

HOLBROOK ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Activities Week 2024

I am writing to provide you with exciting information about this year's Activities Week which takes place the week beginning 15th July. It will involve all students in Years 7-10.

We have planned a busy week, combining some on-site activities and a variety of day trips. Our annual sports day will also take place during this week.

We are excited to take participating year groups to Pleasurewood Hills, Lakeside Shopping Centre (Year 9 and 10 only), Colchester Zoo (Year 7 and 8 only) and Curve, in Clacton, which is a water park and assault course where we will have exclusive use of the facilities and all the activities on offer, including the inflatable assault course, kayaking and Ringo's.

On the days in the Academy, students will spend time doing fun learning activities along with our celebration assemblies and also take part in Sports Day.

We have tried to construct a programme for each year group which combines learning, challenge and fun and we think that there is something for everyone this year. We have also tried to limit the cost to families and to put together a package which we hope will be affordable and very good value for money. The costs come from the hire of coaches for day trips and entry to Pleasurewood Hills, Colchester Zoo and Curve. Full details of the programme for each year group will be provided nearer the time.

Whilst I fully understand and appreciate the cost may initially be alarming due to the increase compared to last year, however, the challenge is to keep the week entertaining and full of experiences whilst keeping the cost as low as possible.

Initial details can be found on the next page. Please be aware that students will need to be collected from the Academy after the Pleasurewood Hills trips for all year groups and the Lakeside trips for Years 9 and 10, as they will return late afternoon. The Colchester Zoo trip and the Curve trip will return in time for usual transport home.

The cost for each student is:

Year 7 and Year 8: £100

Year 9 and Year 10: £103

Please pay via our School Gateway using the 'Activities Week' icon. Payment can be made by instalments with final payment due by **1st July 2024**. Holbrook Academy will subsidise children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant and the figure shown on the Gateway for your child is the amount that is due.



We regret that it will not be possible for students to take part in day trips unless payment has been received. Due to transport arrangements and costs, it will also not be possible for students to pick and choose between the day trips on offer. They will need to attend all or none of the activities. We also regret that no refunds will be possible as activities and transport have been paid for in advance. Students who do not wish to take part in the off-site activities, will be supervised on site and work will be set for them.

Participation in Activities Week is dependent upon good behaviour in the weeks leading up to Monday 15th July. We reserve the right to withdraw a student from trips before or during Activities Week if their behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable. In this event, no refund will be given.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the main office.

Yours sincerely,

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Behaviour Manager

Activities Week Programme 2024

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 |
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| Monday 15th July | | | | |
| Location: | Curve - Clacton | Colchester Zoo | Pleasurewood Hills | Pleasurewood Hills |
| Departure: | 9.00am | 9.30am | 9.30am | 9.30am |
| Return: | 3.00pm | 3.00pm | 5.00pm | 5.00pm |
| Tuesday 16th July | | | | |
| Location: | Colchester Zoo | Curve - Clacton | Lakeside Shopping | Lakeside Shopping |
| Departure: | 9.30am | 9.00am | 9.00am | 9.00am |
| Return: | 3.00pm | 3.00pm | 5.30pm | 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 17th July | | | | |
| Holbrook Academy Sports Day | | | | |
| Thursday 18th July | | | | |
| Location: | Pleasurewood Hills | Pleasurewood Hills | Curve - Clacton | In School Activities |
| Departure: | 9.00am | 9.00am | 9.00am | N/A |
| Return: | 5.00pm | 5.00pm | 3.00pm | N/A |
| Friday 19th July | | | | |
| Location: | In School Activities | In School Activities | In School Activities | Curve - Clacton |
| Departure: | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9.00am |
| Return: | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3.00pm |