



YEAR NINE
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	Circuit of Bath Walk	80
See the City and all it has to offer		
<p>Leaving from school, we will take the iconic Bath Two Tunnels Circuit, a 13-mile loop through beautiful green spaces. The route will take us around Bath, through the two tunnels and over the spectacular Tucking Mill Viaduct.</p> <p>The Combe Down Tunnel, which stands at an impressive 1,672 metres, is the UK's longest walking tunnel is an incredible experience as it is heightened by the audio-visual installation, 'Passage' by United Visual Artists. Completion will be a great achievement to start the week.</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

Tuesday 16th 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		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£TBC	Anyone for Tennis?	24
<p style="text-align: center;">Bath Tennis Club, Professional Coaching, what's not to 'love'</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The cost for this activity is yet to be confirmed, but we envisage that it will cost between £20-£25</i></p>		
Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£16	Bristol - Banksy, Buses and More	40
<p style="text-align: center;">The cultural capital</p> <p>As part of this day we will be led by our professional tour guide and scour the streets of Bristol to find the cutting-edge graffiti and street art decorating the city's walls. Along narrow alleys, down side-streets and through under-passages, across building walls and boldly displayed on bridges, depicting wry humour and subversive displays of pop-culture, it's one of the aspects that Bristol is undoubtedly world famous for.</p> <p>Coupled with this we will visit the M Shed to see amazing film and photographs, listen to moving personal stories, encounter rare and quirky objects and add your own memories of Bristol through the interactive displays. From prehistoric times to the present day, M Shed tells the story of the city and its unique place in the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What. A. Day.</p>		

Packed Lunch, Own clothes	At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15	
£25	All Aboard Watersports	24
<p style="text-align: center;">Paddletastic</p> <p>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!</p>		
Packed Lunch, Own clothes, spare clothes and a towel!	At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15	

Wednesday 17th July

£0	Ground Force	24
<p>Making a visible difference</p> <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
£28	Howzat!	24
<p>A day in the life of a professional cricketer</p> <p>Working alongside the coaching team at Bath CC, the boys get the 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.</p>		
Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£20	Fore!	24
<p>Range and a round at Cumberwell Park Golf Course</p> <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 opportunity to see who tops the leaderboard at the end of the day.</p>		
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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
Military strategy, arithmetic and spacial awareness all in one game		
<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
It's time to d-d-d-d-duel!		
<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>		
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£48	Thorpe Park Trip	160
A Day Out Like No Other		

Home to thrilling rides, attractions & live events & a themed hotel, Thorpe Park is the ultimate destination for thrill seekers featuring some of the UK's most popular roller coasters and amusement park rides. Reach new heights with Stealth the UK's fastest roller coaster; take flight on The Swarm, or face one of Jigsaw's most twisted traps with SAW - The Ride, the world's first horror themed roller coaster featuring a 100ft "beyond-vertical" drop.

Plunge down the super-soaking 85ft drop on Tidal Wave, get drenched on the 64ft spiralling descent on Storm Surge and play splash roulette on the Island's ferocious Rumba Rapids as you experience the UK's wettest water rides. I think they might enjoy it.....

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

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

Friday 19th July

£0

Year End Celebration

150

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, Uniform

At school - 08:25; Finish - 1230