

H E D I N G H A M S C H O O L

# Activities Week

2026

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THE APOLLO VICTORIA THEATRE



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We are very pleased to be able to offer Activities Week in July 2026 as part of the school calendar. For the week of 07 - 10 July 2026, the school timetable will be suspended for all students in Years 7-9, and staff will spend the time providing a variety of activities not usually available during the normal day. Activities Week is an opportunity for all students to learn new skills and develop socially; for staff and students to work together in a less formal environment, which will only help to cement working relationships for the coming academic year. It is also a great opportunity for students to try new experiences and visit places that they may not have been before.

Monday 06 July will be normal lessons and activities will begin on Tuesday 07 July which will be sports day (weather permitting). Friday 10 July will be House competitions, but students have a choice of activity on Wednesday 08 and Thursday 09, the details of which are on the following pages.

### Cost of Activities

The costs for activities have been calculated according to a maximum number of students taking part. If there are insufficient numbers of students opting for a particular activity, the activity may be subject to cancellation or an increased cost. We have ensured that there is a broad range of activities in terms of both interest and cost, which will enable everyone to participate in a worthwhile activity. If your child receives free school meals, a discount can be applied on request.

### Expressions of Interest & Booking

Please complete the form at the back of the booklet and return it to your form tutor by **Friday 20 March**. Choices will be collated and then payment opened on iPay. Year 9 students will have priority choice as this will be their only Activities Week and they will be on work experience at the same time the following year. ***Once places have been allocated, you will receive confirmation and payment details for each activity.***

## Payment

***Activities will not be paid for at the time of expressions of interest.*** Once your activity has been confirmed in writing (as above), you will be required to pay online via iPay. All payments are non-refundable, unless the activity is cancelled by the school. Once your place has been secured, this cannot be changed, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## Attendance

Activities Week is an important part of our school programme and is therefore part of the normal school timetable. All students are expected to attend school during this week, even if they are not taking part in one of the external off-site activities. Any absence should be reported in the usual way via the school absence line on 01787 460470.

If your child is unable to attend due to illness, please notify the school as you normally would. Unfortunately, we are unable to refund payments for any activities that have already been booked.

Students who do not select activities during the booking period will automatically be placed into onsite activities. A range of structured activities will be provided for these students, including classroom-based sessions and supervised activities on the school site or in the local area.

## Behaviour

We have very high expectations regarding the conduct and behaviour of our students, both within the school and in the wider community. The majority of our students rise to these expectations and are a credit to both the school and their families. It is therefore vitally important that these standards are maintained, particularly on offsite visits where the reputation of the school needs to be upheld.

Whilst we do not anticipate any major concerns or issues to arise with students selected to participate on any offsite visits, it should be noted that we may reserve the right to remove students from a trip who we feel are unable to maintain the high standards of conduct we expect. In the unlikely event of this happening, the decision will be made by the Headteacher of the school. ***We will be unable to refund any payments.***

# Wednesday 08 July choices

## Chessington World of Adventures

**Cost: £44 Maximum No: 98 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 07:00 – 19:00**

A trip to Chessington World of Adventures offers the perfect mix of thrills, learning and unforgettable fun! Students can experience exhilarating roller coasters, explore the zoo and SEA LIFE centre, and enjoy immersive themed lands inspired by adventure and discovery. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to bond with friends, build confidence, and create lasting memories outside the classroom in a safe and engaging environment.

## Legoland

**Cost: £35 Maximum No: 92 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 07:00 – 19:00**

The Legoland park combines thrilling rides, creative LEGO-themed attractions, and interactive experiences that spark imagination and teamwork. From high-energy roller coasters to impressive LEGO model displays, students can explore, learn, and have fun together in a vibrant and engaging environment in Windsor. It's the ideal opportunity to strengthen friendships and create lasting memories beyond the classroom.

## Climb Over and Explore the O2

**Cost: £58 Maximum No: 45 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 08:30 – 17:00**

Students can take on the thrilling Up at The O2 climb, walking across the famous roof for incredible panoramic views of the city, before heading down to explore the lively shops and restaurants inside the venue. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, enjoy time with friends, and experience one of London's most iconic attractions in a fun and inspiring setting.

## Wicked – the West End Show

**Cost: £52 Maximum No: 48 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 08:30 – 19:00**

Students can choose an inspiring day in the theatre with a trip to see Wicked in the famous West End in London. The day begins with an engaging morning workshop in school exploring the themes, music, and characters of the show, giving students the chance to take part in creative activities and gain insight into the world of musical theatre. In the afternoon, students will enjoy the spectacular live performance, making connections between what they learned and the production on stage. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to develop creativity, confidence, and a deeper appreciation of the performing arts.

**In school and local activities** Our programme of in-school and local visits offers students the chance to take part in a wide range of engaging, hands-on experiences. Students can enjoy practical workshops in art, small animal care, food preparation, and camping skills, helping them develop creativity, responsibility, and important life skills. These activities provide a fun and supportive environment where students can learn new interests, build confidence, and gain valuable practical knowledge while working together with their peers. Details of these will be advertised at a later date for choices to be made.

# Thursday 09 July choices

## Go Ape & Archery Tag at Hylands Park

**Cost: £53 Maximum No: 48 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 08:30 – 15:15**

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## Nuclear Wild Forest at Brentwood

**Cost: £45.50 Maximum No: 90 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 08:30 – 15:15**

Students can choose an unforgettable outdoor challenge with a trip to Nuclear Races in Brentwood. They will tackle exciting obstacles through woodland trails, splash through muddy water challenges across the famous Nuclear course and experience the thrill of pushing their limits as a team. The adventure builds to the ultimate finale — the legendary Deathslide — where students finish their challenge in spectacular style. It's a fun, energetic day packed with teamwork, resilience, and plenty of mud!

## Sealife Centre & Cinema Experience

**Cost: £29 Maximum No: 90 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 08:30 – 15:15**

Students can choose a fun-filled day combining wildlife and cinema with a trip to Sea Life Centre Southend and Cineworld at Festival Park. Students can explore the fascinating underwater world at Sea Life, discovering sharks, turtles, and a variety of marine creatures, before heading to Cineworld for the latest blockbuster film. This exciting combination of learning and entertainment offers students a memorable day out with friends, sparking curiosity and plenty of shared fun.

## Six – the West End Show

**Cost: £52 Maximum No: 46 Years: 7-9 Approx times: 08:30 – 17:00**

Students can choose an inspiring day in the theatre with a trip to see Six in the famous West End in London. The day begins with an engaging morning workshop in school exploring the themes, music, and characters of the show, giving students the chance to take part in creative activities and gain insight into the world of musical theatre. In the afternoon, students will enjoy the spectacular live performance, making connections between what they learned and the production on stage. It's a great opportunity for students to develop creativity, confidence, and a deeper appreciation of the performing arts.

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Choose from the timetable of activities and complete the form below. Please also pick a reserve as places are limited.

*Please complete this form and return it to your form tutor by Friday 20 March.*



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Year &amp; Form Group</b>
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	<b>Wednesday 08 July</b>	<b>Thursday 09 July</b>
<b>Activity choice</b>		
<b>Reserve activity choice</b>		

**For Year 7 and 8 students only**

<i>I have a place on the PGL residential trip and I am following the payment plan</i>	PLEASE TICK
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<b>Name of Parent/Guardian</b>	<b>Signature</b>
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