



ACTIVITIES WEEK

# **YEAR 8 EXPERIENCES & DAY TRIPS**

1st - 5th July 2024

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Every year, during the summer term, the school has an Activities Week, which will take place 1st - 5th July 2024 for years 7, 8, and 9. It's an integral part of the curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

We are excited to announce that we will be offering five fun-filled days for the Year 8 Activities Week.

Please take a look at the exciting and diverse activity experiences we have lined up. The brochure contains information on day trips and on-site activities, including costs and payment schedules.

Activities week is a five-day package, including three day trips and two local activities. Students will stay in their tutor groups during Activities Week. The groups below will be determined closer to the time of Activities Week and will be communicated at that time. The breakdown for Activities will be as follows:

Year 8 Activities Week					
Groups	1st July	2nd July	3rd July	4th July	5th July
1	Mojo Active (on site)	Ninja Warrior/ Bowling	West Country Water Park	Go Ape Outdoor Adventures	Portishead Lido
2	Portishead Lido	Mojo Active (on site)	Ninja Warrior/ Bowling	West Country Water Park	Go Ape Outdoor Adventures
3	Go Ape Outdoor Adventures	Portishead Lido	Mojo Active (on site)	Ninja Warrior/ Bowling	West Country Water Park
4	West Country Water Park	Go Ape Outdoor Adventures	Portishead Lido	Mojo Active (on site)	Ninja Warrior/ Bowling
5	Ninja Warrior/ Bowling	West Country Water Park	Go Ape Outdoor Adventures	Portishead Lido	Mojo Active (on site)

For students who decide not to sign up there will be a free 'base programme' of teacher-led activities in school. Please note that this is still a school week and students are expected to participate in either the Activities Week or base programme.

We're looking forward to offering this fun-filled week for our students.

**The Activities Week Team**

# GO APE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



Go Ape is the UK's #1 outdoor adventure company which runs tree top ropes courses and forest adventures packed full of fun. This day trip to the Forest of Dean, Beechenhurst will include the Tree Top Adventure Plus and team games with exciting physical and mental challenges.

Tree Top Adventures Plus - full access to the Adventure loops of the course to find your feet, hone your skills and have fun.

When ready, it's time to hit the heights of Adventure Plus. Further into the treetops and with more challenging crossings, this turns up the adventure and turns up the fun, finishing with the biggest zip ride of the day back to the ground!

A Go Ape school trip enables self-discovery, problem-solving, teamwork, better communication and confidence building opportunities.

Information about the price & payment schedule can be found at the back of the brochure

# WEST COUNTRY WATER PARK



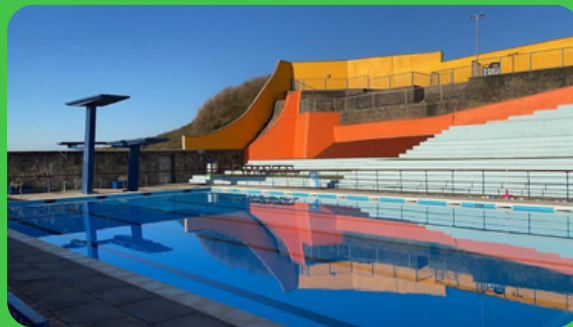
The West Country Water Park is Bristol's premier open-water, outdoor, natural swimming destination.

Students will spend a fun-filled day at the Aqua Park, an inflatable obstacle course jam-packed with exciting obstacles, slides and challenges before participating in a paddleboarding session.

Whether they're racing down the slides, trying to keep their balance through the tunnel, or challenging their friends to see who's the fastest – the Aqua Park has something for everyone!

Information about the price & payment schedule can be found at the back of the brochure

# PORTISHEAD OPEN AIR POOL



For a relaxing day out, we have booked the Portishead Open Air Pool where our Y8's can enjoy swimming and having fun with their friends.

A short walk from Gordano School, this heated, 33-metre community pool situated on the edge of the Bristol Channel, has been a Portishead fixture for over 60 years. After major renovations in 2009, the pool has seen well over 50,000 visitors a season!

Complete with extensive sun terraces, there's plenty of opportunity to swim, kick back, relax, and admire the views of the Bristol Channel at this beautiful outdoor lido.

Information about the price & payment schedule can be found at the back of the brochure

# NINJA WARRIOR AND BOWLING



This two-part day is sure to be filled with excitement!

Spend the morning testing your ninja skills at Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park where you can climb, balance, and swing across obstacles or bounce across the inflatables .

There's also the famous Warped Wall to conquer and Mount Sasuke to climb!

For some afternoon fun, you'll be on your way to Hollywood Bowl for two games of bowling where you can show off your bowling skills.

Information about the price & payment schedule can be found at the back of the brochure

# **MOJO ACTIVE** **ON-SITE ACTIVITIES**



Mojo Active is one of Bristol's best-equipped outdoor activity centres and they are bringing the fun to Gordano!

This day will include activities where students will have the opportunity to show and develop new skills and enjoy time with their friends.

Activities for the day may include activities such as dodge ball, archery tag, mobile assault, zorbs, and team games.

Information about the price & payment schedule can be found at the back of the brochure



# Terms & Conditions

## Allocation of Places

The school reserves the right to exclude a student from any trip/activity whose behaviour has given concern at any stage during the year. Receipt of this brochure is not an indicator of your son's/daughter's eligibility to participate.

The final decision to allow any student to take part in an activity rests with the Head of House and Deputy Head. For students who are on stage 2 of our disciplinary process, their place on a school trip/residential will only be approved if they have demonstrated an improvement in their behaviour. Students who are on stage 3 and 4 of our disciplinary process will not be able to participate in the day trips package.

## Payment

The total cost of Activities Week is **£207**. A **non-refundable deposit of £75** must be paid by **30th November 2023** via ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) to commit to the week's activities.

Please note that once your first payment is made, the deposits are non-refundable, as this is paid to our providers. The school is unable to cover these costs (see insurance terms and conditions below).

You will be required to use ParentPay to make payments. The activity experiences on offer, including costs, may be subject to alteration depending on the uptake/overall number of students. An approximate schedule is set out below:

- 30th November 2023 **£75** - Non-refundable deposit due
- 31st January 2024 **£66** - Stage payment
- 27th March 2024 **£66** - Final balance due

A free "base programme" with teacher-led in-school activities will be available for those students who choose not to go on the trips. Please note that this is still a school week and absence will be marked as unauthorised. **If your child would prefer to participate in the base programme, please email [trips@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:trips@gordanoschool.org.uk)**

**If payments are not met, this does not constitute a request to withdraw your child's place from the week's activities. You must notify the school in writing at the earliest opportunity if you have any problems making these payments.**

## Cancellation

Cancellation requests must be received by the school in writing to [trips@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:trips@gordanoschool.org.uk) from a **parent/carers** and will follow the providers cancellation terms. **Please note that the deposit is non-refundable.**

## Medical & Emergency Contact Information

1. It is your responsibility to keep the school informed when there are any changes in medical conditions, allergies or dietary requirements plus emergency contact information. You can do this by contacting the data team by email at [datateam@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:datateam@gordanoschool.org.uk).
2. Medical information and contact information are taken from the school database and passed to the trip leader prior to the trip. Details of any required medication will be requested from you in the month prior to the trip taking place.

## Insurance

1. All activities are fully insured in the event of cancellation by the provider. This does not cover any non-refundable payments if an individual student cancels their place. Therefore, you may want to consider whether to take out your own insurance cover in the event of you subsequently cancelling your child's place.
2. Electronic items such as mobile phones, cameras, iPads, headphones and small game consoles are not covered by the school insurance. If permitted, these are taken at the owner's risk.