

HOLBROOK ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Activities Week 2025

I am writing to provide you with information about this year's Activities Week which takes place the week beginning 14th July 2025. It will involve all students in Years 7-10, except those students attending our residential trip to Madrid.

We have planned a busy week, combining some on-site activities and trips out of the Academy.

We are excited to take participating year groups to Thorpe Park, Jump Ipswich (Years 8, 9 and 10 only) Colchester Zoo (Year 7 only) and Alton Water Aqua Park, which is an on lake water park and assault course where we will have exclusive use of the facilities and all the activities on offer, including the mentioned inflatable assault course and wetsuit hire.

On the days in the Academy, Monday and Friday, these will be normal school days, but Friday will include the celebration assemblies and goodbyes to the academic year.

We have tried to construct a programme for each year group which combines learning, challenge and fun and we think 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 cost comes from the hire of coaches for day trips and entry to the various activities.

Whilst I fully understand and appreciate the cost may initially be alarming, it is a reduction 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.

Further details can be found on the next page, but please be aware that for the Thorpe Park trips, students will need to be dropped off early and collected from the Academy after the end of the school day. The Colchester Zoo trip, Jump and the Alton Water trip will return in time for usual transport home.

The cost for each student is: **£95.00**

Please pay via the School Gateway using the 'Activities Week 2025' icon. Payment can be made in full or instalments with final payment due by **Monday 15th June 2025**. 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. In order to secure tickets, please complete the consent and make an initial payment of £20.00 by Friday 14th February 2025.

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 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 14th 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

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Monday 14th July	Normal School Day	Normal School Day	Normal School Day	Normal School Day
Tuesday 15th July				
Location:	Alton Water & STEM	STEM & Alton Water	Thorpe Park	Jump Ipswich
Departure:	Within school day	Within school day	Leaving before 8.30am	Within school day
Return:			Returning late afternoon	
Wednesday 16th July				
Location:	Colchester Zoo	Jump Ipswich	Alton Water Aqua Park	Thorpe Park
Departure:	Within school day	Within school day	Within school day	Leaving before 8.30am
Return:				Returning late afternoon
Thursday 17th July				
Location:	Thorpe Park	Thorpe Park	Jump Ipswich	Alton Water Aqua Park
Departure:	Leaving before 8.30am	Leaving before 8.30am	Within school day	Within school day
Return:	Returning late afternoon	Returning late afternoon		
Friday 18th July	Normal School Day	Normal School Day	Normal School Day	Normal School Day

Note: Full details about the trips will be sent nearer the date.