

ACE Week 2024



ACE stands for **Alternative Curriculum Experience** and ACE Week is your chance to get involved in a range of activities that you wouldn't normally be able to do. You've been sent this booklet because you're either in Year 8 or in Year 7 or 9 and not going on a residential trip and this booklet is a guide to the activities that are available to you to choose during ACE Week.

All of the activities within this booklet 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**. Your activity on Monday will be with your year group so you need to choose what you would like to do on Tuesday-Friday.

NEW for 2024 - there are a selection of day trips on Wednesday 3 July in **yellow** - If you choose this as an option, you will need to choose at least one activity shown in **green** as your Tuesday option. One day activities are also available on site for Thursday-Friday stated in **green**.

There is also an overnight residential option for both year groups displayed in **blue**. If you would like to choose this, this is an option IN ADDITION to the day activities, so please choose a day activity for **Tuesday/Wednesday** as well as a blue option.

Please read through the option details in this booklet and then choose a 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th choice and complete this [Google form](#).

What you need to do:

- 1) Choose **EITHER** one activity from Tuesday to Wednesday (2 days - white or green) **OR** one **yellow** day trip **AND** one **green** activity
- 2) Choose one two-day activity (white or green) or at least two one day activities **green options** from Thursday to Friday

Try to challenge yourself by picking something you've never done before!

Kind regards,

Miss E Sperring
Enrichment & Ace Week Coordinator

Name of Activity

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

Spaces available

Cost per student

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| Introduction to Climbing* <i>Wednesday only</i> | Students will travel to High Sports, Brighton where they will enjoy a full day's Introduction to Climbing Course, run by the centre's professional instructors. | 14 | £32 |
| A visit to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir <i>Wednesday only</i> | The Shri Swaminarayan Mandir is a beautiful Hindu temple in London. We will explore the Hindu temple, take part in an 'Understanding Hinduism' workshop and witness a midday Arti Ceremony. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore a new religion you don't study in RS lessons, experience architecture from another culture and witness a religious ceremony taking place in a place of worship. Travel will be via train. | 20 | £25 |
| Wicked theatre trip <i>Wednesday only</i> | An exciting opportunity to watch Wicked the Musical in London. 2pm performance, The Apollo Theatre, Victoria (late pick up from school required.) | 60 | £50 |
| Indian Cooking | Learn how to make various curries, breads and side dishes! | 30 | £18 |
| Creating keyrings & Mindfulness activities | Using various materials to make keyrings and pom pom designs - Activities will include colour by numbers/mindfulness colouring & other relaxation activities | 20 | £5 |
| Mosaic making | Learn a little about the history of mosaics and how to design and create your own beautiful mosaics to take home for yourself or as a gift. This activity is both creative and relaxing. | 15 | £7 |
| 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. | 15 | Free |
| Card & Board games | Try a selection of new and exciting board and card games from our selection or bring along your favourite board games and show us how to play! | 20 | Free |
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| Scalextric* | 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. | 20 | Free |
| Sports experience* | Table tennis - Ping Pong, Pongfinity Challenges & Basketball Playing Table Tennis: Singles, Doubles, Round the World, Tournaments, Training plus Pongfinity style challenges (using other objects as bats and tables, playing blindfolded, knocking cups off tables, bouncing while walking etc.) Team sports will also be available: Basketball, Football, Hockey, Tennis | 40 | Free |
| Theatrical Hair and Make-Up Design* <i>Tuesday only</i> | 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 create a visual presentation of your final work. | 40 | Free |
| Health Retreat | Health retreat will include activities for health and well-being such as yoga, meditation, nutrition, swimming and face mask making. Please wear comfortable clothing suitable for yoga. | 15 | £15 |
| Hogwarts Experience | Come to Hogwarts school and attend classes such as Wand Making, Charms, Potions, Care of Magical Creatures and Defense against the Dark Arts. We will be crafting, carrying out chemistry experiments and have visiting speakers with their owls, snakes and toads to learn about.' | 20 | £10 |
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| Customise your clothes | In this one day project we will be upcycling old clothes and giving those once loved garments a makeover. Learn how to alter the shape or style of your clothes and add fun embellishments to make your wardrobe burst with your personality! Maybe you have a pair of old jeans that are just a bit too full of holes to wear now? Make them into a pair of shorts or fill the holes with creative patches using different techniques. You bring the garments, we will provide the rest. | 15 | £5 |
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| Knitting and Crochet | 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 knitting squares for premature baby blankets. | 20 | Free |
| Make a Hit Single | Have you ever wondered how Number 1 singles get made? Here's your chance to work in a team to write, record, produce and distribute your very own Hit Single. Based in the industry-standard M3 Recording Studio you'll get inside every step of the process - this isn't just for singers/musicians as we need aspiring writers, lyricists, engineers and producers too! | 20 | Free |
| <u>Y8&9 only</u> - Introduction to DofE - overnight Tuesday 2 July | 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. | 30 | £6 |
| <u>Y7 only</u> - Cinema and Sleepover Experience - overnight Tuesday 2 July | Sleepover in the main hall - with activities in the late afternoon on the field such as rounders, football and frisbee. BBQ or picnic tea will be provided. Watch a movie before bed - you will need to bring your own sleeping bag and roll mat. | 30 | £6 |

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY

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| American cooking masterclass | Celebrate American Independence day by taking part in a two day 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. | 40 | £15 |
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When you have decided what to do please indicate your choices on the [Google form](#) and return it to **Friday 10 May.**

What happens next?

We will work through your choices and will allocate you an activity. This will probably be your first choice but there will obviously be some occasions when you may get your second or third choice activity due to over-subscription or an activity needing to be cancelled or a change of day. When the activity allocations have been confirmed, you will receive a personalised letter confirming which ones you are on and, in the case of an activity that carries a charge, how you can pay for that on ParentPay.

Please note that you are not allowed to change options after completing the form.

Thank you and we hope you have an enjoyable week!