

Activities Week 2024

Over 4 days in July 2024:
Thursday 18th, Friday 19th,
Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd

All applications must be received
by **Friday 5th January 2024**

**Once your chosen activity is
allocated it will NOT be possible
to swap**

The draw for places will take place on
Monday 8th January 2024

Students will be informed of the outcome by
Monday 22nd January 2024



Welcome to our Activities Week Booklet 2024

On the following pages you will find details of all the activities that are on offer to students, with our thanks to all the school staff who have worked very hard to make these activities possible.

Whilst every effort is taken to ensure that activities run as described, some changes may need to be made should circumstances alter, or if activities are under- or over-subscribed.

All activities are subject to a risk assessment and only reputable organisations are used which are suitably checked with qualified staff.

Why do we have Activities Week?

- It cultivates students' imagination and curiosity
- It fosters teamwork outside of usual peer groups
- It allows students to discover things for, and about themselves
- It promotes strategy and communication skills
- It enhances self-confidence and self-esteem
- It encourages organisational skills and trust in others
- It encourages self-awareness and social skills
- It helps self-discipline and motivation
- It advances responsibility and achievement
- It's fun!

What happens now?

- With your parents/carers, choose a first, second and third choice activity
- Make sure your parents/carers are happy with your choices, and with the cost!
- Complete the Application Form on the back page
- Put your Application Form into the box in Reception by **Friday 5th January 2024**
- Places will be allocated on a first out of the 'hat' draw.

Worried about the cost?

Students eligible for Pupil Premium can claim a subsidy of up to 50% to a maximum of £125. Instalments will be adjusted on ParentMail accordingly.

For any payment queries please contact our Finance Manager, Kellie Poole, as soon as possible via email: kpooles@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk or call on 01308 862633. As always, any other concerns or queries should be raised with your son/daughter's Tutor in the first instance.

Important Information

Activities Week is part of the school year and cannot be taken as holiday.

Students will be advised as soon as possible should a chosen activity be full and they will be placed on a waiting list for their next choice activity. This is why it is **essential** to make **three** selections in priority order of what the student wishes to do.

Notes

- The draw for places will take place by **Monday 8th January 2024**
- Students will be notified of the outcome of the draw by **Monday 22nd January 2024**
- Deposits to be paid by **Thursday 1st February 2024**
- If a student's first and/or second choice is full they will be put on their next choice of activity
- Students will be placed on a waiting list for their first choice activity.

HOW and WHEN TO PAY

All payments must be made via ParentMail.

- You will receive an email through ParentMail with details of the cost and payment deadlines once places have been allocated.
- You can pay in full.

OR

- We offer payment by instalment - each instalment is 25% of the total cost due on:
 - 1st February 2024
 - 1st March 2024
 - 1st April 2024
 - 1st May 2024.
- You will receive a reminder via ParentMail each time a payment is due.

Animal Magic

Activity Leader: Mrs Fox

Places Available: 15 - Open to Years 7, 8 and 9

Instalments: £17.00 **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
£17.00 paid by 1st March 2024
£17.00 paid by 1st April 2024
£17.00 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £68

School Based / Day Trips

Spend days with Mrs Fox as we travel around Dorset.

The week will include:

- A visit to Abbotsbury Swannery
- A day at the Donkey Sanctuary
- A trip to Exmoor Zoo
- A walk around Beaminster with a picnic that you will prepare in school in the morning
- A visit to Monkey World



Around the World

Activity Leader: Mrs Holmes

Places Available: 45 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £23.00 **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
£23.00 paid by 1st March 2024
£23.00 paid by 1st April 2024
£23.00 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £92

School Based / Day Trips

Spend four days with us travelling around the world.

Visit the Roman Baths, shopping and sightseeing in Bath for our Italian day.

Visit the Eden Project on our Brazil Day to see the rainforest Biome with den making.

Join us on our Africa Day at Longleat.

The final day will be our UK day with garden games, picnic, treasure hunt and ice cream.



Beaminster Cricket Academy

Activity Leader: Mr Langford

Places Available: 22 - Open to Years 8, 9 and 10

Instalments: **£7.50** **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
 £7.50 paid by 1st March 2024
 £7.50 paid by 1st April 2024
 £7.50 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: **£30**

School Based / Day Trips

Cricket training, coaching, taking part in games and competitions.

Each day will focus on a different aspect of cricket either:

 Batting, bowling or fielding with lots of fun drills and activities.

Each day will end with a game.

We are hoping to be able to secure tickets to watch a county game OR a personalised training shirt! The week will end with a 'Last Man Standing' competition to see who is Beaminster's 2024 cricket champion!



Exploring the Local Area

Activity Leader: Ms Clifford

Places Available: 20 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £6.25 **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
£6.25 paid by 1st March 2024
£6.25 paid by 1st April 2024
£6.25 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £25

School Based / Day Trips

Forest School: Spend some time surviving in the school woods, fire lighting, den building, weapons and crafting.

A trip to Beaminster Museum and a trail around Beaminster taking in the beautiful scenery and countryside.

Make your own trail around the school.

Explore Wildwood in Devon, see the maze and animals.

Go on a fossil walk.



Extreme Sports

Activity Leaders: Mr Wagstaff and Mr Smith

Places Available: 32 - Open to Year 10 only

Instalments: £58.75 Deposit paid by 1st January 2024
£58.75 paid by 1st February 2024
£58.75 paid by 1st March 2024
£58.75 paid by 1st April 2024

Total Cost: £235

School Based / Day Trips

A variety of extreme sports. Activities may include:

- High and Low Ropes Course
- Archery
- Go-karting
- Quad Biking
- Rib-riding
- Dorset Water Park.



Final decisions about the activities will be taken following consultation with participants and consideration of costs.



Football Academy

Activity Leader: Mr Hobby

Places Available: 32 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £12.50 **Deposit** paid by 1st January 2024
£12.50 paid by 1st February 2024
£12.50 paid by 1st March 2024
£12.50 paid by 1st April 2024

Total Cost: £50

School Based / Day Trips

This year the Football Academy will be concentrating solely on giving students a feeling of what it is like to be part of a major club on a permanent basis.

Students will take part in fitness sessions, work on their skills and techniques, play games to improve communication and teamwork, and participate in day tournaments.

Our away days will involve footgolf and a trip to FTY Lab in Poole - a high-tech football inspired gym, creating a truly unique experience for every player.

If students do not like discipline, hard work and being part of a team then this will not be the activity for you.

This activity is open to both girls and boys.



French Discovery

Activity Leader: Ms Forster

Places Available: 30 - Open to All Years

Instalments: **Deposit £75 due immediately**
£130.00 paid by 1st December 2023
£130.00 paid by 1st January 2024
£130.00 paid by 1st February 2024
£100.00 paid by 1st March 2024

Total Cost: **£565**

Residential: Thursday 18th July to Monday 22nd July 2024

The trip will provide an exclusive opportunity for students to discover how French can be used in real life contexts and to appreciate the differences in foreign culture first-hand. The trip will be led by a native French *animateur*, who will get students speaking French at every opportunity in a fun, supportive and interactive way.

The Château's extensive grounds provide the perfect environment for students to improve their language skills and confidence, through a range of on-site activities all taught in French by native-speaking animateurs. The unique programme encourages students to listen and practise their French from the moment they arrive to the moment they leave, whether it's working together to build a raft, canoeing, climbing, bread making or taking part in everyone's firm favourite, the market mission.



We will be staying at Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, 90 minutes south of Cherbourg. Students stay in gender-specific en-suite bunk rooms in accommodation blocks throughout the Château grounds.



Fun with Food

Activity Leader: Mrs Gibbs

Places Available: 25 - Open to All Years

Instalments: **£38.75** **Deposit** paid by 1st January 2024
 £38.75 paid by 1st February 2024
 £38.75 paid by 1st March 2024
 £38.75 paid by 1st April 2024

Total Cost: **£155**

School Based / Day Trips

This trip is perfect if you enjoy cooking, eating and learning about food.

Activities will include:

- Longleat Safari Park – A trip on a train, the jungle cruise, some free time in the park, feeding the giraffes and a safari.
- A visit to Bristol Aquarium and an 'Under the Sea' workshop and feeding experience, followed by a visit to Za Za Bazaar to eat foods from around the world.
- Chocolate Day– A school-based day making chocolate goodies to take home.
- Dorset Water Park – Tackle the mud trail and then splash about on the inflatables.



Games

Activity Leaders: A variety of leaders throughout the week!

Places Available: 40 - Open to All Years



Total Cost:

School Based Activities

During the four days there will be a variety of activities that students can choose from. Morning and afternoon sessions will be run in a timetabled format where students can decide what they want to do. There will be a celebration at the end of the week so stay tuned!

We are also very excited to announce that we have secured **Bikeability** to come into school for a two hour session with students in a small group to gain their level 3 training certificate. This training is free and will take place on one of the four days. Please indicate on the application form if you would like your child to take part. They will need to bring in a bicycle on the training day, if students do not have a bike to bring in please advise Mrs Stone.



Activities may include:

- Dodgeball
- Arts and Crafts
- Films
- Reading
- Board games
- Dance
- Music
- Lego building
- Fitness
- Baking
- Tennis
- Local walks.



H₂O Let's Go!

Activity Leaders: Mr Crossland and Mrs Dodge

Places Available: 30 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £75 Deposit paid by 1st January 2024
£75 paid by 1st February 2024
£75 paid by 1st March 2024
£75 paid by 1st April 2024

Total Cost: £300

Day Trips / Residential

4 days/3 nights. The trip includes:

- Surfing
- Kayaking
- Coasteering.

Four days and three nights of fabulous fun in North Devon enjoying these watersports along the coast.

The price includes expert tuition, all equipment, three nights of camping under the stars and hearty post-surfing meals.

Students opting for this activity must have a good level of fitness, plenty of stamina, a **good swimming ability** and preferably have use of a tent.

NB: Students must be able to swim 50m unaided.



Jersey Cycle Tour

Activity Leaders: Mr and Mrs Randall, Mr and Mrs Challis

Places Available: 20 - Open to All Years

Instalments: **£66.25** Deposit paid by 1st February 2024
 £66.25 paid by 1st March 2024
 £66.25 paid by 1st April 2024
 £66.25 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: **£265**

Residential: Friday 19th July to Monday 22nd July 2024

An action-packed four days on the beautiful island of Jersey. We will depart on Friday and return on Monday, which will be your last day of term.

The trip will involve camping at the Beauvelande Camp Site (the only 5 pennant campsite on Jersey). Transport for the trip will be by bicycle via the ferry from Poole. Each day the group will be involved in a variety of cycling routes and activities which, depending on weather and availability, will include:

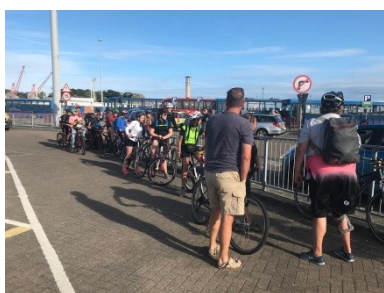
- Aqua Centre
- Inflatable rides (you must be able to swim 25 metres in order to take part)
- War Tunnels.

Students will also benefit from developing their own independence and camp craft skills through al-fresco cooking and washing up!

A reasonable level of fitness is required as you will be cycling approximately 25 miles each day - plus a good sense of humour!

Please Note: Transport to and from the ferry terminal in Poole with your bicycle is **NOT INCLUDED** so you will need to make your own arrangements for this.

Students will also need a tent, although school does have some that may be borrowed on a first come, first served basis.



Let's Get Creative!

Activity Leaders: Mrs Brent and Miss Hawkins

Places Available: 15 - Open to Years 9 and 10

Instalments: £10.00 **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
£10.00 paid by 1st March 2024
£10.00 paid by 1st April 2024
£10.00 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £40

Day Trips / School Based

We are offering a fun week of Art-related activities, exploring colours and textures in nature.



We will use materials in a range of exciting and challenging ways which will be of value to any current or future GCSE students, as well as anyone who enjoys Art.



There will be opportunities to make art of different kinds, including making sculptural pieces.

We will have a day trip to an Art gallery to take part in a range of Art-based activities and exploring the surroundings.



We will also have a trip to the beach (weather permitting) to complete a series of sketches, paintings, making sculptures, and eating ice creams!

We will work outside - exploring, collecting and making sculptures - as well as a couple of workshop days based in the art rooms to create exciting mixed media pieces inspired by our trips and installation work.



In the past students choosing this activity have had a fun and productive week, improving their art skills and confidence, and creating some great art pieces in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Magical Mayhem

Activity Leaders: Ms Jones, Mrs Spencer-White,
Ms Rollick, Mrs Carlile

Places Available: 45 - Open to All Years

Instalments: **£32.50** Deposit paid by 1st February 2024
 £32.50 paid by 1st March 2024
 £32.50 paid by 1st April 2024
 £32.50 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: **£130**

Day Trips

Thursday: A trip to the Harry Potter Studios in Watford

Friday: Visit Sherborne Castle here in Dorset

Monday: A safari trip to Longleat and see all the animals

Tuesday: A trip to a local prison!



Pools, Parks and Picnics

Activity Leader: Mrs Van Niekerk

Places Available: 45 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £55.00 Deposit paid by 1st February 2024
£55.00 paid by 1st March 2024
£55.00 paid by 1st April 2024
£55.00 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £220

School Based / Day Trips

An activity for those who would like to experience a snapshot of different adventures in four days.

The programme is likely to include:

Thursday: Crealy

Friday: Devon Activity Centre

Monday: Splashdown

Tuesday: Devon Activity Centre.



Racketeers

Activity Leader: Mr Stevens

Places Available: 36 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £5 Deposit paid by 1st February 2024
£5 paid by 1st March 2024
£5 paid by 1st April 2024
£5 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £20

School Based

This is a fun-filled four days of activities involving Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis and Movies. Equipment will be provided, though of course you can bring your own if you so wish.

Badminton

You will be coached by a Badminton England UKCC Level 2 registered coach and learn how to do an overhead smash, high clear, and drop shots. You will learn how to develop strategies to win rallies. There will also be the opportunity to look at backhand shots as well as fun games and competitive play.

Tennis

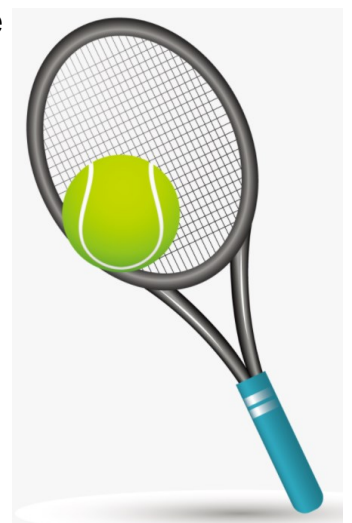
During the four days you will focus on both forehand and backhand shots to include top spin and sliced returns. There will be coaching on service technique and the opportunity to play competitive matches.

All you need is a little hand eye coordination and fear not, even if you have never played before, guess what, there will be expert help and advice on hand!!

Movies

During the afternoons we have some chilled time and watch a movie! Then we'll do some more racket sports!!!

At the end of the week we will have a big party where there will be food and lots of trophies will be given out to competition winners.



Sailing

Activity Leader: Mrs Walton

Places Available: 15 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £41.25 **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
£41.25 paid by 1st March 2024
£41.25 paid by 1st April 2024
£41.25 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £165

Day Trips

NB: This activity would normally cost £325 per person but funding has been secured through Andrew Simpson Sailing so the price is heavily reduced.

Royal Yachting Association Stage 1 and 2 Qualification

We will be travelling to Portland each day to Andrew Simpson Sailing at the Olympic Sailing Centre.

All equipment is provided.

No experience required.

Weymouth and Portland's National Sailing Academy is one of the world's greatest sailing venues.



SENsory Explorers

Activity Leaders: Mrs Wagstaff, Mrs Appleby

Places Available: 14 - Open to Years 7 and 8

Instalments: £14.00 **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
 £14.00 paid by 1st March 2024
 £14.00 paid by 1st April 2024
 £14.00 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £56

Day Trips



An inclusive trip with space to be you! There will be a chance for

water play, ice cream and picnics.

Thursday will be a baking day in school.

Friday we will visit Sealife Centre.

Monday we will have a junk modelling day in school.

Tuesday we will visit Flip Out.

Sewing Bee

Activity Leader: Mrs Da Costa

Places Available: 15 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £6.25 Deposit paid by 1st February 2024
£6.25 paid by 1st March 2024
£6.25 paid by 1st April 2024
£6.25 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £25

School Based

Textile based "sewing bee."

Festival tie dye and printed t shirts, bag making (not totes!), cool cushions, patchwork, possibly punk / graffiti inspired A line skirts.

Bring your own project to do!



Skater Week

Activity Leader: Miss Gribler

Places Available: 45 - Open to All Years

Instalments: £33.75 **Deposit** paid by 1st February 2024
£33.75 paid by 1st March 2024
£33.75 paid by 1st April 2024
£33.75 paid by 1st May 2024

Total Cost: £135

Day Trips

This week is not for the faint-hearted! Climbing, parkour, skating and scooting as well as swinging through the trees - this is a week for those of you ready to push yourself to the limits!

The fab days out planned are:

Thursday

Prevail Skate Park, Poole - four hours of supervised skating and scooting with a provider.

Friday

Skate and ride, Bridport—skating fun!

Monday

Go Ape, Ringwood - Nets Adventure and the Tree Top Experience.

Tuesday

The Front Skate Park, Weymouth - supervised skating and scooting with a provider.

Students will need to have their own scooter/ skateboard, a helmet and knee/elbow pads.





ACTIVITIES WEEK 2024 APPLICATION FORM



Please complete fully and return to Reception by
Friday 5th January 2024 at the latest

All students in Years 7-10 must complete an application form

Places on activities will be allocated by a random draw

All students must make 3 choices by putting 1st, 2nd, 3rd to indicate their preferred activity
Please only choose activities that you wish to go on as you will not be able to swap this year

If a student's first and/or second choice is full they will be put on their next choice of activity

Students will be placed on a waiting list for their first choice activity

Student Name: **Tutor Group:**

Activity	Cost	YOU <u>MUST</u> CHOOSE <u>THREE</u> ACTIVITIES Indicate preferred order 1 st , 2 nd 3 rd
Animal Magic	£68	
Around the World	£92	
Beaminster Cricket Academy	£30	
Exploring the Local Area	£25	
Extreme Sports	£235	
Football Academy	£50	
French Discovery	£565	
Fun with Food	£155	
Games	FREE	Bikeability: YES / NO
H ₂ O Lets Go!	£300	
Jersey Cycle Tour	£265	
Let's Get Creative	£40	
Magical Mayhem	£130	
Pools, Parks and Picnics	£220	
Racketeers	£20	
Sailing	£165	
SENSory Explorers	£56	
Sewing Bee	£25	
Skater Week	£135	
Is there anything that we need to be made aware of to allow your child to take part in Activities Week?	YES / NO	COMMENT:

Parent/Carer Name:

Signature:

Date: