



# THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL

*A Community Academy*

## Year 7 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 7

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is the Whole Year 7 Group Activity

Calling all of Year 7!

Do you care about equality? Do you want to make a positive change in our community? Are you passionate about cookies? Join us for our Equality Enterprise Day!

The day will explore the theme of equality & will provide you with the opportunity to design a campaign that aims to increase equality for a chosen area such as LGBT+, Racism, or Feminism.

Within the campaign you will design an equaliTEE and also some equaliCookies, alongside a marketing & advertisement campaign. Each group will then present their campaign and staff will vote on the winner, before we give out some prizes from the day.

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>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</u>		<u>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</u>	
Art and Photography		Alpaca Experience	
Card and Board Games		Card and Board Games	
Cinema		Cray Fishing	
CO2 Dragsters		Film Making*	
Disco		Harry Potter Day	
El Dia de los Muertos		Hiking	
Film Making*		Longleat	
Patisserie Day		Patisserie Day	
Paultons Park		Sports Festival	
Steel Drum Workshop			

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

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Activity: Alpaca Experience	
Trip Leader: Mrs Kerr	
Max No: 15	Cost: approx. £14

Come and spend the day at Lane House Alpaca Centre for a hands-on experience of meeting these lovely animals. You will have the chance to meet the Alpacas and a number of other animals and pet and feed them. Learn about where alpacas come from and what they are like as animals. There is a herd of approximately 100 alpacas and babies are born throughout the year and will be part of the experience.

We will be able have our packed lunch at Lane House surrounded by the beautiful countryside.

This trip is unsuitable for students who are not comfortable around animals.

Activity: Art and Photography	
Teachers: Mrs Knee, Mrs Snowdon, Mrs Langley-Jones, Mrs O'Nians	
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 introducing 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: Card and Board Games	
Teachers: Mr Lear	
Max No: 12 on each day	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: Cinema	
Teachers: Mrs Perks, Mrs Gear, Mrs Hunter & Miss Clift	
Max No: 100	Cost: approx. £13.50

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!

If your child is under 12 we need parents' consent on parentpay to watch a 12A film, if you do not consent we will not be able to take your child on this trip.

Price includes a small popcorn, drink and sweet snack.

Activity: Cray fishing	
Trip Leader: Mr Streatfield	
Max No: 10	Cost: £4.00

The river Frome is full of crayfish (like lobsters but smaller). We'll spend half a day catching them, then either release them or – if we're feeling brave - cook them and make crayfish sandwiches. We usually catch somewhere between 100-200 each trip, so there are plenty to go around.

We'll also toast some marshmallows over a fire and, almost certainly, get very wet!

Activity: Celebration of El Dia de los Muertos	
Teachers: Mrs Borrego-Real	
Max No: 15	Cost: Free

A celebration of El Dia de Los Muertos.

An in-depth examination of the Mexican festival Day of the Dead which will involve a study of the film The Book of Life or Coco, a discussion about the history and meaning of the festival and various crafts relating to "las ofrendas", culminating in a presentation of what we have produced.

We will also study other South American traditions through some clips from the film "Encanto"

Activity: CO2 Dragsters	
Teacher: Miss Farthing	
Max No: 16	Cost: Free

Unleash your creativity and engineering skills in our exciting CO<sub>2</sub> Dragster Challenge! Calling all students to embark on a thrilling journey where science, technology, engineering and mathematics come together in a burst of speed and innovation. Design and build your very own CO<sub>2</sub> rocket-powered car! Experience the magic of STEM as you explore aerodynamics, propulsion, and precision engineering to create a sleek and high-performance vehicle. Who will be the winners of this year's STEM challenge?

Activity: Film Making – *2-day activity	
Teachers: Mrs Bray, Mr Ball, Mr Le Brocq	
Max No: 7	Cost: Free

This is a school-based activity in which you will plan, story-board, film and edit a 30 secs - 1 min 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: Disco	
Teachers: Mr Little & Miss Martin	
Max No: 45	Cost: Free

Come and enjoy an all day Disco with Mr Little and Miss Martin.

Activity: Harry Potter Fun Day	
Teachers: Mrs Eagle	
Max No: 25	Cost: Free

Are you a fan of all things Harry Potter? If so, join Professor McGonagall in her classroom for a fun day of witchcraft and wizardry. Dress up as your favourite HP character (if you wish), and enter into a haven of Hogwarts here at JOG. There will be a range of Harry Potter themed activities, including spell casting with your new wand, craft activities, table games, team quizzes and a quest across the campus. We'll also dive into the books and films, and, quite simply, talk HP all day!

Activity: Hiking - Locally	
Teachers: Mrs Brookes, 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: Longleat	
Teachers: Mr Carter, Mr White	
Max No: 96	Cost: Approx £16

Enter a land of adventure where lions roam, tigers stalk and monkeys swing. Lose yourself in one of the magical mazes. Discover exotic creatures from the ends of the Earth. Join us on our trip to Longleat where you will enjoy a guided tour through the safari drive followed by time to explore the rest of the park seeing incredible creatures!

Activity: Patisserie Day	
Teachers: Mrs Beattie, Mr Lacelles	
Max No: 11	Cost: approx: £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: Paulton's Park	
Teachers: Mr Lee plus 3 others	
Max No: 24	Cost: approx: £31.50

Paulton's Park will give the students a chance to enjoy roller coasters, thrill rides, family rides, indoor and outdoor play areas, water splash parks, entertainments and an astonishing collection of birds and animals at their amusement park.

Activity: Sports Festival	
Teachers: Mr Merriman, Mr Walker, Miss Lewis, Mrs Bodman, Mr Dunbar, Mrs Acheson	
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: 12	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.