

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Activities week Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

We have a designated email address for Activities Week – [activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk)

As a school we are working very hard on developing the character of students as well as making educational progress with them and we feel that “Learning outside the Classroom” is a very important feature of this character development. It is an opportunity to not only develop and test the character traits of our students, but also to develop their cultural capital and experiences beyond the school curriculum. We are excited to continue our Activities Week programme this summer term 2025, which includes all students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8, and 9). **Please note** that this week is **COMPULSORY** and is part of the students’ curriculum. Full attendance is expected and when students are not on trips they are expected to be at school where there will be additional activities for them to take part in.

**Important:** Please read all the information in this letter before deciding on which trips to sign up for.

	Monday 14 <sup>h</sup> July	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Year 7 trips</b>	Gripped Activities Centre, London  Waterways Experience	Work Shadowing Day	Thorpe Park	Phasels Wood	Phasels Wood
<b>Year 8 trips</b>	PGL Shropshire  ESSA Water Activity Centre	PGL Shropshire	PGL Shropshire	Thorpe Park	Work Shadowing Day
<b>Year 9 trips</b>	Work Shadowing Day	Thorpe Park  Lyon (French Trip)  Seville (Spanish Trip)	Lyon (French Trip)  Seville (Spanish Trip)	Lyon (French Trip)  Seville (Spanish Trip)	Lyon (French Trip)  Seville (Spanish Trip)
<b>Workshops at school</b>	Art Workshop (Year 7 and 8)	Drama Workshop (Year 8 and 9)  DofE Workshop (Year 8 and 9)	Music Workshop (Year 7, 8 and 9)	Forensic Science (Year 7, 8 and 9)  Football Workshop (Year 7, 8 and 9)	Dance Workshop (Year 7 and 9)
<b>Day trips</b>	Warner Bros Studios, Watford (Harry Potter) (Year 7 and 8)  Silverstone Museum (Year 7 and 8)	London Science Museum (Year 8 and 9)  HarroWall Climbing Centre (Year 8 and 9)	Hampton Court Palace (Year 7, 8 and 9)	RAF Museum, London (Year 7, 8 and 9)	Whipsnade Zoo (Year 7 and 9)
<b>Half day trips</b>			Ninja Warriors UK, Watford (Year 8 and 9, am + In-School pm)		Bowling (Year 7 and 9, am + In-School pm)

## Important Information

**Booking Opening and Deadline:** The booking window opens on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10:00am** and closes on **Monday, 2nd December 2024 at 10:00am**.

- **Deposits**
  - Non-refundable deposits are required by the deadline (**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**) for Phasels Wood (£45 deposit) and ESSA Water Activity Centre (£35 deposit) to secure spots on these trips.
  - All other trips require **full payment** to secure a pupil's place.
  - Failure to pay the deposit or full amount before **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024** will result in the loss of the student's place. This place will then be offered to another student.
  - All trips are number dependent. If a trip is cancelled due to lack of interest, all deposits will be returned.
- **Costs and Limited Places:** Costs apply to trips and workshops, with places available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Financial Assistance/Pupil Premium:** We have reserved spaces on all trips and activities for students who are entitled to Pupil Premium and/or financial support. If you are entitled to Pupil Premium/financial support, please email to the Activities email address above with your preference for trips. We will do our best to meet all requests.
- **Trip Booking Process:** Parents need to log into ScoPay (<https://www.scopay.com/login>) to reserve places and make the required deposit payments. Only trips available to your child will be shown on your ScoPay account.
- **Residential Trips:** PGL Shropshire, Phasels Wood, Lyon and Seville trips require additional physical consent, along with medical and emergency contact information. You will be contacted when your place has been secured and the process of collecting information has started.
- **Year Group-specific trips:** Please note that each trip is for a designated year group. If students do not wish to participate in any activities specified above, then alternative activities at school will be offered, free of charge. There are limited places available for trips detailed above and we offer **places first come, first served**.
- **Activity Information:** Please ensure you have read all the information detailed below about each individual activity. Information includes the cost of each activity (and required deposits), a small description of each activity/workshop/trip and a linked website (press and hold CTRL + right-click the links to access) if you require further information. Please be advised that further details of individual trips will be released closer to the time e.g. trip times, meet details etc.
- **Conduct:** For school trips to run successfully and as part of our character education, we require the co-operation of all pupils to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the school.

**Please read carefully the following details for all activities**

**Year 7, 8 and 9 Residential Trips Information**

**Phasels Wood** (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7 students**

The cost of the trip is **£90** with a **non-refundable deposit of £45 to be paid by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**. The final payment of £45 will need to be paid by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. The cost of the trip includes venue hire, food and insurance. They will only need a small amount of spending money.

Phasels Wood, near Kings Langley, is a 95-acre outdoor activity centre and campsite. The Year 7 group will camp for 1 day at Phasels Wood and walk to and from the site from school. They'll enjoy a range of outdoor activities, such as zip-lining, climbing, and archery, perfect for a short adventure away from home. For more information go to the Phasels Wood website; <https://www.phaselswood.org.uk/>.

**PGL Shropshire** (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 8 students**

The cost of the trip to PGL Shropshire is **£370**. All information regarding payments have already been sent out to all year 8 parents/carers. All places have been taken, however, please register your interest via email to [activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk) if you wish to be put on a waiting list if a pupil drop out.

PGL Shropshire is an outdoor activity center offering a variety of adventurous experiences like abseiling, canoeing, and zip-lining. The Year 8 students will stay for 2 nights during their 3-day trip, enjoying activities designed to build teamwork and confidence. For further information go to <https://schoolsandgroups.pgl.co.uk/centres/boreatton-park/>.

**Spanish (Seville) and French (Lyon) trips** (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 9 students**

All places for the Year 9 trips to Lyon, France, and Seville, Spain, have been taken up, with no more available spots for these exciting trips. However, if you would like to express your interest in the Spanish Trip to Seville, then email Mr Burgin ([burginp@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:burginp@kls.herts.sch.uk)). This does not guarantee a place on the trip.

**Day Trips Information**

These trips run during the school day. Students will require a packed lunch and any spending money if they wish to buy souvenirs. All costs include the cost of the ticket, insurance and the coach travel to and from school.

**Gripped Activities Centre, London** (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7 students**

The cost of this trip is **£38**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

Gripped Activities Centre in London is an outdoor adventure park offering a range of high-adrenaline experiences, including treetop zip lines, high ropes courses, and free-fall jumps. Designed for thrill-seekers of all ages, it combines aerial challenges and climbing activities with beautiful natural surroundings, making it a popular destination for fun and physical adventure. For further information go to the Gripped website: <https://www.begripped.com>.

**Waterways Experience** (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7 students**

The cost of this trip is **£21**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

The Waterways Experience in Kings Langley offers accessible canal boat trips along the Grand Union Canal, catering to individuals of all ages and abilities. Participants can actively engage in steering the boat and operating locks, all while enjoying the scenic beauty and tranquility of the waterways. For more details, visit their website: [Waterways Experience](#).

**ESSA Water Activity Centre (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Year 8 students**

The cost of the trip is **£65** with a **non-refundable deposit of £35 to be paid by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**. The final payment of £30 will need to be paid by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. The cost of the trip includes venue hire/instructors, insurance and coaches to and from school. They will only need a small amount of spending money.

ESSA Water Activity Centre is a dynamic outdoor facility that offers a range of water-based activities designed for adventure and teamwork. Students will take part in a 2.5-hour raft building and racing session, along with canoeing and wobble boarding, making it an exciting and engaging experience. They should bring a change of clothes and a packed lunch for the day. For more information, visit their website: [ESSA Water Activity Centre](#).

**Warner Bros Studios, Watford (Harry Potter) (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Year 7 and 8 students**

The cost of this trip is **£30**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter offers an enchanting behind-the-scenes look at the iconic film series, featuring authentic sets, props, and costumes that bring the magic of Hogwarts to life.

During the trip, students will participate in a costume distressing workshop and enjoy a tour of the studios.

For more information, visit their website: [Warner Bros. Studios](#).

**Silverstone F1 Museum (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Year 7 and 8 students**

The cost of this trip is **£35**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

The Silverstone Interactive Museum is an exciting destination for motorsport enthusiasts, showcasing the rich history of Formula 1 and British motorsport through interactive exhibits, iconic cars, and engaging storytelling.

Visitors can explore the museum's immersive experiences, including a behind-the-scenes look at the famous Silverstone Circuit. You can find more information on their website: [Silverstone F1 Museum](#)

**London Science Museum (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Year 8 and 9 students**

The cost of this trip is **£21**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

The National Science Museum in London is an iconic institution showcasing exhibits on Science, Technology, and Innovation, featuring interactive displays, historical artifacts, and immersive experiences that inspire curiosity in visitors of all ages.

You can explore more on their website: [Science Museum](#)

**Harrowall Climbing Centre (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Year 8 and 9 students**

The cost of this trip is **£34**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

Harrowall Climbing Centre is an indoor climbing facility offering a variety of climbing walls suitable for all skill levels, from beginners to advanced climbers. Students will receive 2 hours of climbing tuition, providing expert guidance and instruction to help them develop their skills in a safe and supportive environment. You can find more information on their website: [Harrowall Climbing Centre](#)

**Hampton Court Palace** (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7, 8 & 9 students**

The cost of this trip is **£28**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

Hampton Court Palace, a magnificent royal residence on the River Thames, features stunning Tudor and Baroque architecture, beautiful gardens, and rich history, making it a captivating destination for visitors; the trip includes a Tudor workshop and a walk of the site. For more information, visit their website: [Hampton Court Palace](#)

**RAF Museum, London** (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7, 8 & 9 students**

The cost of this trip is **£18**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

The Royal Air Force Museum in London offers a fascinating exploration of the history and significance of the RAF, showcasing an impressive collection of aircraft and exhibits, including the acclaimed First World War in the Air Galleries. Visitors can enjoy interactive displays, including a flight simulator and various events. You can find more information about the Royal Air Force Museum in London on their official website: [RAF Museum London](#).

**Whipsnade Zoo** (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7 and 9 students**

The cost of this trip is **£25**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

Whipsnade Zoo, one of the UK's largest wildlife parks, is home to a wide range of animals from around the world, offering immersive exhibits and conservation experiences in a vast countryside setting.

You can visit their website here: [Whipsnade Zoo](#) .

**Thorpe Park**

- **Year 7 students** (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July)
- **Year 8 students** (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July)
- **Year 9 students** (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July)

The cost of this trip is **£40**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

The pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy the day in Thorpe Park. Thorpe Park is a thrilling theme park packed with adrenaline-pumping roller coasters, including the UK's fastest coaster, Stealth, and the iconic Colossus. With immersive themed areas, exciting water rides, and live entertainment, it's the ultimate destination for adventure seekers. You can find more information about Thorpe Park on their website: [Thorpe Park](#). The cost of this trip is £40, which includes the cost of the ticket, insurance and the coach travel to and from school.

**Important:** If the students own a Merlin Pass, please email the details to [activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:activitiesweek@kls.herts.sch.uk) and in this case the cost of the coach and insurance will be **£25**.

**Information regarding Half Day Trips**

**Important:** If your child decides to attend a half-day trip, they will be out of school in the morning (am) and be back at school participating in in-school activities for the afternoon until the end of school (3.15pm).

**Ninja Warrior Adventure Park (am)** (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 8 and 9 students**

The cost of the trip is **£25**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

Ninja Warrior Adventure Park in Watford offers an exciting indoor obstacle course inspired by the popular ITV show, where participants of all ages can engage in climbing, balancing, jumping, and swinging challenges. With a range of obstacles and activities designed to enhance fitness and fun, it's a great venue for families and aspiring ninjas alike. For more information, you can visit their website [here](#). Can you beat the famous Warped Wall?

**Bowling (am)** (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7 and 9 students**

The cost of this trip is **£15**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the trip.

A trip to Garston Hollywood Bowl offers a fun-filled bowling experience with 27 high-tech lanes, an American diner for delicious food, and an exciting arcade for added entertainment. Compete with friends in the bowling alley and in the arcade. You can find more information about Garston Hollywood Bowl on their official website: [Hollywood Bowl Watford](#).

### Workshops Information

Please note that numbers are limited for these workshops as they are run by specialists (either teachers or external providers).

**Art Workshop** (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7 and 8 students**

The cost of this workshop is **£6**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the workshop.

A creative day activity where participants engage in hands-on projects, exploring various artistic techniques such as painting, sculpture, or digital art. The workshop provides a supportive environment for self-expression, skill development, and collaboration, allowing attendees to create unique pieces of art while enhancing their creativity and problem-solving abilities.

**DofE Training Workshop** (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 8 and 9 students**

The cost of this workshop is **£10**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the workshop.

Join our Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Training Program to gain essential skills for your expedition, including navigation, camp craft, and teamwork. This training is perfect for all students preparing for their DofE Award, equipping you for an exciting adventure in the great outdoors!

**Drama workshop** (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 8 and 9 students**

The cost of this workshop is **£20**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the workshop.

Spend the day honing your drama skills and perfecting your performances with **Will McGinley** of [Worlds End Productions London](#), whether for your own enjoyment or as preparation for **GCSE Drama**. This workshop offers a fun and supportive environment to explore acting techniques, character development, and scene work, helping you boost your confidence and creativity!

**Music Workshop** (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July)

**Year 7, 8 and 9 students**

The cost of this workshop is **£6**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the workshop.

Unleash your creativity at our Music Workshop, where you can explore various genres, improve your instrument skills, and collaborate with fellow musicians! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, this workshop promises to inspire and elevate your passion for music in a fun and supportive environment!

### **Forensic Science and Courtroom Workshop** (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July)

#### **Year 7, 8 and 9 students**

The cost of this workshop is **£32**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the workshop.

Criminology: Crime Scene to Courtroom – This fantastic day sees students examine a crime scene, investigate a murder based on a real-life case and end up in the fight of their life presenting the evidence in a mock courtroom trial, all from within the comfort of their own school! Find out more [here](#).

### **Football Workshop** (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July)

#### **Year 7, 8 and 9 students**

The cost of this workshop is **£6**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the workshop.

Join our exciting football workshop on the brand-new 3G surface at school, where you'll sharpen your skills and techniques in a state-of-the-art environment! Perfect for players of all levels, this workshop offers expert coaching and fun drills to elevate your game while enjoying the benefits of the latest playing surface!

### **Dance Workshop** (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July)

#### **Year 7 and 9 students**

The cost of this workshop is **£25**. This will be required to pay in full before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to secure a place on the workshop.

Dance Workshop is designed to inspire and energise students of all skill levels! This workshop offers a unique opportunity to explore various dance styles, enhance your technique, and express yourself creatively.

### **Work Shadowing Days Information**

#### **Dates:**

- **Year 7:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- **Year 8:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- **Year 9:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

As part of our careers programme, to enable students to visit multiple places of work as part of the Gatsby benchmarks, a government expectation, we are hoping that your child will be able to shadow you or someone you are happy to give consent to, for a day in their workplace. We have attached a letter to the employer explaining the situation and would be grateful if you could ensure that they receive this once you have made the necessary arrangements.

As we need to monitor the day, we would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire by end of May 2025, with some brief details: <https://forms.office.com/e/CDRzNcDpP7>

Please note that “working at home” will not be considered as an acceptable shadowing experience, as this about students visiting places of work, not working from home situations.

We are aware that this may not always be possible due to the nature of some parents' jobs, but hopefully another member of the family or a close family friend may be able to help. If this is not possible, then we need you to complete the questionnaire above to enable us to plan for the relevant numbers of students who will be in school on this day.

Yours faithfully,

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