Monday 15^h July to Fríday 19th July 2024



Haute Vallee Activities Week

2024

Important information:

- Complete the online form by Friday 24th November 2024
- Please note AT THIS STAGE WE ONLY REQUIRE DEPOSITS IF YOU ARE CHOOSING AN OFF-ISLAND TRIP
- Once your activities have been confirmed you will receive a letter explaining how and when deposits and / or further payments need to be made.
- Please note that at the time of printing, costs are best calculation and may vary slightly as we near the end of the summer term.

To complete the options form please go to: <u>Activities Week 2024</u>

Learning outside of the classroom

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to announce that Activities week will be running again for students in Years 7 to 9 in the week of Monday 15th to Friday 19th July. The week is part of the school's enrichment curriculum and has been put together to allow all students the opportunity to try something new and to take the plunge into developing a skill or hobby that might stay with them for the rest of their lives. It will encourage them to work with other students from different houses & year groups.

Please note that all students must attend school during Activities Week; it is **NOT** optional. It is part of the school term and so normal attendance must be maintained.

As you can appreciate, arranging a broad range of activities is not easy. It is therefore important that second choice activities are selected in case activities are either overbooked or do not have the sufficient numbers to allow them to go ahead. Please make them different to the first choices. Please note that we cannot guarantee that the first choice made by your child will be possible, though their chances are far better if they are returned before the deadline. All activities on offer depend on attracting a viable number of students, should an activity not attract sufficient numbers it will be withdrawn or the price per student may increase. Any student who does not hand in a choice form will be allocated a free activity at the discretion of the activity week coordinator.

Activities vary in cost and this should be taken into consideration when discussing a choice of activity with your child.

As you would expect, students will be required to adhere to the expected standard at all times during the activity week and historically, we have been immensely proud of how our students have represented themselves and our school. However, should students fail to maintain the expected standards of behaviour during the academic year they may be withdrawn from the chosen activities. In this event we will be unable to return deposits and any monies paid.

The individual activity leader will notify you in writing, to inform you if your child has gained a place on the activity of their choice. I hope this brochure will give you the opportunity to discuss the week with your child.

If you have any further queries relating to booking activities, please, in the first instance ask your child to speak to their tutor, if this does not resolve the situation, please contact the Activities Coordinator Mrs Riley on 736524 or email <u>c.riley@hv.sch.je</u>

In the process of organising the activities in this booklet, staff have paid great attention to health and safety. Where activities take place in potentially hazardous situation, tuition and supervision by trained and qualified instructors is provided. To this end it is important that the Parental Consent Form is completed once the first activity meeting has been held which is anticipated to take place before Christmas.

Kind regards

Mrs C Riley Activities Co-ordinator

Important Payment Information

This year all payments for Activities Week must be made using ParentPay, which is the new online payment system through which parents / guardians can make card payments.

Please go to - www.parentpay.com

You should already have received your personal invitation code for ParentPay, so please use this to register with the system. If you need a code for another payer, please contact <u>l.flambard@hv.sch.je</u>

In the first instance, please use ParentPay to pay the relevant deposit **if your child is selecting an off-Island activity**.

Once your child has been allocated their place on an activity, you will then be given access to make payments as applicable against that particular activity in ParentPay.

NEW! Planning ahead

Only available to current year 7 & 8 only

This year we are putting plans in place for a trip to run to **New York** in <u>activities week 2025</u>. We wanted to give families enough time to save so that as many as possible could enjoy this amazing opportunity.

Activities Include:

- A guided tour around the Empire State Building
- Rockefeller Top of the Rock observation deck
- A guided tour around the United Nations
- A Broadway Show
- A tour around the 9/11 Memorial Museum
- Visiting the Statue of Liberty + Ellis Island
- A visit to the Museum of modern art
- Shopping



Venue: New York

Cost: \pounds 2500 paid in instalments over an extended period **PLEASE NOTE**: this cost is based on 40 students attending and could increase should there be less.

Maximum number of students: 40

Trip Leader: Mrs Grimes

Please indicate on the allocations form if you would like to attend this trip in 2025. You will still need to choose an activity for this year as well.

More details will be shared with parents/carers once allocations have been confirmed.

What and Why 5 Skills?

The activities in this booklet will provide students with the chance to develop a particular skill or interest over the whole week. All the activities have been carefully selected to provide safe and secure but challenging educational experiences that encompass each of the 5 skills. We believe that high quality educational experiences outside the classroom can stimulate, inspire, and motivate students.

1. Communication

Young people need to be given the opportunity to extend their communication skills beyond the classroom audience, so that when they enter the workplace they can communicate confidently and coherently in a variety of different situations with colleagues at all levels.

2. Teamwork

Enabling young people to develop team working skills shows them what can be achieved when people work together. It also teaches them patience and tolerance - both important skills in the workplace.

3. Problem-solving

Young people need to be given the opportunity to problem-solve in real-life situations, so that they have the opportunity to fail without criticism, learn from that experience and try again.

4. Creativity

Creativity can be applied in all areas of work and life, whether that is using creativity to solve a problem, design new processes or develop new ideas. Young people need to be given the opportunity to test their creative ideas in a range of different ways through 'learning by doing'.

5. Resilience

Young people need to experience failure as part of their learning, so that rather than give up when things do not go to plan, they can then apply that learning in new situations. Through learning about resilience, young people can also develop humility, 'grit', selfmanagement, and tenacity – all important skills in work and life.

6 Areas of Challenge

Each activity is planned not only to include the 5 skills but to incorporate a key area of challenge. Each activity is highlighted to demonstrate which area of challenge the activity focuses on.

Being Active	Being active through regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. It can help control your weight, reduce your risk of illness and disease, strengthen your bones and muscles, improve your mental health and mood, and improve your ability to do daily activities.
Being Creative	Your creativity is what makes your life fun and is what gets you excited each and every day you wake up in the morning. Being creative is when you allow yourself to be your true self. If you have fun doing it and it keeps you constantly thinking and trying to figure out a new and better way, then that is what you need to focus on in life because creativity is what pushes passion.
Volunteering & Work Experience	Prospective employers are going to be looking very closely at your CV to see why they should employ you and not someone else. Anything you can include in your CV that can give you an edge is essential. Work experience is one such factor. Volunteering is another. It is a pretty common mistake to think of volunteering as just something nice that people can do for others in need; volunteers have an enormous impact on the health and well-being of communities.
Adventure Skills	Many people believe we are producing a generation of 'cotton wool kids', who are missing out on experiences that help to raise their self-esteem, give them confidence and increase motivation. Learning to cope with risk and challenge requires you to make informed choices and to understand and take responsibility for the consequences. It leads to a positive 'can-do' attitude.
Brain Training	Your brain is where mind and body come together. Just as you can train your body to build stamina, strength, or flexibility, so you can train your brain. Brain Training can help you strengthen attention, focus, learning, memory, creativity, and intuition; it can help you gain greater control of behaviour and emotions and improve your ability to stay in 'the zone' and perform at your peak.
Just for Fun	It's perfectly fine to pursue fun - just don't confuse its pursuit with the nobler pursuit of happiness! Whereas fun and excitement are fleeting things, happiness endures long after the thrill of the game is over. Fun defines the moment; happiness defines the person.

Off Island Options

In an idyllic woodland location next to the West Midlands Safari Park, there's plenty here to offer any student looking for an exciting adventure in the forest. This Woodland Adventure is packed with forest activities making the most of this adventurous setting. Climb to the top of the tower, have a go at archery & rifle shooting, try out the artificial caving system, toast marshmallows around the campfire and do some outdoor cookery! With a trip to the West Midlands Safari Park included, this is an action-packed adventure that you will love!

Activities Include:

- Caving,
- Target Sports,
- Axe Throwing,
- Climbing,
- Nightline,
- Safari Park,
- Orienteering

Venue: Woodland Adventure, West Midlands

Cost: £600 - £800 (including flight contingency) – price will vary depending on time of booking

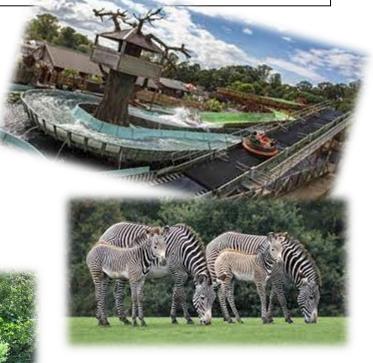
Deposit: £150 - to be paid by Friday 1st December

Equipment needed: Outdoor clothing, sensible shoes, waterproofs, a sense of adventure!

Specifics: Fly from Jersey Airport to Birmingham on Monday and return on Friday. Camp for 4 nights in cosy bell tents with comfy sleeping mats. You'll enjoy a range of woodland activities as well as a visit to the West Midlands Safari Park. Accommodation is the woodland itself - you will camp in the Wyre Forest!

Maximum number of students: 20

Trip Leader: Mrs McKenna



Want to explore the sights and sounds of what Manchester has to offer? Experience the Crystal Maze, solve puzzles and land yourself in the crystal dome. Have a go at Chaos Karts - it's like playing your favourite computer game in real life! Why not take in a game of treetop mini golf and go on a shopping trip to the amazing Trafford Centre. Finally, complete the trip with a visit to Chester Zoo where a whole world of wonder awaits, with over 27,000 animals from 500 species, there's so much to see and do!

Venue: Manchester Mayhem

Cost: £950

Deposit: £200 to be paid by Friday 1st December

Equipment needed: Sensible footwear and clothing.

Specifics: Fly from Jersey Airport to Manchester on Monday and return on Friday. Staying at the Youth hostel. All meals are included in this trip except snacks. Price includes 1 piece of luggage.

Maximum number of students: 26

Trip Leader: Dr Taylor Cox/Mr Evans

Activities Include:

- Chester Zoo
- The Crystal Maze Live Experience
- Chaos Karts
- Treetop Adventure Golf
- Trafford Centre







Barcelona at its best - this trip is filled with jam packed activities that will keep you busy from morning to night! You will start your first day in Barcelona by visiting Barcelona's most famous and picturesque market. Followed by visiting the home of one of Europe's most successful football clubs, FC Barcelona, this visit includes exploring the Barca Museum and Construction Viewpoint. You will visit and explore the Sagrada Familia church which is the best example of Modernist architecture designed by the legendary architect Antoni Gaudí. After a hard day exploring you will relax at the Park Güell which has been declared as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will find yourself transformed in an underworld delight when visiting the world's most important marine leisure and education centre dedicated to Mediterranean undersea life. This trip will finish off with a day at the PortAventura, Theme Park - the biggest theme park in Spain!

Activities Include:

- Exploring the La Boqueria Market
- A visit to the Nou Camp FC
- Sagrada Familia Most famous monument in Barcelona
- Visit to Parc Güell
- Aquarium
- PortAventura Theme Park



Venue: Barcelona

Cost: £1300

Deposit: £200 - to be paid by Friday 1st December

Equipment needed: Sensible footwear and clothing, a hand luggage bag is included - however a case can be booked at an extra cost. Spending money - recommended. Money for breakfast/ lunches required.

Specifics: Monday to Friday, fly from Jersey Airport to London then onto Aeropuerto de Barcelona Intl. Price includes 4 evening meals.

Maximum number of students: 40

Trip Leader: Mrs Grimes



On Island Options

Surf camp

Do you want to learn how to surf? Do you love being in the sea? Do you enjoy spending time at the beach? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Introduction to Surfing and Safety
- Developing Surf Skills
- Riding Waves and Ocean Awareness
- Advanced Surf Techniques
- Surfing Challenges and BBQ



Venue: Le Port Surf School, St Ouen

Cost: £210 Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: Drinking water, swimwear, healthy food, warm clothes, hat, sunscreen, towel, and a positive attitude!

Specifics:

Students need to be able to swim at least 50m unaided.

Students will be expected make their own way to and from St Ouen. NB there is a public bus which runs to the venue from the station each morning and returns back there after the activity finishes each day. When travelling on public transport students will not be supervised by our staff.

Surfboard, wetsuit, leash, tuition all supplied

Maximum number of students: 16

Venue: In school and around the island

Cost: £160 Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: comfortable clothing, a positive mindset, trainers, suncream, packed lunch.

Specifics: Students will need make their own way home each day from different locations.

Maximum number of students: 12

Trip Leader: Mrs Roberts

NEW! 5 DAYS OF WELLBEING

Do you want to relax after a busy school year? Need some self-care? Love helping others? Want to try something new? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

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- Graffiti art class
- Beach clean
- Walking
- Yoga, meditation, and sound bath workshop
- Bath bomb and candle making
- Paddle boarding, beach games, and
- pizza in Gorey.
- Discovering healthy foods and more!





Venue: Le Port Surf School, St Ouen

Cost: £185 Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: Drinking water, swimwear, healthy food, warm clothes, hat, sunscreen, towel, and a positive attitude!

Specifics: Students need to be able to swim at least 50m unaided

Students will be expected make their own way to and from St Ouen. NB there is a public bus which runs to the venue from the station each morning and returns back there after the activity finishes each day. When travelling on public transport students will not be supervised by our staff.

Surfboard, wetsuit, leash, tuition all supplied.

Maximum number of students: 16

Trip Leader: Mr Hann

Thrive

Do you love being outside? Do you enjoy being creative? Fancy yourself as an eco-warrior? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Creating botanical beauty treatments
- Try Shinrin Yoko the Japanese art of forest bathing
- Create mythical face paintings and body art
- Clay Pot making
- Cooking on an open fire with locally grown produce
- Explore a garden of herbal remedies and learning how to use them
- Tie Dye Totes and T-shirts
- Exploring Hamptonne with an outdoor picnic



Sea Adventure

Do you want to learn new water skills? Do you love being outdoors? Do you enjoy spending time at sea? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Surfing Adventure
- Coasteering Exploration
- Snorkelling and Marine Biology
- Fishing
- Outdoor Learning
- Surfing and BBQ



Venue: 'Grow' project in Sion, behind Surville Cemetery

Cost: £60 Deposit: £10

Equipment needed: Comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and shoes. Packed lunch. Suncream and hat

Specifics: Students will be expected to make their own way to the day's venue. Workshop fees and 'cook-up' foods and workshop materials are included.

Maximum number of students: 12

Trip Leader: Miss Harley



Venue: Various around Jersey area

Cost: £250 **Deposit**: £50

Equipment needed: Comfortable clothes, old trainers to wear in the sea and packed lunch.

Specifics: Students need to be able to swim at least 50m unaided. Not be scared of heights and willing to have a go. They have to get their own way to and from the activities (Bus timetable is given).

Maximum number of students: 40

Trip Leader: Mr Ingram



Allsorts

Do you fancy yourself as a daredevil? Interested in waters ports and heights? Ever wanted to SUP? Would you like to swim and watch a movie? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Creepy Valley (Valley Adventures)
- Paint balling
- King Swing, Zip Wire, Aerial trekking
- Mega SUP
- Coasteering
- Bell Boating
- Aqua splash and cinema

Biking Bonanza

Are you a keen cyclist? Do you want to have some fun? Do you want to try new and exciting rides? Then this is for you!

Activities include:

- Les Mielles Funzone Crazy golf
- aMaizin! Adventure Park Go-Carting, slides, wet play area, tractor ride and lots more!
- Jump Jersey indoor trampoline and climbing activities (Les Ormes)
- Lunch included every day.



Venue: Various around Jersey

Cost: £155 C

Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: A road worthy bike, a bike helmet, a bike lock

Specifics: Students must be able to ride a bike and be confident on the road

Students need to be able to swim at least 50m unaided

Students need to have a roadworthy bike

A Good level of fitness is needed for the week

Maximum number of students: 20

Trip Leader: Miss Cooper

Venue: School based

Cost: £10 (theatre ticket not included in cost) No deposit required

Equipment needed: Packed lunch needed

Maximum number of students: 25

Trip Leader: Mr Mortimer



NEW:The World of Performing Arts

Do you enjoy acting? Do you enjoy playing a characters? Do you enjoy working as a team? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Workshops designed to improve performance and vocal skills, as well as build confidence and self-esteem.
- Take part in devised work and/or script work.
- An opportunity to sing and dance, for those who enjoy singing and dancing (not compulsory!)
- Optional A theatre trip to see a local show (depending on availability).

Back this year! Tea for Two

Are you a foodie? Do you love to bake? Always wanted to try an afternoon tea. Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Learning how to make bread dough
- Scone making
- Baking Victoria Sponge and Brownies
- Jam and Curd Making
- Take away and enjoy your baked goodies each day
- Experiencing making your own afternoon tea and eating it at one of Jersey's famous hotels



Venue: Meet at school each day

Cost: £55 Deposit: £10

Equipment needed: You will need to bring a container such as a sweets tin to store your bakes.

Specifics: Students will be expected to make their own way to school each day.

Maximum number of students: 15

Trip Leader: Mrs Prescott

Afternoon tea is a tradition that dates back to the 1800's and is still as popular today as it was then. We will make all the elements of both a traditional and modern afternoon tea and to celebrate the end of our time together we will be visiting one of the best afternoon tea establishments in the Island to sample what all the fuss is about.

Back this year! Make, It, Test It & Take It

Do you enjoy using your hands to build products? Are you creative? Do you want a challenge? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Learning construction techniques
- Designing, making and testing:
 - o Birdhouses
 - Bee Houses
 - Squirrel feeders
 - o Insect Hotels
 - Mini Go karts



Rib Adventures

Are you a thrill seeker? Love being on the water? Want to explore what the other Islands have to offer? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- North Coast Rib Adventure
- Beach Games
- Sea Swimming
- South and East Coast Rib tour
- Ecrehous Rib Tour
- Wildlife spotting



Venue: School DT area

Cost: £30 Deposit: £10

Equipment needed: A packed lunch

Specifics: Open to all year groups

No previous experience is required

Maximum number of students: 20

Trip Leader: Miss Knowles

Venue: St Catherine's Pier

Cost: £350 (costs may vary) Deposit: £100

Equipment needed: Swim wear, and packed lunch

Specifics: Open to all year groups

Students need to be able to swim at least 50m unaided

Must meet at St Catherine's Pier each day

Maximum number of students: 20

Trip Leader: Mrs Gallagher

Venue: Jersey and surrounding areas

Cost: FREE (except bus fare or bus pass)

Equipment needed: A packed lunch for each day, Walking shoes, bus fare or bus pass

Specifics: Open to all year groups – a bus pass or bus money will be required.

You will meet at the bus station each day.

Maximum number of students: 30 (2 groups)

Trip Leader: Mr Precious

Walking Adventure

Are you a keen walker? Want to see more of the Island? Always wondered what route the Itex took? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Walking a different section of the coast each day
- Beach fun





Venue: School

Cost: £110

Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: Sensible clothing and a sense of humour! Packed lunch needed

Specifics: Students will be expected to be in school every day.

Maximum number of students: 30

Trip Leader: Miss Trebilcock



Sounds Like Fun!

Do you want to have fun? Do you want to meet new people? Do you want to learn how to juggle? Do you like Pizza? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Create your own T-Shirt
- Arts and crafts
- Make your own pizza
- Crazy golf
- Jump Jersey
- Pottery painting
- Movies
- Durrell

Back this year! North Coast Action Week

Do you enjoy being in the sea? Do you love a challenge? Have you ever wanted to scuba dive/snorkel? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- 2 try dives in the sea*
- Snorkel in the sea
- Rib trip to Les Ecrehous
- Rib trip along the North coast
- Stand up paddle boarding
- Pontoon jumping



Gaming & More!

Do you love playing video games? Do you also enjoy keeping active? Would you like to take part in an eSports tournament? Then this is for you!

Activities include:

- Playing video games at the Gaming Hub each morning
- Active afternoon activities including swimming at Aquasplash, trampolining and climbing at Jump Jersey and more!
- eSports tournament and pizza party





Venue: Les Charrieres Du Bouley, The Waters Edge Hotel

Cost: £370 **Deposit**: £100

Equipment needed: Swimming equipment. including a towel, packed lunch daily, suntan lotion. All diving and snorkeling equipment is provided.

Specifics: Students will be expected to make their own way to Bouley Bay and back, the No4 bus goes to Bouley Bay.

Students must be able to swim at least 50 metres and be confident swimmers, but no previous experience of diving is required.

*The ability to dive is subject to a medical questionnaire.

Maximum number of students: 12

Venue: Gaming Hub and other locations

Cost: £200 Deposit: £75

Equipment needed: A packed lunch for 4 days (pizza lunch on the last day), comfortable clothes, swimming kit for some days

Specifics: Students must be able to swim at least 50 metres and be confident swimmers. Must be willing to have a go at the activities. Open to all year groups. You will meet at the Gaming Hub each day.

Maximum number of students: 24

Trip Leader: Mx Pearce

NEW! Junior Lifesaving Week

Venue: Jersey Surf School - Le Braye Slipway

Cost: £245 **Deposit**: £50

Equipment needed: Towel/changing robe, water bottle, goggles, Packed lunch

Specifics: Students must be able to swim 25m unassisted

Maximum number of students: 24

Trip Leader: Miss Day



Animal Magic

Do you like a range of animals? Do you fancy a career working with animals? Want to know more about how to care for animals? Then this is for you!

Activities May Include:

- A day horse riding and learning how to care for a horse
- A day at Durrell complete the zoo trail and a behind the scenes activity.
- A trip to the animal sanctuary Finni's Ark
- A day at the beach
- Animal pottery



Do you love the sea? Do you want to learn a new skill? Have you wondered what it would be like to be a lifeguard? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Paddling junior lifesaving rescue boards
- Learning how to rescue casualties.
- Beach ironman styled racing (paddle, run, swim races)
- Beach first aid & CPR practise, plus the option to surf



Venue: Various around Jersey

Cost: £120

Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: Clothes that can get dirty.

Appropriate footwear

Specifics: Students must not be afraid of or allergic to animals

Starting and ending venues will mostly be at Liberation Station you will access most venues by bus.

Maximum number of students: 14

Trip Leader: Miss Le Maistre

Adventure Camp with Absolute Adventures

Have a love for everything water? Fancy learning a variety of new skills? Want a new challenge every day? Then this is for you!

Activities include:

- Kayaking
- Paddle boarding
- Coasteering
- Rib trip around the South coast
- Sofa rides
- Mega SUP session
- Lillo Ride
- Tour of Beauport



Venue: School site

Cost: £130 Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: Comfortable clothing and trainers, packed lunch

Specifics: Open to all year groups

Maximum number of students: 30

Trip Leader: Mrs Richardson



Venue: Meet at St Brelade's every day

Cost: £225

Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: Comfortable clothing and trainers, Swim wear, Water, Sun cream, a packed lunch.

Specifics: Open to all year groups

Students must be able to swim at least 50 metres and be confident swimmers

Maximum number of students: 32

Trip Leader: Katie Mulligan/Mr A'court



Sports for All

Have a love for everything sports? Want to learn a new skill or enhance the ones you have? Want to stay fit and active and love the outdoors? Fancy a bit of everything?

Then this is for you!

Activities include:

- o **Tennis**
- o Island Padel
- Creepy Valley adventure
- Jump Jersey
- \circ Swim and surf at the Merton
- \circ Ten pin bowling
- A trip to the cinema





Arts for All

Do you fancy yourself as an artist? Interested in arts, crafts, and culture? Ever wanted to produce Land sculpture?



Would you like to learn new arts and crafts skills? Then this is for you!

Activities May Include:

- Pottery painting at the Nest Art Studio
- Jersey Zoo drawing workshop
- Land sculpture at a Jersey beach
- Jewellery or keychain making
- Drawing workshop at a Museum/Gallery

Venue: Students will meet at liberation bus station

Cost: £60

Deposit: £10

Equipment needed:

A packed lunch, comfortable clothing and shoes

Specifics: Sketchpad, folder, drawing materials, workshop fees, bus fares and ice cream are included.

Maximum number of students: 15

Trip Leader: Mrs Boccone



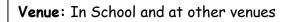


NEW! Football Camp

Do you love football? Do you want to spend the week feeling like a footballer? Training like a footballer? Eating like a footballer? Learning like a footballer? Then this is for you!

Activities Include:

- Football Sessions
- Video Analysis
- Fifa Tournament
- Fitness sessions
- Refereeing workshop
- TeqBall
- Nutrition workshop
- Mental health seminar
- Careers in Football Workshop
- Coaching from qualified football coaches



Cost: £150

Deposit: £50

Equipment needed: Appropriate football boots.

Specifics: Students will be expected to be in school every day.

Football kit will be provided.

Boys and Girls welcome.

Maximum number of students: 48

Trip Leader: Mr Grocott



Frequently asked questions

Q. What happens if costs of the chosen activity rise?

A. Unfortunately all the activities are based on the maximum number of students this enables costs to be kept low however if the activity fails to gain enough numbers either a decision will be made not to run the activity, or the students will be informed of increased cost.

Q. What if I pay and my child is ill?

A. Parents are advised to check their household travel and personal insurance. Refunds are unlikely as all activities are paid for in advance and prices are set dependent on numbers.

Q. Is this another expense for me?

A. The activities range in value and the on-island (off-site) and in-school experiences are just as rewarding and less costly.

Q. What if I pay my deposit and then change my mind?

A. Regretfully, as we will already have incurred expenses, no refunds are possible.

Q. What if I pay and my child misbehaves?

A. Regrettably, as we will have incurred expenses, if your child causes us serious concerns and their behaviour does not improve, you will lose your deposit and any money paid and your child will remain at school during this week.

Q. Can I pay in instalments?

A. Yes, for the more expensive activities it is possible to pay in instalments. The activity leaders will write to you in early December confirming a place on an activity. Once places are confirmed, you will be able to make the required payments via ParentPay.

Q. Can I pay by cash or cheque?

A. We are strongly encouraging all payments to be made via ParentPay this year. In exceptional circumstances cash or cheques can be given to Ms Flambard who is situated in the finance office.

Q. What if my child is intending on going to Hautlieu?

A. As places are not guaranteed at Hautlieu I would ask that an activity is still chosen but perhaps one that is free or a very low costing activity, this way it does not impact on the places available. Please can you tick on the choices form if your child is applying for Hautlieu.

Q. What if we are going on holiday?

A. This is a compulsory school week and so no holidays should be booked and would be classed as an unauthorised absence, that said if you are intending on going on holiday can you indicate on the form.