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# **Honiton Community College**

**Monday 17th July – Friday 21st July 2017**

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Activities Week has been running at Honiton Community College for nearly fifteen years now and has continued to grow in popularity. The week off timetabled lessons gives students the chance to learn outside of the classroom and allows staff and students to work together in less formal situations.

The week provides students with the opportunity to see and experience places and attractions both in the UK and abroad. It allows students to learn in a completely different environment and work with students from other Year groups. Students can select an activity which they are already interested in and already participate in, or select an activity completely new to them.

This booklet is divided into two sections. The first section details the site based, local activities and day trips. These activities will start and finish everyday on the College site. The second section of this booklet lists the residential activities on offer. All of these activities will involve students staying away from home for a period of time.

We have made an effort to offer a wide variety of activities, many on offer for the first time this year. We are deliberately releasing this information and choice selection as early as possible to allow you time to save and **pay in instalments for more expensive trips and visits**. Our aim is to provide a realistic, demanding and enriched selection of activities that fully engage your child. In order to cover the cost of the activities that require payment, we must ask for a contribution from parents. We always ensure that any parental contribution is as small as possible but we must stress that without enough contributions activities may not be able to take place.

Please note that if there is not enough money to run an activity, the activity will be cancelled.

Payment can be made by either debit/credit card via "Parentpay" on the College website. Please note that this is now our preferred method of payment for all trips and activities. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the Finance Office to discuss alternative methods of payment (Paypoint). There may be financial support available for those eligible. Parents who would qualify for support are those who are in receipt of eligible benefits, such as:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (providing that they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190, for the year (2011-12).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

Parents/carers of those children entitled to Free School Meals or Pupil Premium should contact the Finance Office for clarification of payment amount.

Please read this booklet carefully before making your choices. You will need to make a first, second and third choice and complete the attached *Activities Week Choice Form* at the back of this booklet. Once the selection process is complete, letters will be sent home confirming the activity choice for each student and advising of the payment requirements.

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Arranging these activities requires considerable planning and, therefore, we request your assistance in choice procedure and deadlines. If you encounter any difficulty or concerns then please contact me at the College.



Mr G. Smith

Principal

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## KEY DATES:

Application forms to be returned to the *Reception/Student Office* by: **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** 2016.

Confirmation letters for activities to be sent out with payment details during December/January. (This may vary, as some of the residential trips require deposits earlier)

Activities Week deposits to be paid; information of instalments, deposit deadlines will be in confirmation letters.

Activities Week final payments will need to be paid a couple of months before Activities Week, and as dictated in your Activities Week Payment letter which will be sent out to you with your Confirmation of Activities letter.

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## Guidelines and Conditions


**ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 8, and 9** should select ONE activity to participate in for the whole week.

### ATTENDANCE

We regard Activities Week as an important part of your son/daughter's education, and expect normal attendance. Reasons for non-attendance will be required as usual since the College has to provide details of all unauthorised absences to the Department of Education. Every absence must be supported by a parental explanation which will be authorised by the College if the reason is acceptable. **Please note that annual family holidays will not be an acceptable reason for absence.**

### SELECTING AN ACTIVITY

All activities have a limited number of places. Students will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will need to make a first, second and third choice and complete the attached form, which is at the back of the booklet.

 For students with disabilities, where an activity is suitable for wheelchair access this is indicated.

The choice form has to be completed and returned to reception/Student Office by **Friday 25th November 2016**. Every effort will be made to give each student their first choice, but no guarantee can be given. The returned forms will be date stamped and priority will be given to those application forms which are handed in first.

### COSTS

Many of the prices quoted for the activities in this booklet depend upon achieving minimum numbers of students. If we are unable to achieve this then we may have to cancel an activity or reduce the number of students. We endeavour to do this on a fair and equitable basis.

The costs of all the activities in this booklet are currently estimated costs and will be adhered to unless there are unforeseen circumstances. We hope these costs will not change but if they do it will only be a small difference and you will be given as much notification as possible. Honiton Community College Academy Trust reserves the right to make alterations if necessary.

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## **PAYMENT**

Letters will be sent confirming the activity choice for each student and advising of the payment requirements. Please note at this stage we will be asking for a non-refundable or transferrable deposit. If due to low numbers the activity is cancelled then the deposit will be returned.

The system for payment for the activities will be via the ParentPay electronic payment system.

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## **Site Based / Local Activities and Day Trips**

1. Forest School
2. Adventure, Adventure, Adventure
3. All Sorts of Sports
4. Days Out and About
5. Horrible History Tours
6. Equestrian Experience
7. Gone Fishing
8. Bike Week
9. Street Motion
10. Create and Explore
11. Variety Club
12. Computer Programming and Visual Basics

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## 1) FOREST SCHOOL/COUNTRYSIDE ACTIVITIES

Forest school and outside activities, based at our Forest School here at HCC. The week will include outdoor activities, including woodworking skills/shelter building, a forest/beach walk and cooking on our manmade pizza oven!

<b>Location:</b>	HCC Forest school
<b>Travel:</b>	
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	
<b>Number of Students:</b>	<b>15 places</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Miss M. Webb

## 2) ADVENTURE, ADVENTURE, ADVENTURE

**Laser tag** – Put on your camo gear, grab an infra laser gun and play team games in unique woodland playing arenas.

**Ski School** – Ski-ing, tubing and tobogganing at Plymouth Dry Ski Slope

**Surfing** – A day on the beach – 3 hour surf lesson on the North coast of Cornwall!

**Splashdown Water Park, QuayWest-** Flumes, swimming and general wet fun

**Clip and Climb** – Try out the exciting new climbing walls in Exeter

<b>Location:</b>	5 Day trips within the South West
<b>Travel:</b>	Coach
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£130</b> (payable in instalments)
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	
<b>Number of Students:</b>	<b>100 places</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	<b>TBC</b>

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## 3) ALL SORTS OF SPORTS

3 days on the College site being coached, playing tournaments and learning new sports: football, tennis, rounders, table tennis, badminton, volleyball, basketball, trampolining, cricket, squash, dodge ball, 'capture the flag', bench ball and handball, to name just a few.


PLUS 2 sporty day trips:

Plymouth Pavilions - Ice Skating and Ocean Bowl

<b>Location:</b>	College site (Mon, Wed & Fri), Plymouth (Tues) and Bowling, Exmouth (Thurs)
<b>Travel:</b>	2 days by coach
<b>Estimated Cost to Students:</b>	<b>£45</b> (payable in instalments)
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	
<b>Number of Students:</b>	<b>30 places max.</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mr A. Taylor and Ms S.Flynn

## 4) DAYS OUT AND ABOUT

This year we are planning 5 day trips within the South West! These include; Crealy Great Adventure Park, Eden Project, Monkey World, Cadbury World and @Bristol!

<b>Location:</b>	South West
<b>Travel:</b>	Coach
<b>Estimated Cost to Students:</b>	<b>£100</b> (payable in instalments)
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	The price may increase if the number of students is less than 40
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	
<b>Number of Students:</b>	<b>45 places</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member</b>	TBC
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## 5) HORRIBLE HISTORY TOURS

### NEW THIS YEAR

Why not join us for a 'Horrible History' week?

5 fun but educational visits! Visiting England and Wales most notorious & historical attractions including; Big Pit National Coal Museum, Blaenavon Iron Works, Chepstow Castle, Bishop's Palace, SS Great Britain and the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

<b>Location:</b>	England and Wales
<b>Travel:</b>	Coach
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£65</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	Gift Shops
<b>Special Conditions</b>	
<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mrs S. Anderson and Miss M. Davies

## 6) EQUESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

You will be able to ride every day, and learn all about the different aspects of horse care and stable management. Enjoy hacking in the countryside, a team quiz and end the week with a bang with a gymkhana!

<b>Location:</b>	Devenish Pitt Riding Stables
<b>Travel:</b>	Mini Bus
<b>Estimated Cost for Students:</b>	£190 (payable in instalments)
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	Riding equipment is supplied for pupils who do not have access to their own.
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	<b>15 places</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mrs J. Murch Mrs P. Gurney

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<b>7) GONE FISHING</b>	
3 days local course fishing, 1 day fly fishing and 1 day sea fishing (from Exmouth)	
<b>Location:</b>	As stated above
<b>Travel:</b>	Mini Bus
<b>Estimated Cost to Students:</b>	<b>£90</b> (payable in instalments)
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Junior Fishing licence (£5.00 from the post office) Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student must bring waterproofs</li> <li>• Fly fishing equipment will be provided.</li> <li>• Own fishing rods and tackle can be used, they will be stored safely at school all week.</li> <li>• For those who have little or no equipment: See teachers in charge who have some that can be loaned for the week.</li> </ul>
<b>Number of Students:</b>	<b>12 max.</b>
<b>Lead Staff Members:</b>	Mr K. Taylor

<b>8) BIKE WEEK</b>	
Anyone who enjoys cycling and who has a roadworthy bike is welcome to take part. The week will include the opportunity to achieve the Bikeability Level 3 qualification, a session on bike maintenance and bike rides on off road cycle paths and local roads in Devon.	
<b>Location:</b>	Honiton Community College and local routes around the Honiton and Exeter area
<b>Travel:</b>	Train travel to Exeter for two days
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£15 (includes train travel)</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	You will need to bring your own roadworthy bicycle and waterproofs if necessary
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	<b>15 approx.</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mr. C. Carter

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## 9) STREET MOTION

Do you fancy a week full of stunts, running and developing your movement over obstacles? Parkour is great for developing explosive power, core strength, balance and flexibility; transferable skills applicable to all other sports. Originating in Paris, Parkour (also known as Freerunning) is a relatively new urban sport which demands high levels of strength and agility to pass over obstacles presented by the surrounding landscape. Although it is often practised amongst groups, Parkour is a non-competitive sport where the primary focus is on personal development both physically and mentally to push oneself to achieve new ways of moving which may have previously seemed impossible. Suitable for anyone with a basic level of fitness.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Schedule new this year!</b> 4-day workshop in their urban playground in Marsh Barton Exeter. On Friday, you will watch a professional performance before executing your skills on their equipment.
<b>Travel:</b>	By coach
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£135</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	Parkour T-shirts will be available £10-£15 each
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	The price may increase if the number of students is less than
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	TBC

## 10) CREATE AND EXPLORE

A chance to spend time creating art from exploring our local environment. We will visit a National Trust property, the City of Exeter, and take an adventurous ramble around our local area creating art as we explore. This activity is for anyone who enjoys getting out and about and enjoys thinking and creating art from a variety of materials.

<b>Location:</b>	On site and also visit to Exeter, local area
<b>Travel:</b>	By coach/minibus
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£40 (payable in instalments)</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch and drinks
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Ms K. Blockley

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## 11) VARIETY CLUB

Does what it says on the tin! Experience a *variety* of activities in your last week of term! With anything from arts and sports to mindfulness and motorcycle maintenance. On Friday we will prep a picnic for the group and eat al fresco later that afternoon.

<b>Location:</b>	On site
<b>Travel:</b>	-
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch Monday-Thursday
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	-
<b>Special Conditions</b>	-
<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mrs C. McConachie

## 12) COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND VISUAL BASICS

This activity is open to all A-Level maths students in years 12 and 13 and those students in year 11 who feel confident in their mathematical ability. During the week you will be dabble in computer programming through Visual Basic to generate the Mandelbrot set. You will also have the opportunity to discuss UCAS statement writing.

<b>Location:</b>	On site, IT room
<b>Travel:</b>	-
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Lunch
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	-
<b>Special Conditions</b>	-
<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Not Capped</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mr Charles Braven

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## **Offsite/ Residential Activities**

15. Isles of Scilly Camp
16. London Stage and Screen
17. Mountain Biking
18. Germany

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## 15) ISLES OF SCILLY CAMP

An adventurous week camping on the Isles of Scilly, activities include walking, coastering, water sports, boat trips to other islands (Island Safari), kayaking and seal snorkelling.

<b>Location:</b>	Scilly camp/outlying islands
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Camping – tents, kitchen provided
<b>Travel:</b>	Mini-bus and ferry
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£360</b> (payable in instalments)
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	-
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	None at present
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	-
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mr D. Jeffrey Mr P. Williams

## 13) LONDON STAGE AND SCREEN

Stage and Screen is spent with half the week in College and half the week in London. For the first half of the week we are in College. We explore film production and take a trip to the cinema in Exeter. We also have a morning drama workshop and a movie afternoon in school with popcorn and treats. The second half of the week, which is spent in London is a fun and fast packed few days involving theatre tours, West End Show(s), shopping and drama workshops. There is also time for plenty of sightseeing and generally enjoying a taste of the big city in the summer.

<b>Location:</b>	London, HCC and Exeter
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Hotel/Youth Hostel/B&B:– shared rooms
<b>Travel:</b>	Train, tube
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£280</b> (payable in instalments)
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Food and drink (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday AM)
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	-
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	N/A
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	<b>30 places</b>
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Miss A. Brown

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## 15) MOUNTAIN BIKING

A 4 night residential in Wales to give you the skills and confidence to ride the trails with style. Starting off testing and developing your skills at Haldon Forest on their new skills practice area and purpose built tracks. Then off to Afan Park in South Wales to ride a range of fantastic purpose built routes selected to meet the ability of the group.

Four nights in a top quality purpose build youth hostel will give us all the chance to really get some great days riding. An unforgettable week.

Confident bike riders preferred but you don't have to be an expert mountain biker to enjoy this active week. Hire bikes can be arranged (additional £70 approx.).

<b>Location:</b>	Devon/Wales
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Four nights in Wales
<b>Travel:</b>	Mini Bus
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£250</b> includes overnight stays – Breakfast and Evening meal (payable in instalments).
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Trail snacks/drinks – bikes and PPA (Helmet, Gloves, goggles, cycling clothing, waterproofs)  Evening Entertainment (tenpin bowling, cinema if a good film on, wet weather activities)
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	Hire bikes can be arranged (additional £70 approx).
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	Confident Bikers  Suitable Bike and PPA safety equipment
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	<b>Maximum of 14 Students</b>
<b>Staff Members Involved:</b>	Mr J. Wright, Mr M. Stone

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## 16) YEAR 8 & 9 TRIP TO GERMANY

Visit Germany – Monday: Travel to hostel. Tuesday: visit to chocolate factory, exploring Cologne, rack and pinion railway and a small waterpark. Wednesday: cruise along the Rhine, ski lift, a visit to Boppard with dinner at a restaurant and bowling in the evening. Thursday: visit to Phantasialand Theme Park. Friday: travelling back to the UK.

<b>Location:</b>	Cologne and the Rhine Valley
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Youth Hostel, Cologne
<b>Travel:</b>	By coach and ferry (Dover to Calais)
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>£350 based on 44 students</b> <b>£365 based on 40 students</b>
<b>Not Included in Cost:</b>	Spending money and lunch money
<b>Possible Surcharges:</b>	
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	
<b>Number Of Students:</b>	40-44
<b>Lead Staff Member:</b>	Mr E. Leach and Miss C. Bowles.



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This year information about the available options for Activities Week 2017 has been emailed to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The same information has been sent to those parents who are registered to Parentmail and will be available on the college website.

Paper copies will be available upon request for those who do not have access to the internet.

- Please consider all of the options available and the costs involved before making your choice.
- Discuss your choice with your parents or carer then select a first, second and third choice activity.
- Details of dates for payment for activities will be provided with the 'Confirmation of Choice' letter to be sent in December/January 2016/17
- DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH THIS FORM

**REMEMBER! RETURN THIS FORM BY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 OR YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY PLACED ON AN ACTIVITY OR ALLOCATED A ROLE WITHIN THE COLLEGE.**

Student Name:		Tutor Group:
	Activity Number	Activity Name
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice		
<b>Please make sure both boxes have a signature.</b>		
<b>Student</b>		<b>Parent/Carer</b>
<p>I have read the Activity list. I understand what the activity involves and how much it costs. I have chosen and agree to pay the sums when asked.</p> <p>I realise that my choice of activity has to be confirmed and cannot then be changed unless there are exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Student Signature:</p>		<p>I have read the Activity list and seen this form. I support the choice my son/daughter has made.</p> <p>I understand that deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable and that once the activity is confirmed it cannot be changed unless there are exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Parent/ Carer Signature:</p>