



AMVC



Activity Days 2024

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To
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ACTIVITY DAYS 2024

The teaching staff at Arthur Mellows Village College appreciate the importance of rewarding continued good work. For many years, the College has offered three Activity Days at the end of the Summer Term for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. We know that students benefit from mixing with other Year Groups, taking part in a variety of activities and, of course, having fun.

This year's programme offers activities for everyone, including a range of free in-college options. Every trip and activity is carefully planned and risk-assessed, and I am sure you will find an activity that suits your child.

Mr Gilligan

THE PROCESS

Students should discuss the activities in this booklet, with their parents/carers. You should then choose three activities and rank them in order of preference on the provided booking sheet (also available on the College website). Please pay particular attention to the detail of each activity and the price. It would be sensible for students to discuss their preferences with their friends to ensure there will be others they know choosing the same activity (if they wish).

We aim to make the process as fair as possible and use a system that has been agreed by the Student Council. Therefore, students can only submit their choices on allocated days:

Year 9 on Monday 6 November 2023 (signed booking form only)

Deposit deadline date: 13 November 2023

Year 8 on Wednesday 8 November 2023 (signed booking form only)

Deposit deadline date: 15 November 2023

Year 7 on Friday 10 November 2023 (signed booking form only)

Deposit deadline date: 17 November 2023

Some trips may be over-subscribed by the time Year 8 or Year 7 have an opportunity to choose. Please talk this through with your child so they are prepared and make sensible choices. As students' progress through lower school years, they will have the opportunity to access the more popular trips.

To secure a place on a trip, a **signed booking form** can only be submitted on the particular Year Group date as detailed above, and the deposit paid by the deadline if required. After the place has been allocated, you will be able to see within a couple of days what activity your child has been allocated via ParentPay.

Payment must be made using ParentPay by the deadline date above. Please note that the initial **deposit is non-refundable**. For a trip **not** requiring payment, or parents not registered on ParentPay, a confirmation email will be sent home. The final due date for all trips is 15 March 2024.

If you wish to change options, any requests must be sent to the College via email. Emails should be headed 'Activities days option change' and addressed to office@arthurmellows.org with the student's name, Year Group and details of their option changes. In some areas activities will be full and moves not possible, in addition deposits already paid may be lost.

Important notice: Due to the current issue with rising fuel prices, please be aware that there may be a small surcharge for paid-for activities later in the year. We have made early bookings in good faith but if we are notified by coach companies or activity providers that costs have risen, we may need to adjust the final cost accordingly. Activity leaders have worked hard to factor this into the amount charged at this stage and made every effort to keep costs down. Similarly, if there is a reduction in costs we will seek to adjust final payment or issue refunds in line with the College's **Charging and Remission policy**.

To avoid disappointment, please ensure the correct deposit has been paid by the deadline date. If payment is not received by Arthur Mellows Village College, the placement will be offered to another student from the '**reserve list**'.

After each Year Group has selected their options, we will notify parents/carers by email to indicate any activities which are already full. This will allow you to refer back to the booklet and select other options.

Please ensure the **completed booking form** is signed and sent in with your child on their set day. You will also be required to fill in any **medical information** the activity leader will need to be made aware of as part of our risk assessments.


For future reference, you should make a note of your selections.

Activity days are important as they provide an opportunity for students to learn about themselves and develop and use their skills and knowledge in different contexts.


Attendance to all three days is mandatory.




If your child is absent in this period, we will need medical evidence in order to authorise the absence. Failure to ensure your child's attendance is an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act of 1996 and may result in the Local Authority issuing a Penalty Notice.



Please refer to the College Attendance Policy for further information.

Activity	What it involves	Activity Leader(s)	Cost	Spaces
ADRENALINE JUNKIE 	<p>Three days for three different adrenaline spikes! We will be returning back to AMVC for 3.00 pm every day.</p> <p>Day 1: Early morning based at Arthur Mellows before heading over to Rutland Aquapark to tackle the inflatable assault course on the lake and stand up paddle boarding</p> <p>Day 2: Go-Karting at Letchworth and finishing the day with an awards ceremony and prizes!</p> <p>Day 3: Go Ape at Thetford – Taking part in the treetop challenge course. Navigate between treetops – complete Tarzan swings and Ziplines! – Please do not apply if you have a fear of heights!</p>	Miss P Pickering Mrs M Tarnoczy	<p>Full Cost: £125.00*</p> <p>Initial Deposit: £75.00</p> <p>*subject to potential surcharge if costs rise</p>	<p>Maximum: 45</p> <p>Minimum: 30</p>

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ART ATTACK 	<p>Come and join the Art team and try out a variety of fantastic Art skills.</p> <p>You can try out Manga Art, Cartoon Frenzy, doodle drawing and painting.</p> <p>We will be hosting our own Great Pottery Throwdown for a few and if you fancy creating some stitch Art then come and try some Ancient resist techniques with Batik and Tie Dye. You will be able to choose what you spend your time doing, all we ask is that you must love Attacking Art and being super creative</p>	Mrs L Mitchell	Free	Maximum: 50 Minimum: 10
CRAFTY CREATIONS 	<p>A fun and friendly school-based activity. Over the course of 3 days you will delve into getting crafty and hands on by putting your talents onto learning the art of scrapbooking and jewellery making.</p> <p>Day 1: Spend time learning the art of scrapbooking, learning all about using specialist materials to display your favourite photos. The ideas are endless and over the day you can learn many of the techniques used to create fabulous layouts involving creative papers, stamps, stickers, inks and more. This activity can offer lots of new ideas for both beginners and experienced scrap-bookers.</p> <p>Day 2: Dedicated to learning the art of jewellery making-using various media and techniques! You could have a go at diamond painting as well as using beading and more to create unique items of jewellery. Make yourself and loved one earrings, pendants, charm bracelets and rings.</p> <p>Day 3: The final day allows you to enjoy finishing off any projects you have started whilst sharing and showing your creations to the rest of the group. So, if you enjoy crafting, using your imagination and expressing yourself artistically, this could be for you.</p>	Mrs J Gilbert Mrs J Kruse	Free	Maximum: 50 Minimum: 10

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CYCLING 	<p>Do you enjoy cycling? Do you enjoy fresh air and the countryside? Come and join us on some great local routes.</p> <p>This activity is suitable for all abilities with some experience of cycling on roads; we will not leave anyone behind!</p> <p>Have some money for refreshments to buy along the way. Bring a packed lunch, a cycle helmet and prepare to enjoy a perfect gentle summer activity.</p> <p>We will be cycling through quiet villages, The Deepings and Ferry Meadows on one of the days.</p> <p>Roadworthy Mountain or Hybrid type bikes are better suited to the mixed terrain we cycle on but we do not allow BMX bikes.</p>	Mr J Treacy	Free	Maximum: 25 Minimum: 10
DIE ANOTHER DAY 	<p>Three days to show your prowess in the water, in the trees and on the ride.</p> <p>Day 1: Go Ape Sherwood Forest; Tackling both the treetop adventure plus course with plenty of challenging crossings along with fast zip wires and the treetop nets adventure. Departing College at 8.15 am</p> <p>Day 2: Rutland Water; A morning of raft building and paddle boarding, followed by the inflatable assault course on the lake in the afternoon</p> <p>Day 3: Gulliver's Theme Park; A fun-filled day at this theme park with rides and arcades</p>	Mrs T Jagger Mr K Gilder	Full Cost: £130.00* Initial Deposit: £80.00 *subject to potential surcharge if costs rise	Maximum: 45 Minimum: 35



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DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS 	<p>You open your eyes and see a dimly lit room with a large statue of a wizard holding a sand timer in the middle. By the locked door there is a stone that looks like a button. The sand in the timer starts to fall and the walls start to close in. What do you do? Do you fancy yourself a human fighter, a veteran commander that is seeking his fortune? Or maybe a dragonborn wizard trying to rid the world of a great evil? Or maybe an elf rogue seeking the revenge from your tragic backstory? Or possibly a dwarf barbarian who just wants to fight, anything and everything? Then join us for Dungeons and Dragons where you'll use your imagination and logic to create an unforgettable story.</p>	Ms H Sheen	Free	Maximum: 20 Minimum: 5
FOOTBALL FRENZY 	<p>If you love The Beautiful Game, then this activity is for you.</p> <p>Day 1: AM, Football coaching on AMVC premises from POSH staff PM, Bus trip to Peterborough Football Ground for a 'behind the Scenes' tour and visit the Pro- Shop.</p> <p>Day 2: Bus trip to a Premier League stadium to be confirmed for a tour of the ground.</p> <p>Day 3: AMVC Football Tournament. Your chance to show off all the new skills you have learnt in the last couple of days!</p>	Mr B Zaidi	Full Cost: £75.00* Initial Deposit: £40.00 *subject to potential surcharge if costs rise	Maximum: 47 Minimum: 30
GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 	<p>If you enjoy coding computer games this is the activity for you! Here is your chance to enjoy three days of playing and creating computer games. What more could you want?</p> <p>You will be able to investigate a range of computer games from the past to the present and design and develop a game of your own to play with others.</p> <p>Day 1: Play a range of computer/console games from the past and identify the main elements of these. Compare the games to the present day and what main elements have changed.</p>	Miss M Kirkwood	Free	Maximum: 25 Minimum: 10

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	<p>Day 2: Design a game based on what you have identified as main elements from the first day. Use a range of resources to develop the game.</p> <p>Day 3: Complete the development of a game and test it. Games that include scoring can be used in a competition. You can have a go at playing your friend's game that he/she made.</p>			
HORSE EVENTING 	<p>Spend three days experiencing horsemanship, dressage, jumping and hacking out.</p> <p>Get matched to a horse for grooming and learn to tack up.</p> <p>Have your riding skills, abilities and experience assessed.</p> <p>Try dressage with schooling led by a qualified instructor.</p> <p>Try some jumping practice led by a qualified instructor.</p> <p>Enjoy a hack around the local area.</p>	Mrs L McPartlin Mrs A Hall	Full Cost: £180.00 Initial Deposit: £90.00	Maximum: 8 Minimum: 8
HUMANITIES - THREE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA 	<p>Day 1: Hunstanton; leave the College at 9.00 am for fun at the seaside in Hunstanton.</p> <p>Day 2: Cambridge; leave the College at 9.00 am to shop in Cambridge in the morning followed by an afternoon at the Leisure Park, students can bowl (included in cost) and / or play on arcade games.</p> <p>Day 3: Wicksteed Park; leave the College at 9.00 am for a fun-filled day at this theme park with rides and arcades.</p> <p>Packed lunch/lunch money required for all three days. Students are expected to return to College each day by 3.10 pm.</p>	Mrs K Price Mrs E Veale	Full Cost: £70.00* Initial Deposit: £40.00 *subject to potential surcharge if costs rise	Maximum: 90 Minimum: 45

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KNIT, CROCHET, SEW 	<p>Knitting, crochet and sewing can be relaxing and de-stressing as well as giving you a chance to make beautiful and useful creations for yourselves or loved ones.</p> <p>You can learn new skills then make your creations while relaxing and chatting. If you are a beginner, we will teach you the basic stitches in knitting, crochet and basic sewing.</p> <p>Depending on your skill level you can create small heart keepsakes, scarves, squares for a blanket, toy animals or many more items, and learn to sew them together as well as learning basic sewing that you could use to repair or decorate your clothes.</p> <p>A variety of pattern suggestions and materials will be provided for you to make some lovely items to take home for the summer. A chance to relax and learn new skills with friends!</p>	Mrs J Campbell	Free	Maximum: 30 Minimum: 10
LET'S DANCE / MUSICAL THEATRE 	<p>If you are a huge fan of musical theatre and dream of making it on to the West End stage, then look no further.</p> <p>Join former AMVC student Mia Lincoln who is a West End regular on 'The Lion King' and other shows to develop your dance performance skills on various routines.</p> <p>Should be 3 days of sweaty fun.</p>	Miss S Maher	Full Cost: £15.00* *subject to potential surcharge if costs rise	Maximum: 30 Minimum: 20
LIGHTS, CAMERA ACTION 	<p>Get Ready for an epic 3-day adventure where you become the superstar, director or film crew of your very own short film!</p> <p>Day 1: We kick things off with a super cool workshop that makes learning how to film a breeze. Then, you get to choose your dream team and together you will brainstorm and create your very own movie idea. It's like being a real movie director!</p> <p>Day 2: This is when the magic happens. Armed with your filming equipment, you will venture around the school to capture your movie scenes. After that, it is time to put on</p>	Miss E Harris	Free	Maximum: 25 Minimum: 10

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	<p>your editor's hat and work your movie-making skills to make your film extra awesome.</p> <p>Day 3: It's the grand finale! You will have your own film premier where you will see your films on the BIG screen! There will be tasty snacks and drinks to keep you fuelled up. After your film premiere, we will wrap up our 3 days of fun and filming with a special movie screening that will leave you inspired and awestruck.</p>			
<p>LOOK GOOD, FEEL GREAT</p> 	<p>Do you feel like you are in need of some TLC? When was the last time you were pampered and treated yourself to a shopping spree? Spending Activity Days with us will relax, revive, and rejuvenate you in preparation for summertime.</p> <p>Activities include a Bluewater Shopping trip, make your own stylish tote-bag, create bespoke bracelets and a range of other pamper activities.</p>	Mrs R Kaur	<p>Full Cost: £75.00*</p> <p>Initial Deposit: £40.00</p> <p>*subject to potential surcharge if costs rise</p>	<p>Maximum: 45</p> <p>Minimum: 40</p>
<p>NEED FOR SPEED</p> 	<p>Day 1: Imperial War Museum Duxford. See aircraft take to the skies from where Spitfires first flew. Get up close to over a century of aviation and for those interested in a possible army career why not visit the Royal Anglian Regiment Museum. Learn about the proud history of the Regiment and see some impressively vehicles that have been involved in conflicts around the globe.</p> <p>Day 2: The National Space Centre Leicester. Discover the universe at The National Space Centre the UK's largest attraction dedicated to space exploration and space science. Visit amazing rockets, satellites, Martian surfaces and genuine artifacts! Visit six interactive galleries, the largest UK planetarium and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower. The National Space Centre is an out of this world experience.</p> <p>Day 3: Silverstone Interactive Museum. Enjoy an exciting journey through the past, present and future of motor racing with interactive hands-on displays and simulators.</p>	Mrs A Ullah	<p>Full Cost: £80.00*</p> <p>Initial Deposit: £50.00</p> <p>*subject to potential surcharge if costs rise</p>	<p>Maximum: 46</p> <p>Minimum: 40</p>

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ROBOTS AND ELECTRONICS 	<p>Come and have fun creating lots of cool projects such as programming motorised robots, making treasure hunt beacons, hacking Minecraft, and experimenting with LEDs and sound.</p> <p>You will get the opportunity to experiment with a variety of different technologies, Raspberry Pi's (small credit card computers), micro:bits, mini:bit robots, Lego Spike robots with lots of step-by-step guidance.</p>	Mis T Mayhead	Free	Maximum: 20 Minimum: 10
ROCKET CAR CHALLENGE 	<p>Are you a budding designer / engineer? Do you enjoy watching Formula 1? Top Gear? Fast and Loud?</p> <p>We have an opportunity for you to design, make and race rocket powered cars in our team competition.</p> <p>You will use all the facilities in the workshop to engineer and build your Rocket Car using wood, plastic forming, CAD / CAM – Vinyl Plotters, Laser Cutter and Electronics.</p>	Mr Chegidden	Free	Maximum: 25 Minimum: 10
SEN / INCLUSION	<p>Feeling overwhelmed or anxious about the idea of spending 3 days doing something new? Don't worry, Why not spend 3 days doing a range of fun activities with the Inclusion team.</p>	Mrs L Baxter	Free	Maximum: 15
SCIENCE FOR FUN 	<p>Over these 3 days you will get to grips with some fun forensic science activities including, fingerprinting, chromatography and looking at unknown fibres all in an attempt to solve a crime! You will spend time outside using sweep nets and pooters to hunt for bugs. You will go to the local river where you can do pond dipping and sample the species that live in the river. You will also get a chance to dissect an animal and organs.</p> <p>Warning: will include dry ice, blood and dissecting animals. Will involve walking to the local river (approx. 15 minutes).</p>	Mrs N Ferrari	Free	Maximum: 40 Minimum: 20

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SPORTING EXPERIENCE 	<p>Activities to be covered over the three days:</p> <p>Swimming, Rounders, Football (Mini World Cup Competition), Badminton, Tennis (Mini Wimbledon Open Competition), Volleyball and more!</p> <p>All the above sessions will be run on site.</p> <p>Equipment Required: Training kit, swim wear and towel, drinks, sun cream (hopefully) and lots of energy!</p> <p>YDP (Youth Dreams Project) will be in on one of the days organising three activities with inflatables.</p> <p>http://www.youthdreamsproject.co.uk/</p> <p>We will have football darts / disco ball and bungee run.</p>	Mr N Steele	Free	<p>Maximum: 100</p> <p>Minimum: 10</p>
STRATEGY GAMES	<p>Chess is one of the most interesting sports because it never repeats itself, there are never two equal matches and it never bores you. Playing chess is fun and if you win, it's even better! If you like chess why not enjoy some games, with competitions, prizes and coaching during the activity days!</p> <p>We will be running our chess activities, along with some other games of strategy like draughts, Ingenious, back gammon etc and team building activities for you to enjoy if you like a challenge! Hope to see you!</p>	Mrs K Brocklesby	Free	<p>Maximum: 20</p> <p>Minimum: 5</p>
SUGAR RUSH 	<p>If you have a sweet tooth and love to bake then this activity is for you!</p> <p>Join us to make and decorating a range of sweet treats which will make your mouth water.</p>	Mrs R Bowman Miss D McKeown	<p>Full Cost: £15.00</p> <p>Initial Deposit: £15.00</p>	<p>Maximum: 30</p> <p>Minimum: 15</p>

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WEST END THEATRE 	<p>Do you love the singing, dancing and acting? Are you amazed by the set designs, lights and costumes of West End Musicals?</p> <p>If the answer to these questions is yes, then Ginton To West End is for you! In 2024 AMVC will be participating in a 3-day workshop around a West End show, exploring all aspects of a West End Musical which could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting • Dancing • Singing • Costume • Set Design • Marketing <p>The 3 day event will involve you participating in a range of workshops which will educate you on how shows are put together, how meaning is created and the most exciting of all will be watching a show in London's West End.</p> <p>The show will be confirmed in January 2024 as tickets for Summer 2024 are not yet on sale but we will be taking students to see either Disney's Frozen, RSC's Matilda or Wicked. All activities completed with students will be based around the chosen West End show.</p>	Ms E Kavanagh	<p>Full Cost: £100.00*</p> <p>Initial Deposit: £50.00</p> <p>*subject to potential surcharge if costs rise</p>	<p>Maximum: 40</p> <p>Minimum: 30</p>
SPACE SCHOOL 	<p>Do you dream of becoming an astronaut? This science-related activity may be just the start you need.</p> <p>Day 1: Rocket Making – We will make a number of types of rockets and launch them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denture Pill Rockets • Water Bottle Rockets • Cardboard Rockets • Launch Proper Gunpowder Rockets <p>Day 2: Trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester</p> <p>Day 3: Design, paint and build an Alien World.</p>	Mr I Ervin	<p>Full Cost: £50.00*</p> <p>Initial Deposit: £30.00</p> <p>*subject to potential surcharge if costs rise</p>	<p>Maximum: 14</p> <p>Minimum: 10</p>

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WHEELS, BOARDS AND SPILLS	<p>If you are into board sports and enjoy the thrill of a bit of adrenaline this is the package for you. Over the 3 days you will try out wakeboarding, Aqua parks and go karting</p> <p>Don't know what wakeboarding is? Think snowboarding on water whilst being pulled by a cable. This will take place at Box End Park and you will first learn to knee board and then those who make it around the cable will advance to trying wakeboarding.</p> <p>Go karting at an indoor karting track where you can take control of an unbelievably fast 200cc indoor kart at Teamworks Karting Northampton</p> <p>Finally, try Box End Parks amazing giant Aqua Park. Fantastic fun for all ages. This is THE destination for anyone looking to have splashtastic outdoor fun! Come and join us explore 2 giant Aqua Parks - twice the fun for the same amazing price!</p>	Mr J Lomas	<p>Full Cost: £150.00*</p> <p>Initial Deposit: £80.00</p> <p>*subject to potential surcharge if costs rise</p>	<p>Maximum: 35</p> <p>Minimum: 25</p>



Booking Form Instructions

Please ensure:

1. You make 3 choices
2. You include your name and Tutor Group
3. Your Parent/Carer signs the form
4. You bring your signed completed form into school on the correct day
5. Pay the non-refundable deposit by deadline date given
6. Any queries, please see the trip leader or Mr Cradock



ACTIVITY DAYS 2024 BOOKING FORM

NO:

RETURN COMPLETED BOOKING FORM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Year 9 – Monday 6 Nov	Year 8 – Wednesday 8 Nov	Year 7 – Friday 10 Nov
Deposit due - 13 Nov	Deposit due – 15 Nov	Deposit due – 17 Nov

Please note that if booking forms are not returned on the required date for the Year Group, students will not be allocated to an activity until all returns have been collated.

Name of Student:		Tutor Group:	
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		Office Use Only
1 st CHOICE ACTIVITY		
2 nd CHOICE ACTIVITY		
3 rd CHOICE ACTIVITY		

I give permission for my child to take part in the above activities based on the information provided in this booklet and agree to pay via ParentPay the **non-refundable deposit**.

I have read and understood the terms set out in sections 14 and Appendix 1 of the College Behaviour Policy. This is available on the College website.

I understand that Arthur Mellows Village College reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any student whose behavioural and/or disciplinary standards may give cause for concern now or in the future. In such an event, monies may be refunded to the parents/carers of the student concerned provided a replacement can be found.

If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances, ie political unrest/weather or circumstances beyond our control that affect travel, etc, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.

Signed:	Date:
NB. The deposit will not be refunded unless a trip is cancelled by AMVC.	

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Allocated place	
ParentPay	