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**Year 8 Enrichment Week 2024**  
**Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June**

Backwell School is committed to giving students exposure to new experiences, as well as opportunities to learn varied skills and build strong bonds with their peers. Trips take students out of their comfort zone and provide a great opportunity to enhance their learning outside the classroom.

Our Year 8 cohort will be enjoying a varied week of day trips and onsite activities that link in with their curriculum subjects and wellbeing.

The year group will be split into five groups that will rotate through a mixture of onsite activities and excursions relating to:

History

Wellbeing (2 x days)

Art

Physical Activities

Each group will have experienced the full range of options by the end of the week.

Students will be informed later in the year which group they will be in and will receive their trip timetable/itinerary for the week.

Please find below information regarding the payment plan for the trip. The below costs include transport and activities.

Deposits for all trips are non-refundable.

For full finance details please see the Terms & Conditions letter in the Enrichment Week letters home on the website.

<b>Deposit Schedule</b>	
<b>Dec-23</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>Jan-24</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>Instalment Schedule</b>	
<b>Feb-24</b>	<b>£36</b>
<b>Mar-24</b>	<b>£40</b>
<b>Apr-24</b>	<b>£40</b>

**Trip total: £166**

# Warwick Castle

The Year 8s will be immersed in a thousand years of history at one of Britain's most famous castles.

Warwick Castle is a medieval castle originally built by William the Conqueror during 1068 as a wooden fort. The wooden structure was rebuilt in stone during the 12th century, and has had various additions to it over the centuries.

Our students will be able to explore the castle and grounds with the added benefit of dedicated guides in historical costume.







# Bristol Street Art

The Art Department are taking advantage of the internationally acclaimed street art scene in Bristol with guided tours to inspire the Year 8s creativity. 5 star 'Where The Wall' tour operator will run fun and fact-filled walking tours run by local artists who will share their passion and knowledge.

The groups will return to school for lunch and then the Art Department will build on their morning's experiences. The students will then engage in a variety of projects that they will be able to take home with them.









# Wellbeing Day 1

Students will take a break from the weekly school routine to engage in activities that will help cultivate healthy habits and life skills. The groups will be subdivided into smaller groups and will rotate through three carefully-planned activities.

Popular Bristol cookery school, Little Kitchen, will be running a Vietnamese street food workshop. The aromas will no doubt be mouth-watering and the students can take their creations home to show off their skills (if they don't eat them first!).

Group leaders will take advantage of the summer weather with outdoor activity sessions where students will collaborate, keep active and get creative.

The day will be rounded off with African drumming, which receives rave reviews in recent Enrichment Weeks and is back by popular demand. Students will feel exhilarated after a session with the djembe drums.





# Mojo Active Day

Mojo Active is one of Bristol's largest outdoor activity centres and provide amazing outdoor experiences at their excellent facilities set in 114 acres of private farmland.

Students will have so much fun they won't even notice that they're having a full body workout!

The activities on offer during their day out include:

**Low Ropes**

**Zorb Football**

**Assault Course**

**Archery Tag**

**Tree Climbing**







# Wellbeing Day 2

Another varied day with student mental and physical wellbeing at the heart of it.

Our 'Animal Encounter' workshops will teach the students interesting facts about mammals, reptiles and rainforest animals. Interacting with animals has a host of health-boosting benefits and the activity provider will ensure each student is able to spend time with the animals.

Group leaders will spend more time planning fun games and activities, ensuring students come away from enrichment week having made new connections and stronger bonds within their year group.

The final workshop of the day is a taste of martial arts, designed to encourage the core values which include courage, tolerance and respect, as well as developing perseverance and discipline. These are all qualities that can benefit daily life and help develop more meaningful relationships with others.



**Deposits**

Deposits for all trips are non-refundable. This includes the initial deposit and any interim deposits. An exception when a deposit might be refunded is if your child is withdrawn from a trip due to medical reasons and the school is able to make a successful insurance claim.

Please see the terms and conditions letter for full details.

**Behaviour**

Backwell School is proud of the positive reports we receive regarding our students' behaviour on school trips. Enrichment Week is arranged in total confidence that this exemplary behaviour will continue.

If a student is removed whilst on a trip due to concerns related to behaviour, any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the parent/carer.

**Financial Assistance**

Should you want to use Pupil Premium funding towards Enrichment Week, or require financial assistance in a non-Pupil Premium capacity, please fill in a Financial Assistance form which can be found on the school website:

Information/Financial Support

**Attendance**

Attendance is expected and logged as per a normal school week.



Further information regarding group allocation, kit lists and itineraries will be communicated closer to the trip.

Queries can be directed to

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