



3rd October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Activities week Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July 2024

We have a designated email address for Activities Week – activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk

As a school we are working very hard on developing the character of students as well as making educational progress with them and we feel that “Learning outside the Classroom” is a very important feature of this character development. It is an opportunity to not only develop and test character traits of our students, but also to develop their cultural capital and experiences beyond the school curriculum. We are therefore continuing with our activities week programme which includes all students from Key Stage 3, and Year 10 & 12 students and will happen between Monday 15th July and Friday 19th July.

Please note that this week is not optional and is part of the students’ curriculum.

Full attendance is compulsory and when students are not on trips they are expected to be at school where there will be additional activities for them to take part in.

	Monday 15 ^h	Tuesday 16 ^h	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
Activities open to Specific Year Groups					
Yr 7 specifically	Thorpe Park	Work shadowing	Hampton Court	Phasels Wood	Phasels Wood
Yr 8 specifically	PGL Shropshire	PGL Shropshire	PGL Shropshire	Thorpe Park	Work Shadowing
Yr 9 specifically	French trip Spanish trip Work Shadowing	French trip Spanish trip History Trip (TBC)	French trip Spanish trip Thorpe Park	French trip Spanish trip	DofE Training Day
Activities open to all students across Year 7 - 9					
Workshops	Drama Workshop	Drawing class	First aid	Forensic science	Dance workshop
Day trips	Waterways experience Silverstone F1 museum Harry Potter Studios	Year 8&9 ONLY National Science Museum	Whipsnade Zoo	Year 8&9 ONLY ESSA Water Park –	
Half day trips			Ninja Warrior Adventure Park		Ice skating Bowling



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Students can choose from the above activities; costs apply to trips and workshops. If your child does not wish to participate in one of the trips, then other in-school activities will be offered free of charge. There are limited places available for the trips and we are changing the way we offer places to avoid first come, first served. This should enable everyone to get at least a few trips of their choice.

**The online bookings for the trips and activities will open at 4:00pm on Wednesday 4th October 2023.
It will close at 3pm on Wednesday 18th October 2023**

All trips will go live on SOCS at 4pm on Wednesday 4th October. To request a place on a trip, you will need to log into your SOCS account. Only those trips available to your child will be shown. Once places are allocated you will be informed by email. You will be able to make payments using the school's internet payment facility ScoPay. These payments will be personalised based on the activities you have been allocated. Residential trips will require a physical consent along with any medical and emergency contact information and these will be sent to you separately.

Please note: Deposits for residential trips and payments for day trips are non-refundable .

Please sign up to all trips you would like to be considered for, and we will distribute them as fairly as possible. For this to work, **all trips must be signed up for Wednesday 18th October 2023**. This is an absolute deadline so that we can purchase tickets and book appropriately sized coaches. **Late bookings will not be accepted unless there are spare places on trips**. Please request places even if you require financial assistance.

Information regarding Residential Trips

Year 7: Phasels Wood

The group will walk to Phasels Wood on Thursday at 9.00am and return for the end of school on Friday (12:50). The centre offers many outdoor activities such as low ropes and archery etc. The cost of the trip is £65 with a deposit of £30 to be paid by 1st December 2023. The final payment of £35 will need to be paid by 1st February 2024.

Year 8: PGL Shropshire

They will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as Abseiling, Archery and High ropes. The cost of the trip will be £375 with a deposit of £100 due by 1st December 2023. Other deposits will be £125 by 1st February 2024, and a final payment of £150 by 1st April 2024. The cost of the trip includes transport, food and insurance. They will only need a small amount of spending money.

Year 9: Spanish and French trips – already advertised and all places are currently being filled. There are still a few remaining places and these trips open to all year 9 students.

Year 9: History Trip (TBC) – Unfortunately this will not be abroad in Ypres as described to students originally. It will be in Kent, in model trenches. This will be advertised shortly and places will be available soon.



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Information regarding Day Trips

Information regarding Whipsnade Zoo, Hampton Court, National History Museum and Silverstone F1 Museum:

These trips run during the school day. Students will require a packed lunch and any spending money if they wish to buy souvenirs. The cost of the trips are as followed:

Whipsnade Zoo	Years 7, 8 & 9	The cost of this trip is £21.00
National Science Museum	Years 8 & 9	The cost of this trip is £21.00
Hampton Court	Year 7	The cost of this trip is £21.00
Silverstone F1 Museum	Years 7,8 & 9	The cost of this trip is £26.50

Thorpe Park - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

The pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy the day in Thorpe Park. The coach will depart at approximately 9am and return after the school bell. The pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy the rides in the park.

The cost of this trip is £45. If the students own a Merlin Pass, please email the details to activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk and in this case the cost of the coach and insurance will be **£20**.

ESSA Water Activity Centre - YEARS 8 & 9

In the morning, the students will take part in a 2 ½ hour raft building and racing session. In the afternoon the group will be split in half, with half of the students canoeing and then wobble boarding and the other half wobble boarding and then canoeing. A change of clothes and a packed lunch will be required.

The cost of this trip is £65.

Waterways Experience - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

Walk down to the Canal and board a canal boat, students will then have the opportunity to help with the locks as the boat travels along the canal. Whilst on board the students will have the opportunity to have a lesson in photography and take photos of the nature along the way. Halfway through the trip, the students will pick up a fish and chip lunch before heading back to Kings Langley.

The cost of the trip is £21.

Harry Potter Studios – YEARS 7, 8 & 9

The students will head to the Harry Potter studios from school on a coach. Students will have time to walk around the exhibition and gift shop with the coach collecting them at 2.30pm to bring them back to school for normal finish. The cost of the trip is £32.

Information regarding Half Day Trips

Bowling - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

The students will head to Watford where will head to bowling where they can bowl and then grab something to eat. The cost of this trip is £15.00.

Ice Skating - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

The students will head to Planet Ice in Hemel Hempstead where they will have the opportunity to ice skate for the morning. The cost of this trip is £15.00.



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Ninja Warrior Adventure Park – YEARS 7, 8 & 9

The students will head to the Ninja Warrior Adventure Park from school by coach. Inspired by ITV's hit TV show, you can climb, balance, jump and swing across different obstacles. Can you beat the famous Warped Wall? Students will be collected by a coach at 11:00am to bring them back to school for pm. The cost of the trip is £25.

Information regarding Workshops in school

Please note that numbers are extremely limited for these workshops as they are run by specialists.

First Aid - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

Have the opportunity to learn some basic first aid skills taught by a first responder. Pupils will have the opportunity to learn to deal with cuts, burns, unresponsive casualties and CPR.

The cost of this workshop is £15.

Dance - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

Spend two hours with a dance company learning different dance genres and perform a dance at the end of the workshop.

The cost of the workshop is £12.

Forensic Science YEARS 7, 8 & 9

Have the opportunity to learn how to become a forensic scientist, students will have the opportunity to investigate a crime scene and learn the forensic skills needed to help solve a crime. The cost of this workshop is £30.00.

Drawing – YEARS 7, 8 & 9

Spend the day learning different techniques to improve your drawing skills, focus on tone, colours and shading to further improve your drawing ability.

The cost of this workshop is £15.

DofE Training – YEAR 9 ONLY

Spend the day working together in small groups learning expedition specific first aid, food, equipment, tent erecting, map reading, route cards and compass work. If you are planning to sign up for Bronze DOE, this would be beneficial to attend this day.

The cost of this workshop is £12.

Drama workshop – Year 7, 8 & 9

Spend the day refining drama skills and performances for your own enjoyment or even preparation for GCSE drama.

The cost of this workshop is £15.

Information regarding Work shadowing

Please see attached letter regarding work shadowing. Please note work shadowing is NOT work experience and students must be supervised by a parent or someone who the parent has given consent to, to supervise for the day. Please note that "working at home" will not be considered as an acceptable shadowing experience.

Any student that is unable to shadow on this day, will need to give their name to Mrs Jennings prior to the activities week. This will enable planning to take place as they will be expected in school to join in with other activities or will be given work shadowing experiences within the school.



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Please note:

- Once a **NON-REFUNDABLE deposit** has been paid to the school and you have completed the necessary details online, this place is reserved for your child and full payment is expected.
- To cancel your place on a trip, the finance office must be informed in writing, and we will do our best to resell your place.
- If we are able to resell places, money will be returned.
- If we are unable to resell the place, full payment will still need to be paid.
- For the trip to run successfully it requires the co-operation of the pupils and **continued poor behaviour in school could result in your child being removed from the trip.**
- All trips are number dependent. If a trip is cancelled, all deposits will be returned.
- If you require any other information, such as, enquiries, questions or financial assistance, please contact by email the activities week email: activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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