

THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL  
- A Community Academy -



Year 8

Activities Week:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to be offering four July activity days to all students in Years 7-10. Our activity days will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and Thursday 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 enclosed booklet.

For the remaining three 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.

An email will be sent to you via School Gateway with a link to an online options form, which you should complete and submit **by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. A paper copy will be sent home via your son/daughter if you are not registered on School Gateway. 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 three days indicated on the online form.  
**Please select 3 different choices for each day.**

Following 19<sup>th</sup> May, 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, changes in lockdown guidance 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 8

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July is the Whole Year 8 Group Activity

Teachers: Mrs Poole, Miss Lewis, Mrs Blackmore and others

Activity: Race for Life Event!

The Year 8 students (and staff) will be taking part in a Race for Life event to raise money for a charity chosen by the students. We will begin the day with a quiz to raise awareness of the chosen charity and designing our race numbers!

Then, to start the warm-up activities to get us ready for our Race for Life.

The Race for Life event will take place around the school site. Students can walk, run, hop, skip, jump or dance their way around the 5km route! After the event we will take part in some cool down activities and have a wonderful celebration to say well done for taking part.

You have a further 3 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 **Wednesday 19th May**. You can put your choices in the boxes below and keep this to remind you nearer the time of what you chose.

<u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July</u>		<u>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</u>		<u>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</u>	
A Play in a Day		3D Sculpture		Crayfishing	
Cinema		Card & Board Games		El Dia de los Muertos	
Film Trailer* (3 day)		Film Trailer* (3 day)		Film Trailer* (3 day)	
Great British Picnic		Hiking		Hiking	
Hiking		Jamma de Samba		Kidzania	
Spanish & Art		Photography Workshop		Rap writing workshop	
STEM challenge		Sports Fun Day		Thorpe Park	
Upcycling (Mr Webb's Nurture group only)		Wellbeing Day			

\* Film Trailer – This is a 3 day activity so you must choose all 3 days

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Activity: 3D Sculpture	
Teachers: Mrs Snowden	
Max No: 18	Cost: free

3D sculpture - A day with wire and modroc.

This activity would see you design, and then make, a piece of sculpture work based on well-known artists. You will need to be someone happy to get a little messy with the Modroc (plaster-soaked bandage).

Aprons will be worn, you could always bring your own, or an old top you do not mind getting messy/dusty.

You will be able to take your sculpture home with you at the end of the day.

Activity: A Play in a Day	
Teachers: Miss Regan	
Max No: 20	Cost: free

Students will write the play in the morning, rehearse during p3&4 and perform in p5.

The performance will be recorded period 5 which can be streamed on the school website!

Activity: Card & Board Games	
Teachers: Mr Lear	
Max No: 18	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, Miss Diaper, Miss Grenham, Miss Liddington	
Max No: 90	Cost: approx. £20

Are you in to films? Do you fancy a trip to the recently reopened Odeon to see a couple of the latest films? If so, this is the activity for you!

Activity: Crayfishing	
Teachers: Mr Streatfeild, Mrs Farion	
Max No: 10	Cost: free

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. Last time we went we caught nearly 200.

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

Activity: El Dia de los Muertos	
Teachers: Mrs Callaghan & Mrs Borrego-Real	
Max No: 35	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*, 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.

Activity: Science Fiction Film Trailer	
Teachers: Mrs Johnson, Mrs Bray, Mr Ball	
Max No: 15	Cost: free

*Imagine you are trapped in a bunker and you've got to get out. Imagine you've got to escape across a toxic landscape.*

*Space exploration, time travel, parallel universe – it is time to embrace your imagination and show off your creative flair!*

You will have the opportunity to script, storyboard, film and edit your own trailer for a new Science Fiction film. You will be able to design a whole marketing campaign; this could include a teaser trailer, a series of film posters, and a three-minute film opening.

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Activity: Great British Picnic	
Teachers: Mrs Beattie	
Max No: 20	Cost: free

There is something for everyone!

We will have the opportunity to design and make items needed for a fabulous British picnic, from napkins and lanterns to fun picnic games.

We will spend all morning researching, designing and making a range of picnic foods; from sandwiches (making your own bread) to scones (making your own butter!), we will set up a picnic area where we will spend the afternoon enjoying our delightful picnic foods and participating in some fun picnic games.

Activity: Hiking	
Teachers: Mr Gray, Mrs Brookes, Mr Lord, Mr Hunt & others	
Max No: 30+	Cost: free

Students will undertake a walk of approximately 10 miles in the local area over the course of an 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: Music of Brazil - Jamma de Samba	
Teachers: Mrs Maguire and Miss Beer	
Max No: 30	Cost: approx. £15

Full day workshop with Jamma de Samba – putting together performances to then perform and record/video period 5 which can be streamed on the school website.

Jamma de Samba will bring into school their experienced professional musicians who will deliver workshops in a positive, energetic and efficient way with just the right balance of discussion, learning and practical experience.

The workshops are designed for young people of all ages, and offer a multi-cultural experience full of cross-curricular learning in line with national curriculum objectives.

Activity: Kidzania	
Teachers: Mrs Poole, Miss Lewis, Miss Martin, Mr Perraton	
Max No: 80	Cost: Approx £27.50

KidZania is an indoor city, run by kids! Designed for children aged 4-14 KidZania blends learning and reality with entertainment, giving kids the chance to build their confidence, step into some real life roles – everything from Doctor, to a Police Officer, a Dentist and so much more – and to develop relationships with some well established family brands all in one safe secure indoor area.

Activity: Photography workshop	
Teachers: Mrs Knee, Mr LeBrocq,	
Max No: 20	Cost: free

Students will first be taught about fashion and studio photography. Learning how to use Digital SLR cameras and studio lighting. In the afternoon students will learn editing techniques in Photoshop to produce creative responses to contemporary digital artists using their fashion shots.

Students will be behind and in front of the camera using each other as models. Student will work in small groups. Students will be provided with a range of fancy dress/ unusual clothing to wear or are able to bring in clothes of their own to change into – think fancy dress/high fashion/street wear.

For more info contact rknee@jogschool.org or pop in and see me in C1

Activity: Rap writing workshop	
Teachers: Mrs Marshall	
Max No: 30	Cost: free

During this day we will learn about the history of rap music and look at how the genre has evolved over the years. We will explore the lyrics and context behind some rap songs from history and the current day. We will then use this as our inspiration for writing our own lyrics and setting these to music.

Activity: Spanish & Art	
Teachers: Mrs Lopez	
Max No: 16	Cost: free

You will be learning about the life and work of the strange and imaginative Spanish artist Salvador Dalí, before creating your own piece(s) based on his style. You will be able to take these pieces of art home with you. You will go on a virtual visit of his house-museum in Figueres, in Spain, to look at how he lived and some of his most famous art pieces and installations.

You will learn a few key vocab items and sentences in Spanish to help you extend your knowledge of this cultural icon.

You may also have the chance to do some research online about Dalí, to really personalise your work.

This will be a peaceful and creative day, with Spanish music accompanying us during the art sessions, as well as visuals to watch to get us into the mood for our art creations. We will be using pastels and you will be able to take home a vibrant and striking piece of work, even if you don't think you're a very talented artist!

Your Spanish cultural knowledge and vocabulary will also get a boost

Activity: Sports Fun Day	
Teachers: Mr Mockett, Mr Walker, Miss Lewis, Mr Rossi, Mrs Lansdown	
Max No: 80	Cost: Free

A day of sports competition, in teams you will compete in dodgeball, rounders, football and a surprise sport as a grand finale!

Scoring points for your teams through the different sports that accumulate to crown one team the overall winner at the end of the day.

Activity: STEM Challenge	
Teachers: Mrs Clare, Dr Eyles	
Max No: 30	Cost: free

On the STEM challenge day, you will follow in the footsteps of NASA scientists, surgeons and emergency rescue teams who design and use robots and other machines to work in areas that people can't reach.

Working in a group, you will design, make and test a prototype machine to solve a problem in a disaster situation. You will be competing against other teams, The most creative and efficient machine wins.

Activity: Thorpe Park	
Teachers: Mrs Simmonds, Miss Cornick, Miss Phillips, Mr Pope	
Max No: 48	Cost: £27.50

Home to thrilling rides, attractions, live events & a themed hotel, THORPE PARK Resort is the ultimate destination for thrill seekers featuring some of the UK's most popular roller coasters and amusement park rides. Reach new heights with Stealth the UK's fastest roller coaster launching riders to 205ft at 80mph in just 2.5 seconds. Take flight on THE SWARM the UK's only winged coaster, or face one of Jigsaw's most twisted traps with SAW - The Ride the world's first horror themed roller coaster featuring a 100ft "beyond-vertical" drop.

Plunge down the super-soaking 85ft drop on Tidal Wave, get drenched on the 64ft spiraling descent on Storm Surge and play splash roulette on the Island's ferocious Rumba Rapids as you experience the UK's wettest water rides.

Activity: Wellbeing Day	
Teachers: Mrs Gilvin, Mrs Hamilton-White, Mrs Foster	
Max No: 30	Cost: free

Would you like a relaxing day in activities week?

Would you like to learn more about looking after your mental health throughout the year?

The wellbeing day will consist of a series of activities that will help you combat stress and which you could practice throughout the summer holidays. We will explore mindful colouring, exercise for mental health and complete a range of activities to help you focus on your wellbeing.

Activity: Upcycling Project day	
Teachers: Mr Webb - Yr 8 Nurture Class ONLY	
Max No: 11	Cost: free

Give something old a new lease of life. Save money and save the environment.  
Turn something old into something brand new!