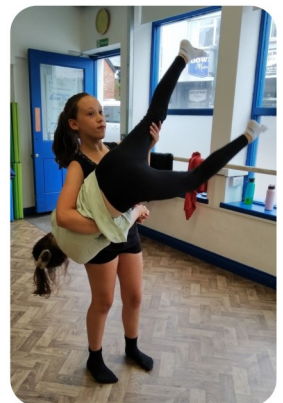
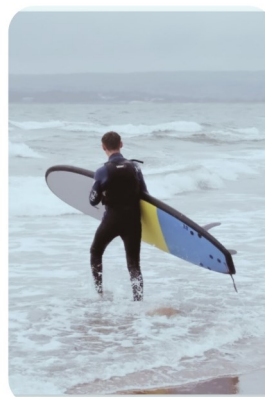


The King's School

Project Week 2024

Monday 8th - Friday 12th July

BIG TRIPS



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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 week-long 'Big' Project Week trips that supplement the day trips and residentials that will be published late November. 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 child's choices. Please ensure that you complete **3** choices with your child, ranked in order of priority, on the Edulink form which will be sent in conjunction with this brochure. This may include a mixture of 'Big Trips' and 'would like to wait for the Day Trips' option. **If you do not complete 3 options, this may result in the form not being processed.**

Once the selection process is complete, letters will be sent out via Edulink confirming the trip allocation for each student and advising of the payment requirements and schedule. **Please note that a deposit payment will be required to secure your child's place on their allocated trip.**

The payment schedule is listed below:

DEPOSIT - 1ST DECEMBER 2023

1ST INSTALMENT - 31ST JANUARY 2024

2ND INSTALMENT - 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

3RD / FINAL INSTALMENT - 27TH MARCH 2024

**Forms should be completed and submitted on Edulink by:
10pm on Monday 13th November 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.

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BIG TRIPS OFFERED FOR 2024

PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THE FORM ON EDULINK IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO GO ON ONE OF THE BIG (WEEK-LONG) TRIPS LISTED BELOW.

There will be other lower cost, daily trips launched in late November and a list of these will be sent out in due course.

TRIP	APPROX. COST	NUMBER OF PLACES
HORSE RIDING	£370	12
CORNWALL SURFING	£435	45
ARVON WRITING RETREAT	£374	16
LONDON THEATRE	£620	40
ARDECHE ADVENTURE	£1098	40
SCALEXTRIC	£65	12
HAVEN BANKS	£188	48
ANIMAL ANTICS	£125	45
YEAR 6 LIAISON	£FREE	12

**Ballots will be drawn where a trip is oversubscribed.*

PLACES ON A TRIP ARE **ONLY** SECURED BY A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF **£50 OR 10% OF THE TRIP TOTAL**, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

THE DEPOSIT IS DUE ONCE YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A PLACE ON A TRIP.

Please return your choices via Edulink by 10pm, Monday 13th November 2023

Please note that choices are NOT allocated on a first come, first served basis. Applications received after 10pm, Monday 13th November will only be accepted if a trip still has space available.

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BIG TRIPS OFFERED FOR 2024

HORSE RIDING



Spend five 'horsey' days at Budleigh Riding School taking part in a riding lesson and hack each day, plus a picnic ride over Woodbury Common and final Show Day. Learn about stable management, horse care and show preparation. All abilities are welcomed - even those new to riding. Students **do not** need their own hat / body protector as these can be provided by the riding school.

£370

A week of surfing and stand-up paddleboarding on Crantock beach with The Big Green Surf School. Staying in same-sex tented accommodation, students will take part in daily surf and stand-up paddleboarding lessons as well as beach games and conservation work. All abilities are welcomed - even those new to surfing. The cost covers surf tuition, accommodation and full board.

£435

CORNWALL SURFING



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ARVON WRITING RETREAT



Release your imaginative potential on this 5-day residential creative writing retreat in Totleigh Barton, West Devon. Arvon is a place for contemplation, challenge and going beyond what you thought you were capable of achieving. The recently renovated barn offers a comfortable stay in an idyllic area. Price includes all workshops, food and accommodation.

£374

From the magic of West End shows to the sights of London! Spend 4 theatrical days in London and a creative day back in school enjoying 3 shows and a workshop led by industry professionals, a tour of the Globe Theatre plus a visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum. All this and a chance to visit Covent Garden, Westfields, the South Bank and more! Price includes all travel, food, tickets and accommodation.

LONDON THEATRE



£620

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ARDECHE ADVENTURE



School Travel
**Voyager
ADVENTURE**



Nine days of action-packed, adrenaline-fueled activities in the South of France to include a 2-day kayak descent of the Ardeche River, bivouacking out in the open air for one night. Other activities include, raft building, swimming, a gorge trek, high ropes and bushcraft/survival, all led by professional instructors. Full board and hotel accommodation included in the cost.

£1098

**** Please note that this trip departs on Friday 5th July 2024 and returns on Saturday 13th July 2024**

Spend an exciting week in school racing Scalextric cars on a variety of both small and gigantic racetracks, taking part in time trials to find the best drivers! As well as this, we will make at least two Airfix type models which you will get to take home. There will also be racing games to compete on on the PlayStation and Lego vehicles to construct too. It really is an awesome week and is a lot of fun!

£65

SCALEXTRIC



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HAVEN BANKS



HAVEN BANKS
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE



Spend 5 action-packed days at Haven Banks outdoor education centre where you will experience a whole variety of activities which may include climbing, abseiling, indoor caving, bell boating, canoeing, sailing, raft building, windsurfing, dragon boating, kayaking and the 'Leap of Faith'. Students will be transported by coach each day, returning in time for 3.30pm.

£188

A week of activities for animal lovers! From the largest zoo and marine animals to the tiniest insects, students will get the chance to watch, learn and where possible handle and feed them! We will visit Axe Valley Wildlife Park, Longleat Safari Park, The National Marine Aquarium and Paignton Zoo. On the Friday we will spend the day at Woodlands with other 'Day Trip' students.

£125

ANIMAL ANTICS



LONGLEAT



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YEAR 6 LIAISON



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This Project is absolutely vital in supporting new Year 6 students who are joining us on their Induction Week. The week will involve you building up a relationship with a specific teaching group and working with them in their classes. Students who opt for this Project need to get on well with others, be caring, have potential leadership skills and be excellent role models.

£FREE

A BROCHURE OF ADDITIONAL 'DAY' TRIP ACTIVITIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN LATE NOVEMBER 2023.

Examples of previous 'day' trip activities can be viewed in the [Project Week 2023 Day Trips](#) brochure posted on the school website and the Edulink 'Noticeboard'.

This shows the types of activities that have been on offer previously, however please note some of these activities may change for Project Week 2024.

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HOW TO CONFIRM YOUR BIG TRIP

1. **EARLY NOVEMBER 2023**: MAKE YOUR 'BIG TRIP' SELECTIONS VIA EDULINK FORM

Students can choose up to 3 trips - ranked as their first, second and third choices.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNS: MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

Please only complete the Edulink form if you wish for your child to go on one of the 'Big' trips.

A separate brochure of day trip activities will be published late November 2023.



2. **MID-NOVEMBER 2023**: ALLOCATION LETTERS SENT HOME VIA EDULINK

Places on a trip are only secured by a non-refundable deposit of £50 or 10% of the trip total, whichever is greater.

DEADLINE FOR DEPOSIT PAYMENT: FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023



3. **31ST JANUARY 2024**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 1 DUE



4. **29TH FEBRUARY 2024**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 2 DUE



5. **27TH MARCH 2024**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 3 (FINAL) DUE

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 £173,000. 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 2024 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 2024 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. We may be able to issue a refund once Project Week is complete and all trip costs are accounted for. We will return all funds less those unrecoverable by the school (ie: where providers are unable to return monies already paid). **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.**

In the event of a student being removed from a project due to behavioural reasons, will we be refunded?

Any refund will be based on the school being able to recover any payments made to providers. Where providers are unable to return monies already paid, a refund will not be issued. **Any deposit paid is non-returnable.**

In the event of a student being unable to attend a project due to medical reasons, will we be refunded?

We may be in a position to issue a refund once Project Week is complete and all trip costs are accounted for. We will return all funds less those unrecoverable by the school (i.e. where providers are unable to return monies already paid). **Any deposit paid is non-returnable.**



FAQs CONTINUED...

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.**

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.**

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...

What happens next?

Your child's form must be completed and submitted on Edulink by the deadline of **13th November 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 November 2023.

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.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any enquiries relating to Project Week please check the school website and/or Edulink 'Noticeboard' in the first instance.

If you still require assistance please contact Mrs Lewis, Project Week Administrator via email on llewis@thekings.devon.sch.uk or 01404 812982.