

Cottenham Village College

Activities Week



Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July 2024

Activities Week Programme 2024



Activities Week is a vibrant, exciting, and fulfilling part of the curriculum in years 7, 8 and 9 at Cottenham Village College and is a fantastic way to end the school year. Activities Week offers students an extensive range of opportunities to explore different parts of the UK, to be challenged outside the classroom and to take part in activities and experiences, often for the first time. We are pleased to announce the programme on offer for July 2024, which is outlined below.

All students are expected to take part in the Activities Week programme. Please take some time to discuss these with your son/daughter, and then complete the online booking form for your child/children by **Monday 15th April 2024**. This year the residential programme for Activities Week is targeted towards Year 7, however please be reassured that there will be further residential opportunities for Year 8 and 9 outside of the Activities Week programme.



Please use either the QR code here or the [link](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gGfPvBL70-q-gtugufqCo4CZQt8NcBKic1-VMYfz7FUMVoxS0tWQTRQzVBRDNRNzIzMzBTRzZDSy4u) below to complete the booking form for Activities Week 2024.

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Date	Day Trip	Cost per pupil
Monday 15 th July	Madame Tussauds	£37
	Go-Ape	£42
	The Playground	£35
	Pleasurewood Hills	£37
	Ninja Warrior and Bowling	£43
	In school activities – Multi Sports	No Cost
	In school activities – Creative Design	No Cost
Tuesday 16 th July	In school activities – Cooking	No Cost
	Aqua Park Cambridge	£43
	London Dungeons	£40
	National Space Centre	£32
	Tower of London	£35
	Bletchley Park	£32
	In school activities – Multi Sports	No Cost
Wednesday 17 th July	In school activities - Cooking	No Cost
	In school activities – Creative Design	No Cost
	Dulham Stud	£25
	Cadburys World	£33
	Harry Potter World	£45
	The Lion King – London	£53
	Rumble and Extreme 360	£40
Thursday 18 th July	In school activities – Multi Sports	No Cost
	In school activities - Cooking	No Cost
	In school activities – Creative Design	No Cost
	Woburn Safari Park	£30
	Duxford	£20
	Colchester Zoo	£35
	Grafham Water (Archery and kayaking)	£60
Friday 19 th July	Ninja Warrior and Bowling	£43
	In school activities – Multi Sports	No Cost
	In school activities - Cooking	No Cost
	In school activities – Creative Design	No Cost
	Cambridge Aqua Park	£40
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Please note that the number of places is limited for each trip, due to availability and what is feasible for the particular location and activity. If any trip becomes oversubscribed, we will do our best to secure additional places. Where this is not possible, we shall select students randomly from all replies received by the deadline date, which is **Monday 15th April 2024**.

After the deadline date, students will be informed whether they have secured a place on their chosen trip. **Trips will only go ahead as planned where there are enough students signed up to make the trip viable.**

On the following pages, you will find more details about each of the day trips from which students can choose. After the student places have been confirmed we will contact parent/carers with additional payment information and dates. Costs of activities have been fluctuating over the last few weeks, we will inform you if there are any changes. Further information with regards to payment can be found at the end of the programme details.

- **You can only sign up for a trip once, if it occurs more than once in a week.**
- **We shall select students randomly from all replies received by the deadline date.**
- **Costs of activities have been fluctuating over the last few weeks, we will inform you if there are any changes to these**
- **Costs may also change depending upon the number of students wishing to go on the trip**
- **Some activities may have to be changed if insufficient students sign up**
- **Once students have been allocated a place on a trip, they will be unable to swap trips due to the complexity of the timetable for the week**
- **Early departure and/or late return times, outside the normal school hours, have where possible been communicated below. A finalised programme with times will be shared closer to Activities Week.**



Monday 15th July

MADAME TUSSAUDS, LONDON

Madame Tussauds, situated in London. This is a fantastic day out. The Museum is full of life-size wax replicas famous celebrities and historic icons in themed galleries, and you will get a chance to meet some of your favourite celebrities and sports stars.

GO-APE, THETFORD FOREST

Transcend your comfort zone, channel your inner adventurer, and get ready to venture high into the treetops. This dual high rope course gives you the option of choosing which obstacles and crossings to tackle. There's a tricky Mallards Ladder to master and you'll need to muster all your strength to get to the top of the cargo nets. Don't forget to buddy up to see who screams the loudest on the tandem zip wire and dual Tarzan Swings.

THE PLAYGROUND, CAMBRIDGE

A 1km assault course set in 5 acres of undulating land with 25 obstacles, including walls and ditches, The Playground will really assault your senses. The Playground 'Playmaker/s' will take students around all the obstacles, demonstrating and advising on technique, before setting fun games and challenges, and finishing with an optional timed lap of the course. The Playground is physically & mentally challenging, absolutely filthy and tonnes of fun!

PLEASUREWOOD HILLS

Pleasurewood Hills is home to your favourite rides, shows and attractions including the one-of-a-kind Cannonball Express and the region's biggest rollercoaster attraction, Wipeout. The park has been a popular destination for generations and is home to the park's much-loved mascot and the region's beloved cuddly friend, Woody Bear.

We will return at approximately 4.30pm. Please make suitable arrangements for your child to get home safely.

NINJA WARRIOR AND BOWLING

Inspired by ITV's hit programme, you can climb, balance, jump and swing across different obstacles using and developing your Ninja skills. Don't forget the famous Warped Wall! A great place for family activities and for keeping fit Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park Milton Keynes is waiting for you to come and conquer!

IN SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS DAY

Multi Sports Activity Days - you will get the opportunity to experience several different sports and activities in competitive and recreational situations, such Rounders, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Dodgeball, softball.

IN SCHOOL CREATIVE DESIGN DAY

Students will be set a design challenge at the start of the day and will have a range of materials and manufacturing processes available to them to help solve this challenge.

IN SCHOOL COOKING DAY

Students will prepare, cook, and bake a variety of sweet and savoury dishes. They will then present these dishes to other staff and students.

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AQUA PARK, CAMBRIDGE

Students will visit Cambridge Aqua Park where they will spend time on the inflatable 'Total Wipeout' style water park and take part in knee boarding and wakeboarding.

Students should be able to swim 25m unassisted. Students should bring their own lunch.

NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

With six interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium, and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower, the award-winning National Space Centre is an out of this world experience.

THE TOWER OF LONDON

Explore London's iconic castle and World Heritage Site. Get up close to the Crown Jewels and meet the legendary Yeoman Warders and rave and see the Tower like never before.

BLETCHLEY PARK

Bletchley Park, home of the WW2 Codebreakers, was once Britain's best kept secret and is now a vibrant heritage attraction. Students will be able to learn how the Codebreakers' breath-taking achievements helped shorten WW2 by up to two years.

THE LONDON DUNGEONS

The London Dungeon brings together an amazing cast of theatrical actors, special effects, stages, scenes and rides.

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DALHAM STUD, NEWMARKET

Dalham Hall Stud was the first of 12 studs in Newmarket which now form part of the Darley organisation. Students will have an introductory talk followed by a tour of the horse Stud to meet some of the stallions.

CADBURY'S WORLD BIRMINGHAM

Cadbury World offers a unique experience that gives a fascinating insight into the rich heritage of the nation's favourite chocolate brand. **We will return at approximately 4.30pm. Please make suitable arrangements for your child to get home safely.**

HARRY POTTER WORLD

People the world-over have been enchanted by the Harry Potter books and subsequent films for well over a decade. The wonderful special effects and amazing creatures have made the iconic film series loved by both young and old and now the doors are open for everyone at the studio where it first began. Students will have the chance to go behind the scenes and see many things the camera never showed.

THE LION KING, LONDON

Disney's award-winning musical The Lion King explodes with glorious colours, stunning effects and enchanting music. It follows the powerful story of Simba as he journeys from wide-eyed cub to his destined role as King of the Pridelands. Now in its 24th year at London's Lyceum Theatre, visionary director Julie Taymor's acclaimed reimagining of Disney's beloved film will redefine your expectation of theatre.

RUMBLE AND XTREME 360

Xtreme 360 - Bounce, twist and 360 your way through the air on our bed of interconnecting trampolines, including angled walls and soft padded launch platforms!

Rumble - After your briefing and once you're kitted out, you'll get an hour of game time in one of our fantastic arenas. There you'll be set missions to complete by our team of Rumble Rangers.

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Thursday 18th July

COLCHESTER ZOO

There is a full programme of zookeeper talks and demonstrations including giraffe, elephant, sea lion and penguin feedings. Students will be unsupervised some of the time whilst on this trip.

WOBURN SAFARI PARK

Woburn Safari Park is a wild animal park, set in over 300 acres of beautiful parkland. Home to around 1,000 wild and exotic animals, and the perfect day out for animal encounters and visiting wonderful wildlife

DUXFORD WAR MUSEUM

Visit Imperial War Museum Duxford for a huge day out. See historic aircraft take to the skies from the airfield where Spitfires first flew. Get up close to gigantic aircraft at Europe's largest air museum and uncover hundreds of personal stories.

GRAFHAM WATER

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Payment details

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE ONCE A PLACE HAS BEEN SECURED. IF THE TRIP IS UNABLE TO GO AHEAD DUE TO INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS, YOUR DEPOSIT WILL BE REFUNDED.

After the programme and student places have been confirmed we will contact parent/carers with additional payment information and dates.

The cost for the week will obviously be dependent upon the activities chosen. Once we have confirmed your child's programme for the week you will then be able to go on to your ParentMail Account and pay for any trips (from week beginning 6th May). There will be a deadline date for payment and we respectfully ask that you ensure that you have paid for trips by this date. The deadline date will be indicated on your confirmation letter. To then reserve your child a place on one of these trips please log in to your ParentMail account to give consent and pay the deposit. This is our preferred method for receiving payments. You will find the options of trips if you go into 'Payments' and then at the bottom of the page select 'shop'.

Contact & Medical details

We will be taking contact and medical details from our school records.

Please be aware that it is your responsibility as a parent/carer to ensure that the information that we hold is up to date.

Financial Help

Where there is a genuine difficulty in meeting the full cost of a trip, the school may be able to assist. There will be a process to assess individual applications against hardship thresholds.

If you wish to apply financial support please email our Admin Team, at reception@astreacottenham.org