

Enrichment



2019

General Information

This year we are launching **Enrichment @ TSC** which will take place from Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 July. The events and activities are designed to support our students' learning across the year, to broaden their experiences and to provide a well-earned reward for the hard work that takes place during every college day across the year.

There is the opportunity for students to take part in one of three **residential trips**, if they wish. All students who are not on a residential trip will take part in **enrichment days** on Wednesday and Thursday and chose an **activity** for Friday.

We have a page on our website dedicated to these events which will be updated throughout the process: <http://www.thespirescollege.com/students/enrichment-tsc-2019>

Attendance and punctuality

The normal attendance rules apply for these days and absence due to sickness must be reported as normal. Students must not be late and the late detention system will continue as normal. If students arrive late for an off-site trip and have missed the transport provided, they must report to college reception.

Behaviour prior to **Enrichment @ TSC**

Taking part in these events is dependent on an appropriate behavioural record within the normal college environment. The College may identify students for whom taking part in the events is not appropriate and they will have alternative arrangements made for them.

Behaviour and safety during **Enrichment @ TSC**

Whilst we always expect our students to behave in an exemplary manner, given the nature and potential hazards of some activities it is particularly important that students behave appropriately.

Students must:

- ▲ Listen carefully and follow instructions.
- ▲ Be respectful of trip venues, staff, visitors and fellow students.
- ▲ Be supportive of those who may struggle during an event or activity.
- ▲ Bring a positive attitude to all events and activities.
- ▲ Take responsibility for the safety of themselves and those around them.

The college behaviour policy and normal sanctions apply during these days.

Parent Pay

Please ensure that you have an active ParentPay account ahead of the booking system opening.

This will not only make it easier for you to make and keep track of payments but will help us to be more efficient. Using ParentPay makes the enormous administration task that is involved the co-ordination of this event much simpler and reduces the risk of errors being made. As you may know, school funding cuts have affected our support and administration teams and we simply don't have the capacity to process large numbers of cash and cheque payments. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Residential Trips

Four day tour of Amsterdam and Bruges

Cost:
£375

Duration:
Tuesday to
Friday

Leader:
Mrs Ware

Places:
44

Tuesday – Travel to Amsterdam

Travel by coach to Folkestone, leaving Torquay at 6.30 am.
Eurotunnel crossing from Folkestone to Calais.

Travel by coach to the accommodation in Noordwijk, arriving in time for dinner.

Wednesday – Full day in Amsterdam

After breakfast, travel to Amsterdam by coach.

Explore Dam Square and the pretty streets and canals in central Amsterdam.
Visit the Anne Frank House.

A one hour cruise on the city's picturesque canals.

Visit the Van Gogh Museum (time allowing).

Coach back to the accommodation in time for our evening meal.

Thursday – Day at Efteling Theme Park

After breakfast, travel by coach to Efteling Theme Park for the day.

<https://www.efteling.com/en/park>

Return to accommodation by coach for dinner.

Friday – Bruges and return journey

After breakfast, check out of hotel.

Travel by coach to Bruges to explore the beautiful old town.

Travel by coach to Calais.

Eurotunnel crossing from Calais to Folkstone.

Travel by coach to Torquay, arriving at approximately 9.30 pm.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the journey on Tuesday.

The cost of meals at the accommodation is included in the price.

Also included in the price is an allocation of 5 euros per student for lunch on both Wednesday and Thursday and £5 for food in the services on the way home on Friday.

This money will be distributed to the students on those days.

Three day London Adventure

Cost:
£265

Duration:
Wednesday to
Friday

Leader:
Mrs Collman

Places:
30

Wednesday – Travel to London

Travel to London by train, leaving Torquay at approximately 7.30 am. Check in to award winning boutique hostel.

The following activities will be included during the trip:

- A day at Harry Potter World.
- Theatre trip to see "The Lion King" musical.
- Visit to The National History Museum.
- Sightseeing, including a boat trip on the Thames.
- An evening at FlipOut, trampoline park: <https://www.flipout.co.uk/>
- The opportunity to have a London shopping experience.

Friday – Return journey

Return to Torquay by train – estimated arrival time – 5 pm.

The cost of this action packed trip includes all travel, accommodation, activities and meals after arrival. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the outward journey on Wednesday.

A full itinerary will be provided at a later date.

Three days of Outdoor pursuits on Dartmoor (Years 7, 8 & 9)

Cost:
£90

Duration:
Wednesday
and
Thursday to
Friday

Leader:
Mr Blacklock

Places:
24

Wednesday – Full day of activities

Travel to Dartmoor, leaving Torquay at 8.30 am.

Full day of activities.

Return to Torquay, arriving at approximately 4 pm.

Students stay at home overnight.

Thursday – Full day activities and overnight camping

Travel to Dartmoor, leaving Torquay at 8.30 am.

Full day of activities.

Set up camp.

Dinner and camp-side evening activities.

Friday – Full day of activities

Breakfast on the campsite.

Pack up camp.

Full day of activities.

Travel to Torquay, arriving at approximately 4 pm.

Students will need to be prepared to enjoy the outdoors and have a sense of challenge and adventure, although no previous experience is necessary.

Activities include a day's canoe expedition along the calm sections of the River Dart; rock climbing, abseiling and team challenges; rock scrambling, a day walk across Dartmoor and overnight camping. Some activities will take place at Heatree House who will provide qualified instructors and necessary equipment.

Tents and cooking kit will be provided for the overnight camp.

The cost includes all meals on Thursday evening, Friday morning and lunch on Friday. Students will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.

Enrichment Days

All students who are not on a residential trip will take part in the enrichment days on Wednesday and Thursday detailed below. Therefore places do not need to be booked.

Year	Wednesday		Thursday		Cost
	Tutor Group	Activity	Tutor Group	Activity	
7	7GFH 7GNT 7MOL 7NLS 7RDS	Eden Project	7GFH 7GNT 7MOL 7NLS 7RDS	Paignton Zoo	£26 in total for both days (£13 for students who qualify for Pupil Premium)
	7SNY 7TSD 7TSN 7WIR 7WLE	Paignton Zoo	7SNY 7TSD 7TSN 7WIR 7WLE	Eden Project	
8	8BWL 8COX 8HAS 8WLE	National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth	8BWL 8COX 8HAS 8WLE	Jurassic Coast	£26 in total for both days (£13 for students who qualify for Pupil Premium)
	8HGS 8TMS 8TNI	Jurassic Coast	8HGS 8TMS 8TNI	National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth	
9	9CNE 9CXJ 9RBS 9HPK	We The Curious, Bristol	9CNE 9CXJ 9RBS 9HPK	Haldon Adventure	£26 in total for both days (£13 for students who qualify for Pupil Premium)
	9CPE 9SPG 9SMR 9TNR	Haldon Adventure	9CPE 9SPG 9SMR 9TNR	We The Curious, Bristol	
10	Careers Day		Visit to Plymouth, Exeter or South Devon Universities		There is no cost to families

<https://www.edenproject.com/>

<http://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/>

<https://www.wethecurious.org/>

<https://www.paigntonzoo.org.uk/>

<https://jurassiccoast.org/>

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/haldon-forest-park>

Friday Activities

Places on these activities can be booked and paid for between 14 January and 4 March 2019.

Trips

Trip to Torre Abbey Sands – Beach Day

Cost: free	Enjoy a good old fashioned day of fun and frolics at the beach. Swim or paddle in the sea and take part in beach games and sports with your friends.
Places: 30	Local amenities may be available at a cost to participants.

Trip to Crealy Adventure Park

Cost: £18	Set within 100 acres of stunning East Devon countryside, Crealy Adventure Park is a multi-award-winning theme park.
Places: 100	With an amazing selection of things to do, Crealy is the perfect day out in Devon whatever the weather! There are 60 rides and attractions including rollercoasters, water rides, and indoor soft play, and over 200 zoo and farm animals. Students must wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather conditions. Packed lunches may be brought or food purchased on site. Please bring a drink to last the whole day. https://www.crealy.co.uk/theme-park

Sports Crazy Trip

Cost: Free	A day full of sports, taking advantage of the local amenities.
Places: 30	

Trip to Splashdown at Quaywest, Goodrington

Cost: Slide into the great outdoors at Britain's largest outdoor waterpark.
£17

Places: Splashdown at Quaywest has something for everyone. For thrill seekers there is the heart stopping plummet "Devil's Drop", terrific tumbling tyre rides and the "Wild Kamikaze" - the name says it all! If that sounds a bit too much like hard work, and a quick dip in the swimming pool and a laze on a sun-bed might be more to your liking, then you can do that too, with views over South Devon's beautiful Tor Bay.

<http://quaywest.splashdownwaterparks.co.uk/>

Trip to Bigbury: Surfing

Cost: Would you like to learn to surf? Do you already surf and want to improve? Discovery Surf School at Bigbury will have you riding waves like Kelly Slater!
£21

Places: The one and a half hour surf lesson will cover water safety and how to catch waves before paddling out to surf. Instructors will be in the water ensuring everyone is safe, having a good time and giving you tips on how to ride the waves.
14

Wetsuits and boards will be supplied for the session but suitable clothing for the day should be worn and sun cream applied.

There is a café at Bigbury where drinks and food can be purchased, or you may wish to bring a packed lunch.

<https://www.discoverysurf.com/>

Trip to Bigbury: Paddleboarding

Cost: Would you like to learn to paddleboard? Do you already paddleboard and want to improve? Discovery Surf School at Bigbury will have you exploring Burgh Island and the surrounding coastline as you never have before!
£21

Places: The one and a half hour paddleboarding lesson will cover water safety and flat water basics (standing up/turning/getting in safely/etc.), then either some small wave catching or an exploration paddle. Instructors will be in the water ensuring everyone is safe, having a good time and giving you tips on how to get the most out of your session.
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Wetsuits and boards will be supplied for the session but suitable clothing for the day should be worn and sun cream applied.

There is a café at Bigbury where drinks and food can be purchased, or you may wish to bring a packed lunch.

<https://www.discoverysurf.com/>

Trip to Woodlands, Dartmouth

Cost: £18 Spend the day at the largest family theme park in the South West. With over 60 acres, a zoo, and a farm as well as loads of rides you can go wild at Woodlands!

Places: 100 All facilities within the park are available: <http://www.woodlandspark.com/>

Bring a packed lunch and plenty of drinks or money to purchase lunch and treats. Suitable clothing should be worn, especially appropriate footwear and appropriate protection for the weather conditions on the day.

On-site Activities

Arts and Crafts

Cost: £5 Students will take part in beach clean at Oddicombe / Babbacombe beach and use their finds to create unique pieces of recycled beach art.

Places: 30 The art work will be created within a box frame or on a canvas that students will be able to take home at the end of the day. This is also an opportunity to learn about our impact on the environment and how creating eco-friendly art work can help us to combat plastic waste.

We will be walking to the beach and students must wear sensible footwear, clothes appropriate to the weather conditions and use sun protection if necessary.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch to eat at the beach.

Console crazy

Cost: Free Get together with old and new friends and challenge them in a gaming extravaganza!

Places: 35 Play Xbox, Playsttion and more on big screen projectors. Bring in your own games and consoles and start a gaming revolution.

Students are advised to bring drinks and snacks and all games must be age appropriate.

Film club

Cost: Do you love film? You can enjoy a day chilling with your friends, savouring a variety of film genres, from horror and action to romance and sci-fi.
Free

Watch some familiar favourites and be introduced to films you may not have seen.

Places: Please bring in age appropriate films only.
60

#ThisGirlCan

Cost: Start your morning with a relaxing yoga session where you will learn the basic poses as well as breathing techniques to combat the stresses of everyday life.
Free

Later in the morning is a pamper session where you can have your nails and hair done and you will end the morning feeling fabulous!

Places: In the afternoon, you will get your blood pumping with an exhilarating Zumba session, taught by an expert Zumba and dance instructor.
30

Information about booking, paying and other requirements.

Please note that, for efficient administration of the activities, the deadlines are not flexible.

Residential trips

Booking and Payment systems open:	9.30 am Monday 14 January 2019.
Booking deadline:	9.30 am on Monday 4 February 2019. (bookings will close before this date if a trip becomes full).
Deposit:	Bookings are secured by a deposit of £50 to be received by 9.30 am on Monday 4 February 2019. The deposit is non-refundable, unless the trip is cancelled.
Payment:	Payment in full must be made by 9.30 am on Monday 3 June 2019. Payments can be made in installments at any time between the booking system opening and 9.30 am on Monday 3 June 2019. Part or whole payments are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled. If participants decide they no longer wish to go on the trip having part paid they are still responsible for the whole cost.

Enrichment days – places on these trips and events do not need to be booked.

Payment system opens:	9.30 am on Monday 14 January 2019
Payment deadline (systems close):	9.30 am Monday 4 March 2019.

Friday activities

Booking and payment systems both open:	9.30 am on Monday 14 January 2019
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Information sheet

Please complete the information sheet at the back of this booklet and return it to reception by 4 pm on Monday 1 July 2019. The sheet is also available on our website and from reception.

Booking system

The booking system is the one that is used for booking appointments for parents' evenings and is accessed through a link on the **Enrichment @ TSC 2019** page of our website:

<http://www.thespirescollege.com/students/enrichment-tsc-2019>

Submitting a booking for an activity indicates agreement, consent and commitment for the student to take part in the trip, event or activity chosen, a commitment to make any payment required and a commitment by students to behave in the manner that is required (as detailed in the behaviour and safety information).

Making payment

Please ensure that you have an active ParentPay account ahead of the booking system opening.

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Payment for **Residential trips** can be made between 9.30 am on Monday 14 January and 9.30 am on Monday 3 June 2019. A deposit of £50 must be paid by 9.30 am on Monday 4 February 2019 to secure the place.

Payment for **Enrichment days** and **Friday activities** can be made between 9.30 am on Monday 14 January and 9.30 am on Monday 4 March.

Payment schedules are detailed on page 9.

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Please do not bring cash or cheque payments to college without first contacting our Finance Office by email: enquiries@thespirescollege.com or telephone: 01803 408843.

No internet access to book activities?

Whilst the booking system is open, our reception office staff are able to book activities for families without access to the internet, between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm on college days. Please telephone the main college number between these times if you need assistance with this.

Travel

For some activities that take place locally, students will convene at and/or be dismissed from an off-site place. In these cases students must walk or make their own travel arrangements to and from the activity, as they would for getting to and from college. Specific information will be provided by the activity leaders in due course.

Food

On-site activities

Our dining hall will be open at the usual times before college, at break and at lunch to provide hot and cold food for students taking part in on-site activities, but will have a reduced menu. Students entitled to free school meals will receive these as normal. Students may also chose to bring a packed lunch.

Off-site activities

Students must bring a packed lunch plenty of drinks (or money for food and drinks, if appropriate to the trip or activity). The free school meals section on the information sheet must be completed for students who require a free school meals packed lunch for off-site activities, as we need to give the kitchen advanced notice.

Clothing and equipment

Students are not required to wear college uniform for **Enrichment @ TSC**, however the normal rules regarding make-up and jewellery apply and students may not wear short skirts or tops or items with inappropriate slogans or images. Students should wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the environment, paying particular attention to any essential items required for their trips or activities, and bring any equipment requested. If they will be outdoors during the trip or activity, students should also bring items that are relevant to the weather conditions, such as a waterproof jacket, sun hat and sun cream.

Cancellation of trips or activities

Some Friday activities may not go ahead if too few students wish to take part in them. Also, in very rare cases, a trip or activity may need to be cancelled closer to the time, for instance because of adverse weather conditions or unforeseen staffing issues on the day. If this happens we will talk to the students affected and arrange for them to take part in alternative activities. If the cost of the alternative activity is lower, the difference will be refunded. Trips and activities may also be cancelled if a lack of financial contributions received from families, and therefore an increased cost to the college, causes the trip or activity to be unviable.

Restrictions

Some activities may have height or age restrictions. The website details for venues where this may apply have been provided in the activity information.

Supervision

Students may not always be under direct supervision, however, in these cases, a member of staff will be available at a central point at all times. After dismissal from trips and activities at the end of the day, students and their families are responsible for arranging their safe return home.

End times

The end times given for off-site activities for which transport is provided are the estimated times that the students will return to college. This is variable due to traffic conditions on the day. Other activities may slightly run over the estimated end time.

Meetings

Activity leaders may call meetings to share and gather information.

Risk assessments

All activities have been fully risk assessed in compliance with Devon County Council's policies.

Questions and queries

If you have any questions please email Mr Kay: nkay@thespirescollege.com. Students will find Mr Kay in our Sixth Form Centre.

You can print this page to make notes to help you choose your activities and keep track of your bookings:



Activities I may like to do:

Residential Trip:

Friday Activity:

My final choices:

Residential Activity:

OR

Friday Activity:

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We hope you have a super time during **Enrichment @ TSC 2019!**

Information Sheet

Please use block capitals to complete this form.

To be returned to the reception office by the end of Monday 1 July 2019.

For use during Enrichment Events 17 – 19 July 2019



Student Full Name:	DOB:	Tutor Group:
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Friday Activity:

Contact numbers for parents/carers during the enrichment trips, events and activities:

Name and relationship with student:	Numbers:
1:	
2:	
3:	

Please give details below if your child suffers, even mildly, from any medical condition, such as epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, heart condition, allergies, blood disorders or physical weakness, has suffered from any contagious or infectious diseases during the past three months, or is taking medication, including when it can be self-administered:

Is your child able to swim 50 metres?	YES / NO
Is your child water confident with regard to the proposed activity?	YES / NO

GP Surgery:	
Surgery Address:	
Surgery Telephone Number:	

This section refers to children registered for free school meals only.

My child is registered for free school meals and will require a packed lunch for offsite trips during activities week.	YES / NO
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I consent to the giving of any urgent medical treatment to my child (including the use of anaesthetics if necessary) which is considered necessary by a medical professional during the enrichment events.

Name of Parent/Carer:	Signature:	Date:
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