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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Enrichment Week 2027 - Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June

During the Summer Term, the normal school timetable is suspended for a week while students take part in trips and activities tailored to their year group. Enrichment Week is an important aspect of Backwell School life, giving students the opportunity to enjoy new experiences, learn different 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 out of the classroom, try something new and create lifelong memories.

Our Year 8s will embark on a series of tailor-made day trips and onsite activities. Each group will take turns experiencing workshops and excursions dedicated to Wellbeing, History, Art, Science and Keeping Active.

Please refer to the relevant Enrichment Week information guide on the website for more details.

The cost of the Year 8 Enrichment Week will be **£165 per student**. As Enrichment Week involves the school working with external providers, please help us to meet the deposit deadlines by following the payment schedule.

Payments should be paid via ParentPay, our online cashless payment system. If you have any issues accessing ParentPay, please contact the Finance team via finance@backwellschool.net.

9 Nov 2026	£28	Non-refundable deposit
7 Dec 2026	£28	Non-refundable deposit
4 Jan 2026	£28	Instalment
1 Feb 2026	£28	Instalment
1 Mar 2026	£28	Instalment
2 Apr 2026	£25	Instalment

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Pupil Premium and Financial Assistance

If you are not sure whether you qualify for funding, or require assistance due to financial hardship in relation to this particular trip, please see the school website for a Financial Assistance form or contact our Finance Department. Please note that financial assistance cannot be used to pay deposits. Full information regarding financial support can be found on the school website via the following link: Financial Support.

Students in receipt of **Targeted Free School Meals** funding will receive a separate communication regarding payments.

Next steps:

- Familiarise yourself with the 2027 Enrichment Week Information Guide and the Terms & Conditions overleaf / at the end of this letter
- Please log on to ParentPay and follow payment plan due dates
- Go through the Behaviour Expectations with your child
- *Fill out the Student Essential Information form Enrichment Week 2027 - Student Essential Information form (EV5) – Fill in form
  (5 minutes to complete)

**The deadline to submit this information is when you pay your trip deposit.*

If you have any questions, please contact the Enrichment Team on studentservices@backwellschool.net

Please note that, in preparation for next year, if you would like to see what the Year 9 residential Enrichment Week consists of in terms of accommodation, activities and costs, the information can be found here.

Yours sincerely

The Enrichment Team

YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT WEEK 2027
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The cost of the Year 8 Enrichment Week activities is £165

Please see table below for the minimum expected payment schedule. **All deposits are non-refundable** and are required in conjunction with the Student Essential Information and Behaviour Agreement requested via MS Form links on the School Comms letter home. The payment plan is now available on ParentPay for payment.

Non-refundable deposit by 9 November 2026	Non-refundable deposit by 7 December 2026	1st instalment by 4 January 2027	2nd instalment by 1 February 2027	3rd instalment by 1 March 2027	FINAL instalment by 2 April 2027
£28	£28	£28	£28	£28	£25

If you are having problems paying the instalments, you must notify the school in writing at the earliest opportunity. These monthly amounts have been set to ensure that the balance is paid in full by 2 April 2027, so that we can fulfil our contractual obligations to the activity providers. However, you can pay the balance in full at any time before this date.

Medical and Emergency Contact Information

Your child will not be allowed to participate in any out of school activity without providing the Student Essential Information which will be requested via a MS Forms link on the School Comms letter home. It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes to the information on this form prior to the departure date. This information is used on the trip by the trip leader in case of emergency as parental consent for treatment.

Insurance

All trips are insured through the Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement. If your child is unable to take up their place, due to a medical condition during Enrichment Week, we require confirmation in writing from a doctor. Please contact us as soon as possible.

Electronic items such as cameras, mobile phones and games consoles are not covered by the school insurance. These are taken at the owner's risk.

Behaviour

The school reserves the right to exclude from any trip/activity a student whose behaviour has given cause for concern at any stage before the trip. Students removed from a trip for a behaviour issue (including attendance) will not be entitled to a full refund. If a student does not behave to a reasonable standard whilst on the trip, arrangements will be made for them to return before the rest of the group. The parent/carer will be responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of this. The cost for any property damaged due to the carelessness / misconduct of a student will be the responsibility of the parent/carer.