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Whilst every effort has been made to give as accurate a description of the proposed trips 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.

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We would like all students to select a package. In the unlikely event that your child does not choose to part in any Package by Monday 6th January 2025, **we will place them into on-site lessons.**

How to choose an Activity Package/Deadline:

To choose a Package please pay a £15 deposit for Package A or £40 deposit for Package B by **Monday 6th January 2025**. Payment can be found via the MCAS App under the Trips tab. Please ensure you only pay a deposit for one Package; any deposits paid are non-refundable.

The final payment for both Activity Packages is Monday 3rd March 2025.

If your child is in receipt in Pupil Premium, they are entitled to £30, this will be deducted from the total price of the Package they select. Please note, you still need to pay a deposit outlined above by **Monday 6th January 2025 to secure a place.**

Residential Trips

If your child has chosen a residential trip during Activities Week, separate communication, and payment information for this will be shared with you separately.

We are certain that Activities Week will be a unique and positive experience for all our students. If you have any questions regarding Activities Week, please email activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

Your sincerely,

Mr L Kelly
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