

THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL  
- A Community Academy -



## Year 9

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 9

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July is the Whole Year 9 Group Activity

Teachers: Mr Powell, Miss Wall and others

Activity: Focus on my Future

We have the WIN team (Wessex Inspiration Network) supporting you as you begin the next key phase in your education journey, when you start your GCSE's in September. There will be a range of different workshops looking into the following areas.

- A practical exploration of careers and jobs using the [Careerpilot](#) website.
- A Social Media Identity workshop exploring the pitfalls and good practise in having an online presence.
- CV Writing skills.
- How can Higher Education help your career aspirations?
- Motivational speaker

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 19<sup>th</sup> May**. You can put your choices in the boxes below and keep this to remind you nearer the time of what you chose.

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>
Film Trailer *	3D Sculpture	Aerospace
Hiking	A Play in a Day	Card & Board Games
Lego Robotics	Enterprise day	Cinema
Old School Charity Disco	Fly Fishing	Cotswold Waterpark
One Born Every Minute	Film Trailer *	Film Trailer *
Rap writing workshop	Golf **	Golf **
Trip to French/Spanish restaurant	Hiking	Great British Picnic
Wellbeing Day	Jamma de Samba	Hiking
	One Born Every Minute	Photography Workshop
	Sports Fun Day	
	Tank Museum	

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

\*\* Golf - This is a 2 day activity and must be chosen for both 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: Aerospace	
Teachers: Miss Nelson, Mr Wilkes, Mrs Bishop	
Max No: 25	Cost: approx. £23.75

A visit to Aerospace Bristol is a chance to travel through the decades, enjoy fun interactives and amazing exhibits - including aeroplanes, helicopters, missiles, satellites, engines and more - and immerse yourself in a story of ordinary people achieving extraordinary things.

Students will also have the chance to design and test their own rockets!

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: 75	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: Cotswold Waterpark	
Teachers: Mrs Ambrose	
Max No: 34	Cost: approx. £26.50

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.

Leaving school at 8.45 am we will arrive at the park ready for a 10 am session in the AquaVenture park. Following the high energy of the AquaVenture park, we will 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, returning for the end of the day (3 pm).

The cost of the day includes transport, access to the AquaVenture course, adventure playground and our own lifeguard at the swimming lake.

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

Activity: Enterprise Day	
Teachers: Mrs Green	
Max No: 30	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 to 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: 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.

\*This activity is a 3 day activity so you must choose all 3 days.

Activity: Fly Fishing	
Teachers: Mr Streatfeild, Mrs Farion	
Max No: 8	Cost: approx. £25

## TROUT FISHING

Come and learn to fly fish! We'll spend a day at Manningford Fishery catching trout then learn how to gut, fillet and prepare the fish before cooking them.

Last time we went, everyone caught trout and went home with supper for their parents. Nathaniel M caught a monster, which he then sold to a supermarket for £20!

Activity: Golf	
Teachers: Mr Dunbar	
Max No: 16	Cost: approx. £15

Cumberwell Park Golf Club in Bradford on Avon is an outstanding golf facility with 54 holes of championship golf. We are offering the opportunity for a two day coaching intensive to kickstart a love of golf or further your development in the sport. This is an opportunity for all ages. The two days will involve the majority of time spent on the driving range with PGA teaching professionals.

There will also be lessons in chipping and putting, on their dedicated short game area. Hopefully if the weather permits, students will also get the chance to put their skills to the test on the course on the final afternoon.

\*This activity is a 2 day activity so you must choose it for both days.

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: Lego Robotics	
Teachers: Miss Nelson	
Max No: 10	Cost: free

Working as a team, you will design, code and build a robot using our SPIKE Prime robotics set. The robot must be able to move autonomously and compete a series of challenges.

Activity: Music of Brazil - Jamma de Samba	
Teachers: Mrs Maguire and Miss Beer	
Max No: 30	Cost: approx. £15.00

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: Old School Charity Disco	
Teachers: Mr Little, Miss Martin, Mrs Frost	
Max No: 20	Cost: free

Mr Little's Old School Charity Disco Marathon!

Dance for over 5 hours to hits from the 80s, 90s and 00s and raise money towards a good cause (suggested sponsorship £5).

Fashion from the time is very welcome!!!

Bring your dancing shoes!

Activity: One Born Every Minute	
Teachers: Mrs Littleworth, Mrs Moore, Mrs Fry	
Max No: 16	Cost: free

From conception to birth and then babies first few years. Learn how to change a nappy, make up a bottle feed and bath baby. Choose toys and entertain a baby.

Please note that we will be watching a video of a baby being born.



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: Sports Fun Day	
Teachers: Mr Mockett, Mr Walker, Miss Lewis, Mr Rossi, Mrs	
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: Tank Museum	
Teachers: Mrs Eagle, Dr Clayton	
Max No: 40	Cost: Approx £15.75

The Tank Museum brings the story of tanks and their crews to life in the world's top collection of armoured vehicles. Across nine awe-inspiring exhibition halls, the museum houses 300 military machines, representing the key battles of every major conflict since the First World War. Discover all about this British invention - from the mud of the Somme to the beaches of Normandy to the deserts of Iraq – and hear powerful stories from the soldiers who fought in them. After exploring the colossal halls, take part in two workshops on the Changing Nature of Warfare and the First World War Tank Experience.

**Is this for me?** This will be a fascinating day at Dorset's largest indoor attraction: you may have studied World War II in History or WWI poetry in English, you may be considering a career in the forces or in engineering, you may want to bring your sketchbook for new inspiration or you may simply be interested in tanks! Whatever your interest, this promises to be a truly memorable trip.

Activity: Trip to French/Spanish Restaurant	
Teachers: Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Borrego-Real	
Max No: 30	Cost: approx. £20

A trip to Bath involving a trip to a Spanish/French restaurant where students will be expected to identify and order food typical of the countries where the language is spoken. We will travel from Trowbridge to Bath by train and a vocabulary booklet will be provided for us to fill in throughout the day.

Activity: Wellbeing Day	
Teachers: Mrs Gilvin, Mrs Hamilton-White, Mrs Foster	
Max No: 45	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.