

Year 7 Activities Week 2025

Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Dear Year 7 Families,

We are pleased to share some very exciting news about our Activities Week for 2025. Activities Week has always formed an important part of the curriculum 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. This year we would like to encourage all Year 7 students to take part in our residential at PGL Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk.



The residential provides students with the opportunity to develop teamwork, communication, leadership skills but above all have fun! This year we would like to take all Year 7 students to the same centre on Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd July.

PGL Bawdsey Manor

This centre is located on the Deben Estuary and has panoramic views across the Suffolk Heritage Coast. The centre has over 140 acres of beautiful grounds, packed with a huge range of adventure activities to inspire and motivate young people. Activities available will include Abseiling, buggy building, raft building, rock climbing, archery, aeroball, fencing and orienteering.

Payment details

The cost of the trip is £455, with the amount being due by 4th July 2025. We are happy to support families in the provision of payment plans of £75 per month from January. If you would like to discuss this process, please do contact our reception team who will be able to support you. We expect that ParentMail will be opened for payments from Monday 2nd December 2024. You will find the options of trips if you go into 'Payments' and then at the bottom of the page select 'shop'.

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: reception@astreacottenham.org.

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.

Looking ahead

In order to help students and families prepare for the residential, we will be hosting an evening at the College where we will be able to provide an overview of the days, the activities, as well as an opportunity for families to meet with staff who will be attending the trip.

We are very much looking forward to working with you, and the students for this exciting opportunity.

Many thanks,
The Year 7 Team