



YEAR EIGHT
ACTIVITIES WEEK
2024

Welcome to THE week

Activities Week at Beechen Cliff is a vital aspect of the school year that gives the boys and staff the opportunity to experience a range of activities in a variety of settings undertaking an array of challenges and stepping outside their comfort zone. This year's programme builds upon the success of the past and offers an increased number of opportunities as well as the element of choice.

You will see from the booklet that options include physical and mental aspects as well as competition and camaraderie. Our aim is that the boys get the chance to experience an alternative curriculum to their usual choices and subsequently find out more about themselves and their peers.

We have aimed to include as much variety as possible, whilst also allowing boys to share experiences, ensuring that cost is not prohibitive.

What happens next

- Please read the booklet and view what is on offer for your son during Activities Week 2024, discuss it with him and decide on a rank order of the activities from most preferred to least.
- When the Options Choices form is emailed, complete the form with your chosen rank ordering for each day, **you do not need to make any payments at this time**. Please be aware that it is not first come first served but all selection should be complete by 17:00 on Thursday 16th May to allow the allocation process to commence. Those that are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding should contact Tracey Layton at tlayton@beechencliff.org.uk to clarify the level of support for each chosen activity.
- Coordination and allocation will take place the following week and we will endeavour to honour as many first choice activities as possible and ensure a fair and equitable distribution where possible.
- Parents and pupils will be notified of the allocations before half term and ParentPay will be open for the allotted activities for those students
- All payments must be concluded by Monday 10th June

How to use the booklet

The booklet is sectioned off into days, with the options for that day, the names of the activities and a description of the day, the cost per head, the maximum number of places available, the lunch arrangements, the clothing required as well as the start and end times. This has been designed to ensure that all are aware of the requirements and expectations in advance and not after allocations have been completed.

Cost Per Head	£15	Aardman Animation Workshop	30	Maximum spaces
Description	<p>A genuine chance to work with the Oscar winning animation studio</p> <p>Model making sessions run by expert model makers, who have worked on some of the studios best-loved films, including Wallace & Gromit, Chicken Run and Shaun the Sheep. The sessions are fun and hands-on, where the boys will get creative with clay and make the famous characters and then home with them. The animators will share their insights into the wonderful world of Aardman as well as plenty of great anecdotes too!</p>			Activity Name
Lunch & Uniform info	Packed Lunch, Uniform		At school - 08:25; Finish - 15:15	Timings and location

If you do have any questions or queries with regards to the week, the activities or the allocation process, please do contact kmorris@beechencliff.org.uk

Here's to a great week full of enjoyment, engagement and memories for all that participate.

Monday 15th July

£0	Tour De Bath Cycling	80
<p style="text-align: center;">Exploring the area, taking advantage of the great cycle trails we have</p> <p>A day of cycling around Bristol & Bath that will help you improve your cycling skills. We enjoy 2 routes during the day, riding approximately 30 miles. Boys will need to bring in their own bikes and a helmet and maybe even some money for ice cream....?</p>		
Packed Lunch, PE Kit, Bike & Helmet		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£0	Beechen Thank You Picnic	20
<p style="text-align: center;">An opportunity to spend time making a variety of picnic dishes to take home and share in order to say 'Thank You' to those that help</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Boys will be provided with a list of ingredients that they will need to bring with them for a day of rolling sausages, scotching eggs and quiching quiche. It promises to deliver repeatable and very popular skills</p>		
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Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Finish - 15:15
£35	Gone Fishing	12
<p style="text-align: center;">A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work?</p> <p>Travelling by minibus to a local lake and having professional tuition, this day out promises to deliver skills and memories that could last a lifetime. Accompanied</p>		

by staff who share this passion, boys will get the chance to learn the basics using provided kit, as well as the rules and etiquette around the activity. What a great way to spend the day.

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

£TBC

Anyone for Tennis?

24

Bath Tennis Club, Professional Coaching, what's not to 'love'

Walking from School to Bath Tennis Club and having a whole day of coaching and competition with their professional instructors. Boys will be able to hone all aspects of the game, as well as tactics and strategy

The cost for this activity is yet to be confirmed, but we envisage that it will cost between £20-£25

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

£28

Howzat!

24

A day in the life of a professional cricketer

Working alongside the coaching team at Bath CC, the boys will get opportunity to work in their state of the art indoor centre utilising their bowling machines, exploring game scenarios and having 1:1 coaching. In the afternoon, the boys will get the opportunity to play at North Parade Bridge Road in a version of the game that will undoubtedly have a positive impact on their confidence and skills.

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

£25

All Aboard Watersports

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Paddletastic

A trip on the train to Bristol, then some time on the water in kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, and other small craft. This activity will open your eyes to the enjoyment that can be had messing about on the water. Try something new or develop your skills. Just be prepared to get wet!

Packed Lunch, Own clothes, spare clothes and a towel!

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

Tuesday 16th July

£0	Cyberfirst	75
Codebreakers & Spies..... Where will tech take you?		
<p>We are so fortunate to have an opportunity to visit CyberFirst, a part of GCHQ and their day of activities at Bath College. CyberFirst will include workshops and speakers from local tech companies and the universities. The boys will have the chance to take part in a day of exciting, hands-on workshops and experience the world of cyber, and come away with the skills and interests to take their knowledge to the next level.</p>		
Packed Lunch, Uniform		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£0	Ground Force	24
Making a visible difference		
<p>An opportunity to spend a day working on a project that is aimed at the long term supporting students in terms of skills, understanding and the benefits of the great outdoors. The boys will have the opportunity to revitalise areas of the school site, whether that be the commemorative pond, the science garden or our off site allotment.</p>		
Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£0	Urban Sketchers	24
See Bath, from a different angle		
<p>Urban sketchers is an art movement all about creating artwork out of doors taking inspiration from the urban environment. Art work is quick and features buildings, architecture and people's everyday lives. This activity will appeal to students with an interest in art, architecture and urban environments.</p>		
Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£20	Fore!	20
Range and a round at Cumberwell Park Golf Course		
<p>Boys fortunate to be allocated Golf will visit Wiltshire's only 45 hole golf course, which has been awarded 4* by Golf World. After travelling via minibus, the boys will get time on the driving range before being sent out in fourball groups with the</p>		

opportunity to see who tops the leaderboard at the end of the day.

Packed Lunch, Appropriate Golf Wear
and Clubs

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

Wednesday 17th July

£0	Kelston Round Hill Walk	60
Spectacular views, and a little bit more		
<p>The Kelston Round Hill circular is a classic Bath walk with incredible views.. The conical hill with a clump of trees is instantly recognisable from all over Bath.</p> <p>We will walk from school and, once at the top, will be treated to the 360 degree panoramic views of Bath and the wider county. After a picnic lunch we will descend and walk back to school via the River Avon trail and dropping in at the Bath Soft Cheese Company along the way!</p>		
Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£51	Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Wild Things	150
Bringing the Outdoors to Us		
<p>Outdoor adventure activities, led by highly trained instructors but without the coach costs - perfect. Boys will be split into groups and work around five different activities including Archery, Axe Throwing and WOLT's famous mobile climbing wall. We'll bring out the inner Bear Grylls...</p>		
Refectory available, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Finish - 15:15

Thursday 18th July		
£0	Pokemon	20

Gotta Catch 'em all		
<p>The whole day will be spent battling with opponents to win prize cards and become the ultimate trainer. Boys will be able to bring in their decks and evolve their pokemon as they challenge others in what will be a brilliant opportunity for those that love the game. There could also be a trip to TCG Bath included to see what is available to enhance and develop their game play</p>		
Refectory available, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Finish - 15:15
£0	Warhammer	20
<p>Military strategy, arithmetic and spacial awareness all in one game</p> <p>Boys will use the miniature warriors on a battlefield comprising of buildings, trees, hills, and other terrain. There'll be wizards, dragons, and magical spells as the warriors move across the field of battle in their epic quest. The whole day will be focussed on gameplay, tactics and strategy and those simply learning will have an immersive experience at the hand of our resident Commander Farsight.</p>		
Refectory available, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Finish - 15:15
£0	Yu Gi Oh	20
<p>It's time to d-d-d-d-duel!</p> <p>Based on the Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Kazuki Takahashi, the boys will have the opportunity to duel throughout the day. The boys will take to the 'field' avoiding trap cards and their opponents monsters whilst saving their life points. With over 35 billion cards sold worldwide, it's pretty popular..... There could also be a trip to TCG Bath included to see what is available to enhance and develop their game play.</p>		
Refectory available, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Finish - 15:15
£35	Hamburger Hill Paintballing	160
<p>Move and fire, move and fire, move and fire...</p> <p>Travelling via coach to their site in Hunstrete, we are off to the UK's premier Outdoor Activities Venue. Our boys are going for a paintball extravaganza with the cost covering transport and their basic package which will include 300 paintballs. If boys do wish to purchase more, this will be possible, but they will</p>		

need to bring money with them. It promises to be an action packed adventure.

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

Friday 19th July

£0

Year End Celebration

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A great end to a great year

The boys will spend time reflecting on their year, working with their tutors and their peers in a variety of activities including the legendary Beechen Quiz of the Year before a whole school celebratory assembly and after this epic week leaving to start their well earned rest

Dismissed before Lunch, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Finish - 1230