



YEAR SEVEN  
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](mailto: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	<b>Aardman Animation Workshop</b>	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 &amp; 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](mailto:kmorris@beechencliff.org.uk)

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

## Monday 15th July

£0	<b>Ground Force</b>	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
£15	<b>Aardman Animation Workshop</b>	30
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Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Finish - 15:15
£27	<b>Big Pit Big Day Out</b>	120
<p>Our annual and popular trip to the National Coal Museum.</p> <p>Big Pit is a real coal mine and one of Britain's leading mining museums. With facilities to educate and entertain all ages, Big Pit is an exciting and informative day out.</p> <p>Prepare to be lowered 90 metres (300 feet) down the Big Pit mineshaft for their famous underground tour - a captivating journey around a section of original underground workings. Boys will wear the very same equipment – helmet, cap lamp, belt, battery and ‘self rescuer’ – used by miners. Once underground, they are guided around the coal faces, engine houses and stables in the company of a former coal miner. A unique and memorable trip</p>		
Packed Lunch, Own Clothes		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

## Tuesday 16th July

£0	<b>Bath Skyline Walk</b>	80
A walk in the woods, and a little bit more		
<p>Leaving from school, views from this circular walk's elevated position offer new perspectives of Bath, nestled among tree-lined hills. The contrast of the city, so close to this rural haven, is a special combination that has earned the area World Heritage Site status.</p> <p>Taking in Sham Castle and the history of the city and its development, boys will get an insight and appreciation into why the city is so important and special to so many.</p>		
Packed Lunch, PE Kit		At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15
£51	<b>Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Wild Things</b>	120
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

## Wednesday 17th July

£0

### A Day with a Difference

150

Three activities, three rotations, new skills and new challenges

This will be a compulsory day with no alternative options. The boys will have the opportunity to learn and develop new skills whilst also developing their competitive streaks.

### Formula 1 Challenge

The culmination of the Design Technology curriculum for the year. The boys have designed and built their race cars and today Beechen Cliff becomes Brands Hatch as they compete to see who's car is the fastest

### Ready Player One?

A session accessing all of the best vintage arcade games, challenging others and competing to see who can top the leaderboards in these retro classics

### Gotta Catch The All....

Partnering with our friends at Bath TCG, the boys will be able to learn to play Pokemon with taster decks or, if they have experience, will be able to bring in their own deck and play against a range of opponents. There will be a shop open on the day for boys to purchase and trade

Refectory available, PE Kit

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

## Thursday 18th July

£0

### Tour De Bath Cycling

80

Exploring the area, taking advantage of the great cycle trails we have

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....?

Packed Lunch, PE Kit, Bike & Helmet

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

£10

### Little Theatre Big Film

138

A cultural day using film, language and a huge prize

Working alongside The Little Theatre and The UK Film Review website we have created an opportunity where the boys will get a tutorial and Q&A on how to be a film critic. We will then walk to The Little Theatre and watch Wonka with a few refreshments thrown in! After the film and their packed lunch, the boys will write their reviews using the skills from their morning session. The top three will be published on the UK Film Review Website; it's a thumbs up from me

Refectory available, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Finish - 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, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Finish - 1230