

# ACE Week

## Monday 30 June - Friday 4 July 2025

ACE stands for **Alternative Curriculum Experience** and ACE Week is your chance to get involved in a range of activities that you would not normally be able to do. You have been sent this booklet because you are either in Year 8 or in Year 7 or 9 and not attending a residential trip in the week.

On **Monday 30 June** you will automatically take part in a whole year group activity.

Y7 - A Science & Geography investigation day (The Hydrological Cycle & Space)

Y8 - The Globe Players will be visiting and giving a performance of What You Will, An introduction to Shakespeare for Key Stage 3 with accompanying activities. A voluntary contribution of £5.00 is requested.

Y9 - Community & Opportunity Activities onsite.

You must choose activities from the booklet which you will take part in from Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 July 2025. These have been selected to offer you an exciting and alternative experience in addition to your studies. Some of the activities have a cost attached to them, but many of them are **free**. All activities run for two days - **activity ONE - Tuesday & Wednesday** - **activity TWO - Thursday & Friday**.

### What you need to do:

- 1) Please read through the activity options in this booklet. Full descriptions are outlined after the list of activities below.
- 2) Back by popular demand is 'The Weald Camp Out' taking place overnight on Tuesday 1 July. This is **in addition** to your Tuesday - Friday day activity choices. If you would like to take part in this, you need to choose this **as an addition** to your activity one and two choices.
- 3) Complete this [Google form](#) with your preferred choices. As many activities have a limited amount of spaces, you are required to select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for activities choices one and two.

*NB: Students cannot do the same activity twice.*

### Important dates:

- ★ **16 May by 12.00pm** complete this [Google form](#) to inform us of your preferred choices
- ★ **23 May by 16.00pm** your payable choices will be allocated to ParentPay
- ★ **2 June by 9.00am** payment deadline. If payment is not paid by the deadline, your place will be allocated to a reserve
- ★ Week commencing **16 June 2025** students will receive their Ace Week itinerary, during tutor time.

If you have any question / queries regarding payment, please email [trips@theweald.org.uk](mailto:trips@theweald.org.uk)

Kind regards,

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Enrichment & Ace Week Coordinator

Name of Activity	Price
Introduction to filmmaking & Digital Photography	£0.00
Eco Club: Gardening & Forest school	£0.00
Egg Escape Pod Challenge & Rocket Launch	£0.00
Scalextric	£0.00
Sports experience	£0.00
Dungeons and dragons	£0.00
Programming a HTML Website in Notepad	£0.00
Knitting and Crochet	£0.00
Creating keyrings & mindfulness activities	£5.00
Lego & escape room experience	£5.00
Medieval castle making workshop	£5.00
Taylor Swift fan club	£5.00
Theatrical Hair and Make-Up Design* - <i>Tuesday/Wednesday only</i>	£12.00
Make and decorate a cushion and decorate a canvas bag	£12.00
Mountain biking	£12.00
Graffiti inspired Zipper Bags & Graffiti art - <i>Tuesday/Wednesday only</i>	£12.00
Indian cooking & Culture - <i>Tuesday/Wednesday only</i>	£12.00
American cooking & Culture - <i>Thursday/Friday only</i>	£12.00
Hogwarts Experience	£15.00
Health Retreat	£15.00
Introduction to Climbing & Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	£41.00
Clueless theatre trip ( <i>Thursday matinee in London</i> ) & <i>create your own Jukebox musical</i>	£44.50
Southwater Watersports day & Sports experience	£30.00

<p><b>‘The Weald Camp Out’ - <i>open to all year groups</i></b></p> <p><i>Students will need their own camping equipment including a sleep mat, sleeping bag and tent. They can arrange this in groups and buddy up, they do need a tent each. Evening meal on the 1st and breakfast on the 2nd will be provided as well as an evening of camping games finishing off with hot chocolate and marshmallows before bed.</i></p>	£8.00
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Activity Description
<p><b>Introduction to Filmmaking &amp; Digital Photography</b></p> <p>Introduction to film analysis: You will watch, study and write about a film's narrative, sound, characters, mise-en-scene etc. You will then plan and write a short film screenplay.</p> <p>Digital Photography: Learn how to compose and take creative photographs on your digital camera. You will look at basic editing skills on Photoshop and learn how to apply these skills to your photos.</p>
<p><b>Eco Club: Gardening &amp; Forest school</b></p> <p>We are very proud of our school site. Our premises team and budding gardeners from the teaching team will introduce you to some basic gardening techniques. You will lead on evolving our school reflection garden. Help us create a bug hotel, look after our flora and fauna. We will also have options to complete some forest school activities (make a campfire, shelter building and explore our local biodiversity).</p>
<p><b>Egg Escape Pod Challenge &amp; Rocket Launch</b></p> <p>You will need to work in groups and use recycled materials to make an 'escape pod' for an egg. You will also compete in a range of other building and making challenges using recycled materials to get your creative brains working. On the opposite day, you will build and launch your own rocket; can you be the student to make it go the furthest?</p>
<p><b>Mountain biking</b></p> <p>Over the two days we will be restoring and adding to our school mountain bike skills area. We will be adding some more berms, rollers and small jumps. All participants will also have some basic mountain bike coaching, some basic bike mechanics instruction and go on a local cross country mountain bike ride. We may be able to hire some bikes but ideally you will have your own working bike and helmet.</p>
<p><b>Scalextric</b></p> <p>Build a 1/32 scale slot car racetrack and prepare a car to race along it. Practice your driving skills and tune your car to get the best performance. Can you be a mini Lewis Hamilton? Tracks and cars will be supplied but you are more than welcome to bring your own equipment along if you have some.</p>
<p><b>Sports experience</b></p> <p>Students will take part in a variety of sports both familiar (British team sports) and unfamiliar (non-British team sports).</p>
<p><b>Dungeons and dragons</b></p> <p>Want to conquer impossible odds? Cure a deadly disease? Brave the wilds of alien worlds to vanquish dark opponents? Then dungeons and dragons is the place to be this ACE week. See you there, bold travellers.</p>
<p><b>Programming a HTML Website in Notepad</b></p> <p>Using notepad (software), students will learn how to program a basic HTML website. Finished websites will include: headings, paragraph text, images, videos, tables, lists, hyperlinks and more. Day one will be focused on skills (adding hyperlinks, images etc.), Day two will be focused on applying those skills to make a finished website (own choice of theme).</p>
<p><b>Knitting and Crochet</b></p> <p>Come and enjoy knitting and crochet. Don't worry if you can't knit or crochet yet we can teach you. All equipment provided but you can bring your own project if you already have one. We will be making a variety of simple projects and you can take home what you make.</p>
<p><b>Creating keyrings &amp; mindfulness activities</b></p> <p>Using various materials to make keyrings and pom pom designs - Activities will include colour by numbers/mindfulness colouring &amp; other relaxation activities.</p>
<p><b>Lego &amp; Escape room experience</b></p> <p>Escape room. Codes and cyphers look like nonsense to an untrained eye, but they hide a secret message for the receiver. Throughout history people have come up with many ways to conceal secret messages. You will learn how</p>

to unravel the most common codes, write some of your own, as well as putting your knowledge into practice to escape the room by the end of the day.

Lego. Can you build the strongest tower? Or the longest bridge? With more lego than you have ever used before, try and build the iconic Eiffel Tower or Buckingham Palace. With some inspiration from film and TV, what will you build?

#### **Medieval castle making workshop**

We will look at examples, film and stories of the what, why and how of the creation of castles across time. You will then research the type of castle you would be interested in building. You will then consider the components, features and blueprint of this castle, and the materials you will need to construct it. You will then be fusing art and history to build your fortress!

#### **Taylor Swift fan club**

Embrace your Swiftie Era! Improve your Taylor Trivia by learning the literary references behind her songs and analysing the media language of her best music videos. Get creative by making friendship bracelets, designing your own music video, learning and choreographing dance moves worthy of the Eras Tour, and creating a whole new era of your own!

#### **Theatrical Hair and Make-Up Design\* - Tuesday/Wednesday only**

Ever wanted to be a makeup designer or hair stylist for theatre and film? Learn how to create theatrical hairstyles and makeup for a range of historical eras and also for special effects. You will create a range of styles and designs and contribute towards a visual presentation of your final work.

#### **Hogwarts Experience**

Have a magical time at Hogwarts school with sessions on Wand Making, Charms, Potions, Care of Magical Creatures and Defense against the Dark Arts. We will be crafting, duelling, carrying out wizarding experiments, watching magical demonstrations, with a visiting speaker showing magical animals such as owls, snakes and toads.

#### **Make and decorate a cushion cover and decorate a canvas bag**

You will make and decorate a white fabric cushion cover and a natural canvas bag. You will paint your design using fabric paint or pens. You will need to sew the cushion cover together and we will give you the right sized cushion to fit inside. A perfect gift or individual design for your room.

The canvas shopper style bag is decorated in the same way and is great for all sorts of things.

#### **Graffiti inspired Zipper Bags & Graffiti art**

Graffiti inspired textiles art. Express yourself using stencil, stitch, print and more to create a unique piece of art that is meaningful to you.

#### **Indian cooking & Culture - Tuesday/Wednesday only**

Learn how to make various curries, breads and side dishes! Cultural activities will support the cooking classes.

#### **American cooking & Culture - Thursday/Friday only**

Celebrate American Independence day by taking part in a cooking masterclass. You will learn how to make traditional American dishes from fluffy breakfast pancakes to gooey triple chocolate brownie, tater tots and chocolate chip cookies. Cultural activities will support the cooking classes.

#### **Health Retreat**

The Health retreat will include activities for health and well-being such as yoga, walking, meditation, nutrition, swimming and face masks. Please wear comfortable clothing suitable for yoga and bring a yoga mat if you have one.

#### **'Clueless The Musical' theatre trip & make a Jukebox musical**

An exciting opportunity to watch Clueless the Musical, Trafalgar Theatre in London. 2pm performance, (late pick up from school required.) On Friday, you will explore what a 'jukebox' musical is and then go through the process of creating your own; from choosing the artist/s and writing the script to staging and choreographing each scene.

**Introduction to Climbing & Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**

Students will enjoy a full day's Introduction to Climbing Course, run by the centre's professional instructors, this trip will be either 2nd or 3rd July. On the other day, students will be introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This involves helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition. At The Weald, students begin working towards their Bronze Award in Year 9, so if you want to find out more, then this activity will answer all your questions.

**Southwater Watersports day**

Students will enjoy a day on the lake taking part in various water sports activities. They will need to be a confident swimmer, able to swim up to 50m unassisted. This trip does not include transport, so students will need to be dropped off at Cripplegate Ln, Southwater, Horsham RH13 9UN by a parent / carer. Timings will be shared closer to the date but will be similar to a normal school day.

**'The Weald Camp Out'**

This is ideal for students who would like to try a residential experience or those that enjoy camping. Students will learn to put up a tent, simple outdoor cooking, shelter building, countryside code. Students will also get to play some team games, enjoy a campfire and make some smores in the evening. If weather permits then an evening of star gazing. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag and roll mat.