



**YEAR 7**

**ACTIVITIES**

**WEEK**

**2024/25**



## Introduction

After last year's very successful activities week, this year's week will take place between Monday 14th July and Friday 18th July.

Students in Year 7 will take part in a range of educational and extracurricular opportunities that go beyond the regular curriculum. These activities, including trips, workshops, and specialized lessons, are designed to build on students' learning in the classroom as well as introduce them to new skills and experiences.

Students will largely be based in their tutor groups during the week. There will be three offsite days, at Newquay Zoo, Camel Creek and Trevassack Lake. For the two onsite days, students will be able to choose from a range of activities including:

- Physical Activity Day
- A Super Science Challenge Day
- Music Day
- Engineering Challenge Day
- Fun Upcycled Fashion T-shirt making
- Ultimate Movie Marathon
- Lucky Dip

The structure of the week will look like this:

TG	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A&B	Camel Creek	HCC Activities 1	Trevassack Lake	HCC Activities 2	Newquay Zoo
C&D	HCC Activities 1	Camel Creek	Newquay Zoo	Trevassack Lake	HCC Activities 2
E&F	HCC Activities 2	Trevassack Lake	Camel Creek	Newquay Zoo	HCC Activities 1
G&H	HCC Activities 1	Newquay Zoo	HCC Activities 2	Camel Creek	Trevassack Lake

## The cost

The cost of the whole week, including transport and entrance to the activities is £85. We understand that you may have questions regarding the £85 charge for Activities Week during curriculum time. The cost covers transportation, materials, and expert instructors. We are committed to providing the best possible education, and your support through this fee helps us continue offering these valuable opportunities to enhance your child's education. Parents can pay the cost all at once or spread the cost across the year through 5 instalments of £17. Parents / carers can cover the cost through Parent Pay.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring a fantastic Activities Week for your child.

## Selecting activities

Please can all parents/ carers fill out an online form from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, to select which two school based activities your child would like to participate in. The activities based at Helston Community College may have a maximum group size. Places will be allocated on first come first served basis when the form is filled in. Please only fill out the form once per student. Any duplicate entries, we will take the answers from the first entry. Once we have received all students' selections, we will then update Parentpay. We appreciate, there may be instances where you child would like to change their activity options. This can be done via an email to school, up until the Christmas break. After this time, we will no longer accept any activity changes, unless a students has been absent due to illness or another genuine reason. All parents should have access to a Parent Pay account already, however, some may need to activate their account by using the details in the email from Parent Pay which was sent at the start of September. If you have any issues activating your account, please email our accounts team at: [Accounts@Helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:Accounts@Helston.tpacademytrust.org) or via phone at 01326 577028.

## Behaviour

We value each student's opportunity to engage with the activities week. However, it is vital to uphold a safe, positive and respectful atmosphere within our college community at all times. Therefore, in the rare cases where there are concerns about a student's behaviour, their participation in particular activities may be reconsidered. We would always endeavour to communicate any concerns to you at the earliest opportunity. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

## Consent forms

In order for your child to take part in the week we will need two forms of consent:

1. Your consent for your child to take part in the specific trip. This will be via Parent Pay, where you will be required to tick a box.
2. We also need to collect a more detailed consent for your child to take part in trips generally. The College sent a link to a new annual general consent form for 2024-25 in September and if this has not yet been completed, it must be before the trip goes as it contains all the contact details and medication information the College needs to ensure the trip runs safely.

If you need to complete this form it can be accessed here. [PARENTAL CONSENT FORM 24/25](#)

As this is a lengthier form, it will only need to be completed once per year (unless contact or medical details have changed)

## Queries or questions

If you have any general queries, not related to Parent Pay, please contact Mr J Dudley at the College ([JDudley@Helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:JDudley@Helston.tpacademytrust.org))

**The following pages contain an outline of the various activities.**

## **Newquay Zoo**

**Newquay Zoo - Where Learning Meets Adventure! Join us for an exciting and educational day trip to Newquay Zoo, where learning and fun come together in a captivating natural setting.**

**Get ready to explore the diverse and enchanting world of animals from around the globe. From lemurs, lynx and loris to meerkats, marmosets and monkeys, Newquay Zoo is home to over 1,000 animals from a multitude of species. This day trip offers an exceptional learning experience for students to discover and appreciate the rich biodiversity of our planet.**



## **Camel Creek**

**Camel Creek- Discover a world of excitement at Camel Creek! Whether it's getting soaked on Thunder Falls or screaming on The Dragon roller-coaster! There is something here for everyone! Camel Creek also have a variety of Furry, scaly and feathered friends! From magnificent horses and oink-tastic pigs to cheeky meerkats and slithery reptiles, there's a whole park-full of wildlife waiting to meet you!**



# Trevassack Lake

Located on the scenic Lizard Peninsula, Trevassack Lake is a 26-acre site, dedicated to bringing water sports and sailing activities to anyone and everyone! Your day will consist of a mixture of kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, mega SUP, sailing (weather dependant), races and raft building. A great opportunity to spend a day out on the water with your friends having fun.



## Activities at HCC

Students choose one activity for each of their HCC-based days (two in total). Students can repeat an activity but it will be very similar on each occasion.

### Physical Activity Day

A day of Physical Activity ranging from Team Building, Football, Volleyball and Dodgeball on the school site





## Science Challenge Day

Spend the day using science to solve a crime! An unknown assailant has committed a crime, but which of the suspects is to blame? Using practical scientific techniques we will be investigating a mystery crime to try and determine once and for all who the culprit is.

Each practical activity will give us a clue about the whereabouts, profession and motives of each suspect. You'll do various scientific tests and collect evidence before reaching your deductions to work out ...who... did... it...

## Music Day

Calling all Year 7 students with a passion for music! Get ready for an extraordinary all-day music enrichment experience that will ignite your musical talents and creativity. Join us for a day of melody and rhythm, where you'll explore the world of music like never before. Whether you're a budding musician or a curious newcomer, this immersive day promises to be a symphony of learning and fun. Discover the magic of music, make new friends, and let your inner artist shine in this unforgettable musical journey created just for you. Don't miss your chance to make beautiful music with us!



## Fun Upcycled Fashion

You shall spend the day upcycling one of your own garments with stencilled prints. You will bring in a T-shirt, shirt, pair of jeans/trousers, shorts or skirt and we will help you make it completely individual! We will show you how to make multi-coloured stencils inspired by your interests such as skateboarding, gaming, horse riding, music, manga etc. which you can place on your garment.

The prints will dry quickly and you will be able to immediately wear and wash the garment. You will begin the day by exploring and sketching out ideas for possible prints. Next, you will then choose the one or two you like best, which you will then draw, cut out and stencil them carefully onto your chosen garment. The day will be relaxed, creative and FUN!

## Engineering Challenge Day

**Skyscraper Elevation Challenge!** - Unleash your architectural prowess in the quest to construct the loftiest skyscraper using basic materials. Delve into the secrets of structural stability and harness your knowledge to craft an awe-inspiring edifice that can not only support its own weight but also bear additional loads. Collaborate as a united force to avert construction setbacks and maintain financial equilibrium. Prizes await the individuals and teams that ascend to the highest peaks in our towering contest.

Awards will also be bestowed upon the most outstanding structures across the entire week in categories such as:

- Structural Integrity • Strength-to-Weight Ratio
- Strength-to-Cost Efficiency • Aesthetically Pleasing Design

If the prospect of building excites your passion or if the thrill of testing limits ignites your curiosity, this event is tailor-made for you



## Ultimate Movie Marathon

Looking for the perfect blend of cinematic excitement, delicious indulgence, and creative fun? Look no further! Our Activities' Day offers an unforgettable experience that combines the magic of a movie marathon with snack making (and indulging!) and film-based activities. And here's the best part: You get to bring your own cozy duvet for the ultimate comfort!