



Bottisham Village College

Achievement through Inspiring, Caring, Enriching

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Activities Week 8 – 12 July 2024

Summary of action(s) required	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up and pay for Activities week activities on Wisepay. Cost £33.00 	31 May 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email trips@bottishamvc.org if your child is eligible for a free school meal and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for them. 	15 June 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for financial assistance, if applicable. Contact trips@bottishamvc.org 	31 May 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform us of any changes to emergency contact details and medical information. Contact studentdata@bottishamvc.org 	15 June 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further details of the trips and activities will be sent nearer to the day. 	

I am delighted to be writing to you with details for Activities Week, which takes place Monday 8 to Friday 12 July 2024.

During this week students will be taking part in a series of enrichment activities which aim to raise aspirations and develop the key skills and qualities of the Bottisham student: creativity, reflection, self-management, problem solving and teamwork.

Over the course of the week, students will be given the opportunity to explore the world of enterprise and STEM, by completing a science and engineering-based challenge, and pitching and presenting their ideas in our own 'Dragons Den'.

Furthermore, they will enhance their collaborative teamwork and problem-solving skills off site at The Playground (<https://www.theplaygrounduk.com/>) where students will participate in log leaps, cargo net crawls, rope climbs and a Ninja Warrior-style warped wall!

This trip will be leaving school at 8.45am and returning before the end of the school day at 3.10pm, in time for school buses home.



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We are assuming that you are giving permission for your child to go out on this day trip unless we hear otherwise.

Please be aware we will use the standard information currently held on the school's data base to access emergency contact details and medical information if required whilst out on the day trip. If this information needs updating, please contact studentdata@bottishamvc.org

Further information will be sent out closer to the time.

During the week, school uniform is not required. Students will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the daily activities.

Students who are undertaking the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award will be completing their assessed expedition during this week on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 July. Further information will be provided by the DofE team.

These students will attend the trip to the Playground on either Tuesday 9 or Wednesday 10 July.

What you need to do next:

We would ask for a contribution of £33.00 to cover the cost of the trip to the 'The Playground' and activities taking place in school. This can be paid via Wisepay.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or pupil premium entitlements, you are entitled to some financial assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us at trips@bottishamvc.org in writing in the first instance, by 31 May to ascertain what support is available. Please note it is important that you request the financial assistance by this due date as it may not be available later.

If we have not received sufficient contributions by the closing date of 15 June, we might have to cancel some/all these activities.

As with all trips, visits, and activities, if the behaviour of a student becomes a cause for concern at any stage prior to Activities Week, the school reserves the right to withdraw the student from the event and refund any payments received.

Students are expected to be in school each day for Activities Week. If students are absent without explanation or choose not to come in and take part, the registration mark given will be unauthorised.

We look forward to an enjoyable and successful Activities Week. It is one of the highlights of the school year, providing positive memories for the years to come.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Rankine
Head of Learning, Year 9