

# The King's School

## Project Week 2023

## Day Trip Activities

Monday 10th - Friday 14th July

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# **PROJECT WEEK 2023**

## **Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Project Week is a long established part of The King's School's enrichment and extra-curricular programme and provides highly memorable learning experiences for many students. The week off timetabled lessons gives students and staff the chance to work and learn outside of the classroom in less formal situations. Project Week gives our students opportunities to experience a variety of environments, both in the UK and abroad, often with different aged peers and with others outside of their usual friendship groups. Students may decide to pursue existing interests and passions or try a completely new challenge.

This booklet gives details of our day-long Project Week activities that supplement the week-long 'Big' trips and residential that were offered to students in October. We have attempted to offer a wide variety of activities to suit all interests and budgets, acknowledging the current economic climate. We hope all students can find something that inspires and engages them. We are releasing information as early as possible in an attempt to allow time to save and to pay in instalments where required for more expensive trips and visits. Students currently in receipt of Free School Meals will be eligible for a bursary (up to £130). The bursary supports the cost of Project Week trips from The King's School pupil premium funds. Parents/carers should contact the Finance Office with any queries surrounding pupil premium payments. Whilst every effort has been made to give an accurate price guide, please be aware that prices can change, dependent on final participant numbers and transport costs.

**Project Week activities take place within term time and normal school attendance rules apply.**

Please read this booklet carefully before making your choices. Please ensure that you make **3** activity block choices in order of priority and complete the Day Trips **FORM on Edulink**, submitting it by the deadline (**11th January 2023**). Once the selection process is complete, letters will be sent out via Edulink confirming the activity choice for each student and advising of the payment requirements and schedule. **Please note that a deposit payment of varying amounts due to a range of costs will be required to secure your child's place on their allocated activity block and Friday choice.**

The payment schedule is listed below:

**DEPOSIT - 27th January 2023**

**1ST INSTALMENT (to include Friday 14th July/Day 5 cost) - 27th February 2023**

**2ND INSTALMENT - 27th March 2023**

**Forms should be completed and submitted on Edulink  
by: 10.30pm on Wednesday 11th January 2023**

Please note that once a project choice has been confirmed and a deposit paid, then this will be your child's allocated choice; late changes can affect project costings and changes will only be considered in exceptional circumstances or where a clear replacement is available.

Please contact Mrs Lewis (Project Week Administrator) on [llewis@thekings.devon.sch.uk](mailto:llewis@thekings.devon.sch.uk) or Mr Moran (Project Week Coordinator) on [kmoran@thekings.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kmoran@thekings.devon.sch.uk) with any queries.

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# ACTIVITIES OFFERED FOR 2023

BLOCK	DAY 1 Monday	DAY 2 Tuesday	DAY 3 Wednesday	DAY 4 Thursday	COST
SPORTS MIX	Exeter City Football	Exeter Chiefs Rugby	Cricket Skills & Games	Golf & Super Teams	£48
GYM & MOVEMENT	JW Dance Day	Trampolining & Zumba	JW Dance Session & Gymnastics 1	Gymnastics 2	£38
ADRENALINE A	Clip n Climb	Exe Wake Watersports	Surfing in North Devon	Go Ape & Mountain Biking	£192
ADRENALINE B	Exmouth Watersports	Raceworld Karting	High Ropes, Vivary Park	Exe Wake Watersports	£180
OUT & ABOUT A	Dartmoor Activity Centre	Paignton Zoo	Crealy Adventure Park	Dynamic Adventures	£118
OUT & ABOUT B	Forest School 1	Forest School 2	Sidmouth Beach Clean	Donkey Sanctuary & Llama Walk	£49
FOOD WEEK	Coldharbour Farm	Rabbit & Co	Devon Cookery School	Forest Produce	£126 *
CRAFT WEEK	Needle Felting	Ceramics 1	Jam Jars & Photo Blocks	Ceramics 2	£27 *
SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES	Tabletop Games, Art & Jewellery	Treasure Hunt & Escape Room	Strategy / ICT Games	Movie Day	£9 *

***\* This activity is school-based but does not form part of the statutory curriculum. If you wish your son/daughter to take part in this opportunity a stated voluntary contribution is requested to cover costs incurred in providing this project.***

# DAY 5 FRIDAY OPTIONS

Finish your week with a day at one of the following:



## WOODLANDS THEME PARK, £25

spend a day at the largest family theme park in Devon, enjoying a wide range of rides including water rides, the zoo farm & more!



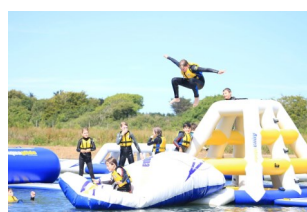
## PLYMOUTH SKI CENTRE, £52

skiing, snowboarding, tubing & an exhilarating 650m toboggan run.



## NORTH DEVON WAKE PARK, £50

a day of kneeboarding, ringo rides, stand-up paddle boarding & lots of fun on the aqua park course. Try to beat the lifeguards' record time! Wetsuits provided.



## SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES, FREE

a rotation of fun activities in and around school.



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# SPORTS MIX

## Four days of sport & activities to include:



**EXETER CITY FOOTBALL ROADSHOW** - a day of coaching & games with Exeter City FC community coaches.

**EXETER CHIEFS RUGBY** - a day of coaching & games with Exeter Chiefs community coaches.



**CRICKET** - an exciting day honing your cricket skills & playing cricket-related games led by a Devon Cricket Board coach.

**GOLF** - half a day spent improving your golf skills by taking part in some golfing challenges. Finishing off the week with a Super Teams Competition.



**COST: £48** (this includes an Exeter City and Exeter Chiefs goody bag!)



## **FRIDAY OPTIONS INCLUDE:**

Woodlands Theme Park - £25  
Plymouth Ski Centre - £52  
North Devon Wake Park - £50  
School Based Activities - £FREE



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# GYM & MOVEMENT

Four days of gymnastics, trampolining, dance & other activities:



**JW Dance Day** - split across 2 days  
(Mon & Weds), try a variety of  
activities & dance styles at the JW  
Dance studio in Ottery St Mary.



**TRAMPOLINING & ZUMBA** - try out your aerial skills &  
coordination, as you master  
trampolining. Test your fitness  
through a Zumba workout.



**GYMNASTICS** - work with Mrs Kiely learning &  
mastering a range of individual & group gymnastics and  
sports acrobatics skills .

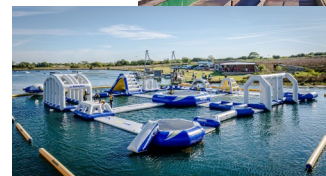


***Stated voluntary contribution of £38***



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Plymouth Ski Centre - £52  
North Devon Wake Park - £50  
School Based Activities - £FREE





# ADRENALINE WEEK A

Four days of action-packed, high energy activities to include:

**Clip n Climb** - take to the air on an action-packed climbing adventure at the ultimate vertical playground and roped wall.



**EXE WAKE** - exhilarating day at Exewake Watersports in Exmouth where you will experience the thrill of knee boarding

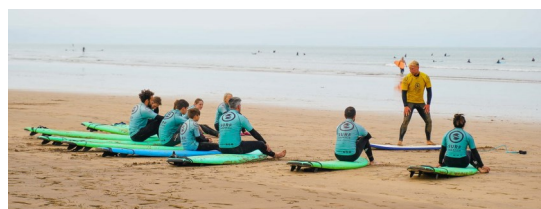


& enjoy a speedboat ride up the river.

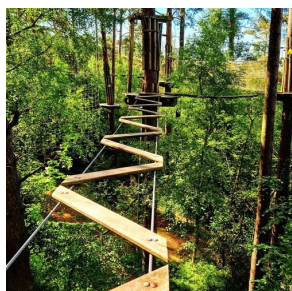
**NB: We will return to school at the later time of 5pm on this day.**

**SURFING** - at Surf Saunton in North Devon.

Suitable for complete beginners to the more experienced. All equipment needed is supplied.



**GO APE & MOUNTAIN BIKING** - a day



spent at Haldon Forest enjoying the Go Ape Tree Top Adventure, as well as Mountain Biking through the forest with experienced instructors.



**COST: £192**

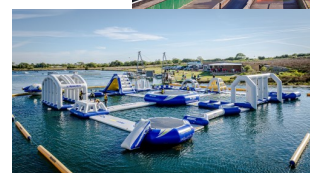
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Plymouth Ski Centre - £52

North Devon Wake Park - £50

School Based Activities - £FREE



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# ADRENALINE WEEK B

**Four days of action-packed, high energy activities to include:**

**EXMOUTH WATERSPORTS** - try both land and water-based activities including archery tag, stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, raft building and the mega SUP on Exmouth beach.



**RACEWORLD INDOOR KARTING** - a karting Super Prix at Raceworld Indoor Karting.



**\*\* Raceworld is only suitable for drivers over the age of 12 years. NB: You must be 1.55m tall to participate at Raceworld.**

**VIVARY PARK HIGH ROPES** -

a fun expedition moving from tree to tree using zip wires, bridges, platforms & more. Get the adrenaline pumping!



**EXE WAKE** - exhilarating day at Exewake Watersports in Exmouth where you will experience the thrill of knee



boarding & enjoy a speedboat ride up the river. **NB: We will return to school at the later time of 5pm on this day.**

**COST: £180**

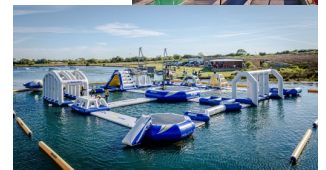
## **FRIDAY OPTIONS INCLUDE:**

Woodlands Theme Park - £25

Plymouth Ski Centre - £52

North Devon Wake Park - £50

School Based Activities - £FREE



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# OUT & ABOUT WEEK A

## Four days of trips & visits to include:

**DARTMOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE** - spend the day in a stunning location next to Haytor on Dartmoor, experiencing problem-solving, team challenges, bushcraft skills and conducting your own search & rescue.



**PAIGNTON ZOO** - spend a day with over 2,000 animals and countless amazing plants across 80 acres of beautiful spacious grounds.

**CREALY ADVENTURE PARK** - enjoy an unforgettable day out at Devon's Crealy Adventure Park & Resort.



**DYNAMIC ADVENTURES** - a fun-filled day that's



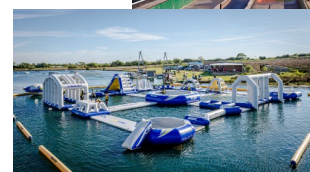
sure to boost confidence & push you out of your comfort zone. Come & get stuck in to the assault course, fly the ziplines & try some abseiling.

**COST: £118**



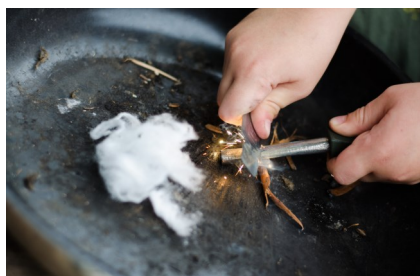
## **FRIDAY OPTIONS INCLUDE:**

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Plymouth Ski Centre - £52  
North Devon Wake Park - £50  
School Based Activities - £FREE



# OUT & ABOUT WEEK B

## Four days of trips & visits to include:



**FOREST SCHOOL** - spend 2 days immersed in nature in the school grounds. Activities will include camp fire cooking, survival and camp skills.



**SIDMOUTH BEACH CLEAN** - join the Sidmouth Plastic Warriors & take part in a beach clean on Sidmouth beach, channel your inner Greta!



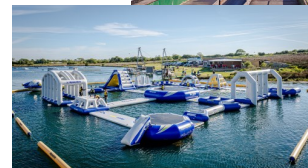
**DONKEY SANCTUARY & LLAMA WALKING** - spend the morning at The Donkey Sanctuary, an international animal welfare and rescue charity before learning about the fascinating, intelligent, gentle animals that are llamas. Groom them, do some llama agility, then take them for a walk!



**COST: £49**

## **FRIDAY OPTIONS INCLUDE:**

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Plymouth Ski Centre - £52  
North Devon Wake Park - £50  
School Based Activities - £FREE



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# FABULOUS FOOD WEEK

## Four days of foody activities to include:

**COLDHARBOUR FARM SHOP AND FIELD KITCHEN** - spend a day with Andrea Broadhurst and Beth Ashfield learning about locally sourced ingredients and preparing a delicious traditional meal to take home.



**RABBIT & CO** - prepare a picnic with Emma Scott using the very best produce from all over the South West and beyond.

**DEVON COOKERY SCHOOL** - learn to make classic Spanish Tapas with Jazzi preparing a range of delicious dishes based on fresh and colourful ingredients from all corners of the country.



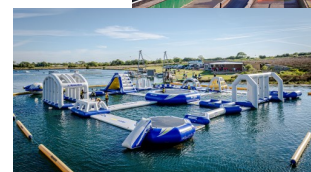
**FOREST PRODUCE** - watch a demonstration from Head Development Chef, Tom Browning-Young, then work in teams to reproduce his 3 course meal.

**COST: £126**



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North Devon Wake Park - £50  
School Based Activities - £FREE



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# CRAFT WEEK

**Four days of art & craft activities to include:**

**NEEDLE FELTING** - learn how to make your own 3D sea themed mobiles & small creatures. Felting may seem complicated but you'll catch on quickly & make your own felt creations to take home.



**CERAMICS** - split across two days (Tues & Thurs). Day 1 will be spent making pots, tiles and jewellery from air-drying clay.



On Day 2 we will paint & glaze them.

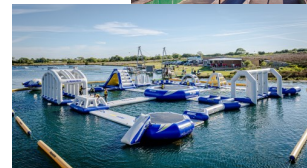
**JAM JARS & PHOTO BLOCKS** - make your own handmade cards, tags & wrapping paper using blue cyanotype photographs.



***Stated voluntary contribution of***  
**£27**

## **FRIDAY OPTIONS INCLUDE:**

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Plymouth Ski Centre - £52  
North Devon Wake Park - £50  
School Based Activities - £FREE



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# SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES

**Four days of school-based activities to include:**

**TABLETOP GAMES, ART & JEWELLERY** - play a range of board, card & strategy games as well as creating & painting Warhammer characters. Unleash your creative side with some art and jewellery making.



**TREASURE HUNT & ESCAPE ROOM** - tackle our tricky treasure hunt



**CAN YOU  
ESCAPE?**



around the school site & take part in an Escape Room challenge. There will be prizes to win along the way!



**STRATEGY GAMES** - spend the day in our ICT suite & play some computer-based strategy games.



**MOVIE DAY** - enjoy a day of watching films.

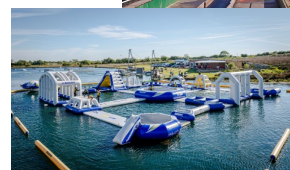
Popcorn, sweets & drinks provided!

***Stated voluntary contribution of £9***



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Plymouth Ski Centre - £52  
North Devon Wake Park - £50  
School Based Activities - £FREE



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is Project Week?

It is a week when the normal timetable is suspended and students and staff embark on a variety of enrichment activities which we would ordinarily not be able to do. The aims of the week are to broaden horizons and experiences.

- Year 12 are engaged in fieldwork or work experience
- Year 10 are involved in work experience
- Years 7, 8 and 9 are engaged in Project Week

At the same time the school plays host to Year 6 students from our partner primary schools who visit as part of their induction week.

## Why does the school charge for Project Week?

In previous years, the cost of Project Week has been over £125,000. This is equal to approximately 40% of the school's budget for buying books, text books and equipment for a whole year. We could not possibly cover the cost of Project Week without adversely affecting other aspects of the curriculum. However, the week is valued by students, staff, the Board of Trustees and parents and has an impact on students' learning and attitudes. In order to facilitate a broad and balanced offer for some activities we do need to request a voluntary contribution to cover costs incurred.

## Why might some costings be an 'approximate' charge?

Costings are based on several factors - principally, quotes given to the school and previous years' experience. There are three main reasons why the final cost may change:

1. The external provider may change the cost of an activity (some providers have not been able to give us definitive 2022 prices yet),
2. The number of students on an activity may change. For example, coach hire has a fixed cost irrespective of number of students. Each extra student on a coach brings the cost per student down,
3. Sometimes activity centres lower the cost per student if we bring more students.

## Why have some prices increased so much?

Provider quotes received for 2022 have risen due to higher provider operating costs (higher costs for raw materials, fuel, utilities and business rates), the impact of the pandemic on providers, and an increased demand for UK based residential activities.

## In the event of a project being oversubscribed, how are students allocated to a project?

Ballots will be drawn when a project is oversubscribed, **however priority will be given to Year 9 students** as this is their last year on Project Week. We will do our utmost to enable students to receive one of their three choices.

## In the event of cancellation, will we be refunded?

We would like to be in a position to say yes. **However in the event of an external agency demanding compensation for cancellation, we will not be able to do this. In general deposits are non-returnable.**

## What precautions are taken to maximise the safety of students and staff?

Safety is of paramount importance. Activities undergo a rigorous risk assessment procedure, which is checked by the school's educational visits co-coordinator and follows a code set out by Devon County Council, which reflects national government guidance. We ensure that tutors for adventure activities are accredited and insured and have passed child protection checks. Where possible adventure activities are held at centres certified by The Adventure Activities Licensing Authority or with accredited tutors.

## Can we take our child on holiday during this week?

We see Project Week as a critical part of our young people's education, broadening experiences and building positive new relationships. It counts as school term time and as a consequence parents are requested not to take their sons/daughters on holiday during this week. **Holiday requests during this week will be unauthorised and could result in parents being fined.**



# FAQs CONTINUED...

## Student Conduct

Students are expected to sign a code of conduct regarding expectations and responsibilities. This is to help ensure the safety of themselves, the party and members of the public. Any student who endangers themselves, the party or members of the public may be ejected from the project. In exceptional cases a parent may be requested to collect their child from a centre. **Please be aware that, if your child commits a serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the school's behaviour policy during the remainder of the academic year, they may not be allowed to attend any off-site activities during Project Week. The decision not to allow your child to attend an off-site activity, including an in-country or overseas residential, is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. In this circumstance, your child will be re-allocated to an activity taking place on the school site or the local area.**

## Can students receive financial support for projects?

Students currently in receipt of free school meals will be eligible for a bursary (up to £130) to support the cost of Project Week trips from The King's School pupil premium funds. **Any cost over £130 must be met by parents/carers.** You will still be required to pay the required **non-refundable deposit** to show commitment and hold a place on the trip and then the balance of the trip – less the bursary – will be payable by instalments in the usual way. Each instalment does not need to be paid all in one go – it is possible to make smaller regular payments if you wish, as long as each instalment amount is paid by the deadline date. By clicking on the *i* next to the trip name on Scopay, you'll be able to see instalment deadline dates as well as the total you have paid so far and what remains outstanding. Parents/carers should contact the Finance Office with any queries surrounding pupil premium payments. The King's School Foundation and Jubilee Trust (F&J) each year receives a number of requests for part-funding of projects. The F&J have in the past supported a small amount of the cost of an individual's project in cases of financial hardship. **Applications should be made in writing to the Headteacher.**

## Can my child swap projects after having selected a project?

It may be possible to do this early on, but becomes increasingly difficult as time progresses. We will do everything we can to ensure that your child has a positive and enjoyable experience, however, once a project choice has been confirmed and a deposit paid, then this will be a student's allocated choice. Late changes can affect project costings and changes will only be considered in exceptional circumstances or where a clear replacement is available.

## Where can I get more information about a specific project?

Confirmation letters will be communicated via Edulink once all replies from students have been collated and places are allocated. **Parents are also free to contact Mrs Lewis or Mr Moran with any queries.**

## What happens next?

Your child's form must be completed and submitted on Edulink by the deadline of **11th January 2023**. We will then ascertain which projects have sufficient numbers and are viable to run. It is possible that some projects may not run due to insufficient applications, making them prohibitively more expensive than advertised. It is possible that some students may need to re-apply once confirmed projects are determined. You will be advised which project your child has been allocated and the final cost of the projects by the end of January 2022.

**PLEASE NOTE: the criteria for selection for these trips may vary, therefore parents will need to read the information carefully in order to avoid any misunderstanding. Whilst we acknowledge that it may be upsetting for students if they do not get a place on their preferred trip, due to oversubscription, this is sometimes unavoidable.**

**We ask that you support the school by preparing your child for this potential outcome.**

**If you are not successful in securing your preferred choice for Project Week, please only contact the school if you wish to be added to a waiting list. Be assured that the allocation of students to projects is equitable for all students and there is no process for appealing.**