



# THE KING'S SCHOOL

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Founded 1545 Headteacher: Mr Rob Gammon BSc Hons PGCE NPQH

June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **Project Week 2026**

### **HAVEN BANKS: MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

Your child is due to take part in Haven Banks during Project Week 2026.

We will be travelling by coach daily from The King's School and will depart at **9am prompt**. The trip will return to school by 3.20pm for students to travel home via their usual mode of transport.

#### **TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES**

##### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July**

MORNING: Team Building

AFTERNOON: Canoeing

##### **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July**

MORNING: Caving/Abseiling

AFTERNOON: Bell Boating

##### **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July**

MORNING: Raft Building

AFTERNOON: Climbing Wall

##### **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July**

MORNING: Dragon Boating

AFTERNOON: Kayaking

##### **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July**

MORNING: Orienteering

AFTERNOON: SUP

All activities are run by the Haven Banks Activity Centre, Haven Road, Exeter (On the Exeter Quayside). The activities have qualified instructors. All safety equipment will be provided, including wetsuits, lifejackets, buoyancy aids etc.

Students will need to bring a large, packed lunch and plenty of fluids to drink to last them the day (this will be provided for any student entitled to free school meals).

**Students must wear old, comfortable, loose clothing and footwear as they will get dirty and wet (jeans and tight clothes are unsuitable for climbing etc.).** For water-based activities students will need **old trainers or wetsuit boots/shoes** if they have them.



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**A towel, sun cream, a bag to put wet clothing in for the coach trip back and a change of clothing will be needed every day as all items will be wet somehow!**

Students must / bring the following each day:

- Any medication likely to be needed throughout the day. This will be handed to the centre staff or activity leader. **Please ensure that any relevant information is included in the Edulink Parental Consent form.**
- Loose, warm/cool comfortable clothing, (not jeans) or shorts and t-shirt if the weather is very warm.
- Long-sleeved t-shirt and trousers are needed for the indoor caving to protect arms and legs.
- A lightweight anorak or cagoule – to keep students dry and keep the wind off.
- Closed toe footwear that you can wear on and off the water and are happy to get wet. **Bare feet/flip-flops and sliders are not allowed.**
- Sufficient, packed lunch and refillable water bottle
- A full change of dry clothes and towel for after activities
- Spare footwear for after activities
- Bin bag to carry wet clothes home
- Sufficient spare clothes in case it rains
- Sun cream, of a high factor as well as a hat (the centre cannot supply sun lotion)
- Warmer clothes which can be layered
- Haven Banks have a finite supply of wetsuits. If your child has a wetsuit, do please bring it during Project Week 2026. Please note that neither the school nor the activity centre can be held liable for loss or damage

The Centre has limited storage space and facilities for personal belongings. Individuals should only bring with them the items they will use whilst at the Centre. Although the Centre has group storage facilities, it will not be held responsible for personal belongings which may go missing. The Centre cannot guarantee that people's personal belongings left or lost will be found. They cannot return any lost property via the post. Lost Property is disposed of every 2 weeks.

Students will not be forced to do activities that cause them concern, but we obviously would like all students to participate as much as possible.

**We would ask all parents/guardians to notify the school as early as possible if your son/daughter is ill or cannot attend to prevent delaying departure for others.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND HAVE RETURNED THE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FORM VIA EDULINK BY 3.30PM ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026.**



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**Your child will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct in school before Project Week and a copy is attached for your information.**

***Please be aware that, if your child commits a serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the school's behaviour policy during Project Week they may be removed from their designated activity and a refund will not be issued.***

If you would like further information or have any concerns about this trip, please contact either myself or Mr Venables (Haven Banks Lead) directly via email or by telephone on 01404 812982.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Lisa Lewis**

Project Week Lead