

Activities Week 2026



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We are very pleased to be able to offer Activities Week in July 2026 as part of the college calendar. For the week of 20 - 23 July 2026, the normal college timetable will be suspended for all students in Years 7-9 and staff will spend the time providing a variety of activities not usually available during the normal day. Activities Week is an opportunity for all students to learn new skills and develop socially; for staff and students to work together in a less formal environment, which will only help to cement working relationships for the coming academic year. It is also a great opportunity for students to try new experiences and visit places that they may not have been before.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Choose from the timetable of activities and complete the table below. This will make it easier for you to enter your choices online.

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice

COST OF ACTIVITIES, ONLINE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, BOOKING AND PAYMENT FOR ACTIVITIES

The costs for activities have been calculated according to a maximum number of students taking part. If there are insufficient numbers of students opting for a particular activity, the activity may be subject to cancellation or an increased cost. We have ensured that there is a broad range of activities in terms of both interest and cost, which will enable everyone to participate in a worthwhile activity. Some establishments are still to finalise their 2026 prices, therefore some costs may change after this guide has been circulated.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST & BOOKING

Expressions of interest for all activities must be completed online through the Google Form below <https://forms.gle/oex5Qcspt677UYYQ6> which will open for bookings on Friday 19th December 2025. Bookings will be open until Friday 3rd January 2026. Should you require a paper booking form, please contact our Reception on 01626 367335. Year 9 students will have priority choice as this is their last Activities Week. Once activities have been allocated, you will receive written confirmation and a payment plan (if applicable) for each activity.

PAYMENT

ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE PAID FOR AT THE TIME OF ONLINE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST. Once your activity has been confirmed in writing (as above), you will be required to pay online via your Arbor account. All payments are non-refundable, unless the activity is cancelled by the college. Once your place has been secured, this cannot be changed, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

ATTENDANCE

We regard Activities Week as an important part of your child's development and, as a result, attendance is compulsory. Any unauthorised absence during this week could result in a Penalty Notice. Any absence should be notified in the usual manner through our absence lines, on 01626 367335, Arbor or by emailing attendance@nacollege.devon.sch.uk

If your child is unable to attend due to sickness, we will be unable to refund any payments. Absences of 4 days or more due to illness will require written medical evidence to be provided.

Any student who does not book activities during the booking period will automatically be enrolled on onsite supervision for the entire week. Students will be engaged in classroom-based activities and supervised by a member of staff at all times.

BEHAVIOUR

We have very high expectations regarding the conduct and behaviour of our students, both within the college and in the wider community. The majority of our students rise to these expectations and are a credit to both the college and their families. It is therefore vitally important that these standards are maintained, particularly on offsite visits where the reputation of the college needs to be upheld.

Whilst we do not anticipate any major concerns or issues to arise with students selected to participate on any offsite visits, it should be noted that we may reserve the right to remove students from a trip who we feel are unable to maintain the high standards of conduct we expect. In the unlikely event of this happening, the decision will be made by the Headteacher of the College. We will be unable to refund any payments.

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Year 7 Wild Week			
Cost: £100	Max No: 120	Year 7 only	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
<p>Enjoy a week on the wild side with trips to River Dart Country Park, Paignton Zoo, Crealy and Splashdown.</p> <p>River Dart Country Park – A day of activities led by the park instructors, this could be the climb cave zone, high ropes, canoeing, mega zip wire and the bouldering room. Further information will follow confirming the activities once numbers have been confirmed.</p> <p>Paignton Zoo – With over 2,000 animals and countless amazing plants across 80 acres of beautiful, spacious grounds, you're in for a fantastic day out at Paignton Zoo! Paignton Zoo is one of the South West's most exciting visitor attractions. It's a place to roam, discover, explore and get in touch with nature. Come rain or shine, Paignton Zoo is a great place to visit for all the family, and you'll need a full day to see it all!</p> <p>Splashdown – Take on the sheer speed of The Screamer and ride the Wild Kamikaze, but are you BRAVE enough to face our Devil's Drop? Tumble on tyres and twist through the tubes; check out our 8 adrenaline-pumping slides; each with a varying degree of difficulty. For the less adventurous, our Swimming Area and Sun Terraces are perfect to relax in the sunshine.</p> <p>Crealy - Crealy Theme Park & Resort is an award winning family Theme Park in Devon that boasts over 60 rides and attractions, with spectacular entertainment, live shows and animals galore. It's no wonder that Crealy Theme Park & Resort has been voted as the best day out in Devon for eight years running!</p>			
Year 8 Thrill Seekers			
Cost: £155	Max No: 120	Year 8 only	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
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Year 9 Adrenalin Rush			
Cost: £220	Max No: 120	Year 9 only	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
<p>Clip & Climb - Challenge yourself, your family and your friends at Clip 'n Climb Exeter – the ultimate vertical playground for the young and the young at heart.</p> <p>Raceworld - Our multi-award-winning indoor karting circuit has been designed for you to experience the thrill of racing without the usual weather limitations. Rain or shine, unleash your competitive spirit in one of the best indoor circuits in the UK. Featuring trees and green areas, our aim is to simulate the thrill of outdoor racing, but with all the benefits of being indoors and not reliant on the great British weather!</p> <p>Splashdown – Take on the sheer speed of The Screamer and ride the Wild Kamikaze, but are you BRAVE enough to face our Devil's Drop? Tumble on tyres and twist through the tubes; check out our 8 adrenaline-pumping slides; each with a varying degree of difficulty. For the less adventurous, our Swimming Area and Sun Terraces are perfect to relax in the sunshine.</p> <p>River Dart Country Park – A day of activities led by the park instructors, this could be the climb cave zone, high ropes, canoeing, mega zip wire and the bouldering room. Further information will follow confirming the activities once numbers have been confirmed.</p>			

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Animal Antics			
Cost: £180	Max No: 30	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Do you love horses and wild animals? Do you get a thrill from riding across the open moor and want to find out more about looking after horses, donkeys and wild animals? Then this trip is for you! Animal Antics week will involve spending a day riding across Dartmoor, visiting Llongleat Safari Park, Dartmoor Zoo & finishing the week with a trip to The Donkey Sanctuary, where we can visit our adopted donkey – Drizzle! The trip to Llongleat will require an early start with students needing to be in College at 7.15am and will not return until 5.30pm. The rest of the days will be within the normal college day. You don't need any experience with horses to take part in the riding day.			
Creative Film			
Cost: Free	Max No: 12	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Spend the week creating your own short film! Learn how to develop scripts and storyboards, operate camera, sound and lighting and equipment and editing your very own short film.			
Languages and Culture week			
Cost: £11	Max No: 30	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Basic daily summary (for the parent/student brochure): learn new languages, celebrate cultural diversity around the world, try different foods, play games, watch foreign language films, learn songs in different languages, find out about careers involving languages.			
Mindful Craft			
Cost: £27	Max No: 30	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Basic daily summary (for the parent/student brochure): Come and learn some new skills and maybe develop a new hobby in a calm and relaxed environment. Learn to make gift boxes and greetings cards and other amazing paper-based crafts. Make your own jewellery including bracelets, necklaces, charm bracelets, earrings and more, for yourself or as gifts for friends and family. You'll learn techniques including metal work cutting and bending, knot tying and gluing. Materials will be supplied and you get to take your creations home. A fun but relaxing crafty activity for creative types.			
Creative Outdoors			
Cost: £12.50	Max No: 15	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
The week will involve fire-lighting, gardening/forestry activities and nature craft. There will also be a daily outdoor cooking session and scavenger hunts across the site.			
A Walk In The Woods			
Cost: Free	Max No: 24	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Students will create a concertina sketchbook containing images of the woods i.e. trees, plants, paths through the woods, insects, butterflies and birds as well as close up studies of patterns and textures. We will explore a range of printmaking processes such as monoprinting, lino, etching, collograph, gelli printing and also collage, sunprints and drawing with graphic pens. We will look at the work of a range of artists and also poetry to inspire this piece.			

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The Great NAC Sewing Bee 2026			
Cost: £27	Max No: 30	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Spend a week creating and upcycling clothing and accessories from pre-loved clothing using equipment and tools at College. We will use a variety of skills and techniques to make our new clothes and accessories original and stylish, learning about sewing textiles, dying fabric and making bags, skirts and/or tops from clothing that people no longer want.			
Week of Sport			
Cost: Free	Max No: 40	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Spend the week playing a variety of sports. Dependent on the students involved this could include anything from a fun session in the swimming pool, to ultimate frisbee, to organising a competition in your favourite sport. You decide!			
Lets Eat!			
Cost: £32	Max No: 20	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Immerse yourself in a week of food...making fresh bread, making a buffet and other sweet and savoury foods to enjoy. Spend a morning creating and baking an afternoon tea, so we can eat again! Plan and make food for a picnic, where we will then walk to a local park and enjoy our creations. Eating yet again! By the end of the week, you will have learned how to make some scrummy food that you can recreate at home for your families and we will all need to undo the button on our trousers!			
Football Academy			
Cost: £46	Max No: 40	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Students will take part in a range of fun based football activities that develop their technical and tactical playing ability. Those attending do not need to be a club-based player. All levels of experience and ability are welcome. Each morning will consist of training drills and activities. The afternoons will be spent taking part in mini competitions. All activities will be led by coaches from Saints South West. There will also be daily competitions with prizes taking place.			
Repair Shop – Restore, Revive, Reimagine			
Cost: £15	Max No: 15	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Inspired by the popular TV show The Repair Shop, this activity lets students work in teams to bring items back to their former glory—bikes, furniture, and any cherished objects you'd love to repair. Along the way, you'll build practical skills such as problem-solving, sanding, painting, basic tool use, and creative restoration techniques. An exciting chance to transform old into amazing!			
Musical Theatre Academy – Shine on Stage			
Cost: £15	Max No: 20	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
Join us for an exciting week at Musical Theatre Academy, where budding stage stars can immerse themselves in music production, choreography, acting, and stagecraft. If you love a musical and fancy yourself as a future star of the stage, this is your chance to develop your talents, gain confidence, and explore the magic behind musical theatre!			
Coaching Academy – Lead, Inspire, Achieve			
Cost: £15	Max No: 15	Years 7, 8 & 9	4 days (Mon - Thurs)
During the Coaching Academy, students will represent the College as leaders at the Ivy Games at Exeter Arena, experience professional-level video analysis, and help run—and take part in—sports and fun competitions. They'll also see how coaches plan events, build teams, and take part in a professional coaching session at a local golf club. A great opportunity to develop leadership, communication, and coaching skills in real sporting environments!			

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