



# THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL

*A Community Academy*

## Year 9 Activities Week Booklet



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to be offering three July activity days to all students in Years 7-9. Our activity days will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Each year group will have one day for a dedicated whole year group activity that will take place in or around school with no cost to the student. You can find details of this in the booklet.

For the remaining two days, students will need to select activities from the range of activities outlined in this booklet. We are delighted to offer you a variety of exciting activities that include both trips as well as in-school activities.

Along with this email there is a link to an online options form, which you should complete and submit **by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. If your form is submitted/handed in after the deadline, please be aware that you may not get your preferred choices.

Please nominate your preferences for the two days indicated on the online form. **Please select 3 different choices for each day.**

Following 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will let you know the activities students have been allocated, and distribute information on how and when to pay etc. **Please note that some activities may not run if there is insufficient demand or unforeseen circumstances.**

In the event that the activity is oversubscribed, all names will be randomly selected by a computer software program.

We are really looking forward to these days and the enrichment opportunities. It will be a lovely end to the academic year.

Yours faithfully



Linda Baines

Assistant Head

# Year 9

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is the Whole Year 9 Group Activity

Teachers: Mrs Green, Mr Walker & Mr Perraton

Activity: World of Careers

Calling all year 9! On our year nine activity week we will be focusing on the world of careers and embedding some positive thinking for the future! You will be given some career ideas to think about, as well as the chance to meet some local members of our community to tell you about their career journey. We will encourage you to think positively about the future and raise your aspirations for the exciting journey ahead of you!

You have a further 2 days of activities. Please read each activity and choose your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice for each day. These will need to be completed on your online options form and this form should be submitted no later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. You can put your choices in the boxes below and keep this to remind you nearer the time of what you chose.

<u>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</u>		<u>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</u>	
Art and Photography		Business Enterprise Challenge	
Card and Board Games		Chessington	
Cinema		Cryptography, puzzles & Brain teasers	
Cotswold Water Park		Film Making*	
		Gym & Well Being Day	
Film Making*		Patisserie Day	
Hiking Locally		Sports Festival	
JoG Racing School		Steel Drum Workshop	
Patisserie Day		Trout Fishing	

\* Film Making – This is a 2 day activity so you must choose BOTH days

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Activity: Art and Photography	
Teachers: Mrs Knee, Mrs Snowdon, Mrs Langley-Jones, Mrs O’Nains	
Max No: 20	Cost: Free

Lino printing and photography workshop

Students will spend the first part of the day finding imagery of their choice to turn into a print.

You will be introduced to lino cutting and will use inks to print your designs onto bags (which are provided) you can also bring your own t-shirts if you wish.

The second part of the day will be an introduction to photography, using the DSLR cameras and using the school site to take a range of creative images, before heading back to C5 to edit them in Photoshop.

Activity: Business Enterprise Challenge	
Teachers: Mrs S Green	
Max No: 25	Cost: Free

A day packed with business challenges!

Working in teams you will take part in a day long business challenge. You will be given a brief at the start of the day and develop a new business idea. You will need to appoint a Managing Director, Marketing Manager, Finance Manager along with other exciting roles to plan all aspects of your business. In the afternoon you will pitch your idea to some local VIPs to win the contract. This day will challenge and develop your teamwork, communication, presentation, creative and hard-nosed business skills!

Activity: Card & Board Games	
Teachers: Mr Lear	
Max No: 12	Cost: Free

Come and enjoy a variety of card and board games with other students and feel free to bring in your own and teach them to others!

Activity: Chessington	
Teachers: Mr White, Mr Carter, Mr Lear, Miss Ferreira, Mr Pope	
Max No:50	Cost: approx. £44

A trip to Chessington: World of Adventures near London, leaving at 7.30 to arrive as the park opens at 10am, leaving Chessington at 15:00, back at school for 16:30, giving us 5 hours at the park.

Activity: Cinema	
Teachers: Mrs Perks, Mrs Gear, Mrs Hunter & Miss Clift	
Max No: 100	Cost: approx. £15.50

Are you into films? Do you fancy a trip to the Odeon to see a couple of the latest films? If so, this is the activity for you!  
Price includes a small popcorn, drink and sweet snack.

Activity: Cotswold Water Park	
Teachers: Mrs Rossiter	
Max No: 45	Cost: approx. £32

Race friends over a giant Aqua Adventure inflatable course; a giant inflatable water park with over 40 pieces to climb, splash, jump and slide your way around! AquaVenture is the ultimate total wipe-out style experience.

We will also have time to hang out on the beach - a completely sandy beach, complete with a swimming lake. Chill out on the sand, enjoy an ice cream or swim in the lake, the choice is yours! Following a picnic lunch, we will head back to school.

To join this activity, you must be a competent swimmer and able to swim a minimum of 50 metres unaided.

Activity: Miss A Taylor	
Teachers: Cryptography, puzzles and brain teasers	
Max No: 30	Cost:Free

You don't always need specialist knowledge to break codes but you do need certain skills, many of which can be developed with practise and are also vitally important to navigating everyday life, learning and future employment. This activity is designed to test and develop your problem solving skills, imagination, logic skill, critical thinking, perseverance, language skills, mathematical skills, resilience, patience, patience and planning skills.

Activity: Film Making **2 day activity	
Teachers: Mrs Bray	
Max No: 8	Cost: Free

This is a school-based activity in which you will plan, story-board, film and edit a 30- 1 min second teaser trailer for a film genre which creates a series of narrative enigma codes (mysteries). The following is an example of what the days may look like:

**DAY ONE**

- Plan the overall plot of your film – what sub-genre of film do you want to make? Mainstream or Independent? What is roughly going to happen?
- Storyboard your trailer – consider a range of different camera angles and sounds. How are you going to show snippets of your film without giving away the whole plot?
- Film your trailer using props, make-up and lighting. You may bring in props from home.

**DAY TWO**

- Edit your footage and create a 30 second teaser trailer ready for showcasing at the end of the day

Activity: Gym & Well Being Day	
Teachers: Mr Smith	
Max No: 15	Cost: Approx: £10

GYM and WELL BEING DAY at the Watson Gym Frome. State of the art gym, best equipment in the industry. Students to plan gym session in the morning in a classroom at JOG after guidance speech/powerpoint from Mr Smith. Students will look into how to make training and meal plans, and then make healthy smoothies as a pre gym meal. Students will make protein flapjacks which will be refrigerated for after our session.

Go to Watson Gym, Frome to carry out planned workouts. Students will complete a spin class at the Watson Gym and have time to use the weights area. Return to school to focus on Well Being with Yoga and Stretching session followed by a classroom session based on recovery, using massage guns, foam rollers etc. Lastly, students will enhance their recovery by eating protein flapjacks at JOG.

Activity: Hiking	
Teachers: Mrs Brooks, Mr Wigmore & more	
Max No: 25	Cost: £2 voluntary contribution

Students will undertake a walk of approximately 10 miles in the local area over the course of the entire school day. This will be using footpaths, tracks, towpaths and some smaller roads and then having a long lunch break in a scenic spot. We will visit local rivers, canals and woodland and explore paths around Bradford-on-Avon, Tellisford, Avoncliff and Rode. Students will need to ensure they have suitable footwear for walking in mud and over a long distance. They should also be prepared for extremely hot, wet or cold weather. A good packed lunch and snacks for the walk will be required and at least 1 litre of water, 2 if the weather is hot

Activity: JOG Racing School	
Teachers: Mr Roberts	
Max No: 15	Cost: £38

Fancy yourself as the next Lewis Hamilton??? All the gear but no idea? Why not come and learn how to be a racing driver. Come and experience full training on: Racing lines(the fastest route), how to set up a race car, defensive driving, overtaking, health and safety then put all that into practice with 3 timed 10 minute sessions at M4 Karting with a certificate for completion of JOG Racing School and trophy for fastest time of the day.

Activity: Patisserie Day	
Teachers: Mrs Beatie, Mr Lacelles	
Max No: 11 for each day	Cost: £3

We will have the opportunity to design and make a range of petite patisserie products.

We will spend all morning designing and making a range of sweet patisserie products from mille-feuille to raspberry religieuse. You will then spend the remainder of the day designing and making decorative packaging to take your patisserie home in.

Please ensure for this activity that long hair is tied back; appropriate clothing and footwear is worn and along with an apron.

We will be using dairy and wheat within all products made.

Activity: Sports Festival	
Teachers: Mr Merriman, Mr Walker, Mrs Bodman, Miss Lewis, Mrs Acheson, Mr Dunbar	
Max No: 80	Cost: Free

A rotation of sports activities throughout the day:

1. Benchball
2. Rounders/softball
3. Football
4. Capture of the Flag
5. Inflatable fun

Activity: Steel Drum Workshop	
Teachers: Mrs Maguire	
Max No: 25	Cost: Free

Come and be transported to the Caribbean for the day and learn to play in a steel drum band! No experience is required. You will learn how to play the different steel drum instruments and put together well-known songs as part of a steel drum band.

Activity: Trout Fishing	
Teachers: Mr Streatfield-James	
Max No: 10	Cost: £25

Manningford Fishery near Devizes is the perfect place to learn to fly fish for trout. We'll fish there for a day, then learn how to gut, fillet and prepare the fish for cooking. Most years everyone catches lots of trout and takes them home for supper for their parents.