



**BOOTHAM
CHALLENGE**

Platinum Award

College I

Activities Brochure
Spring Term
2025

The Activities Programme

The following pages have your options for Activities this term.

You need to choose a minimum of **one hour** of activities in school. These can be in activity hour or at another time. You must also attend specials on Tuesdays when needed.

On nights that you don't have an activity you may either work in the College areas or go home at 4pm.

How to choose your activities.

1. Look through the list and find the activities you would like to do.
2. Once choosing starts (**Tuesday from 1:30pm**) login to the Portal and select your choices. There is a video showing you how on the Portal.
3. Make sure you save your choices and check that you have at least 1 hour of activities.
4. Look out for the confirmation email saying what activities you have.

When activities start there will be a list in the English Corridor showing which room your activities will be in.

All Activities need to be chosen by:

Thursday at 9:15



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What is the Bootham Challenge?

The Bootham Challenge is to live life to the full, gaining skills across a wide range of disciplines. This award scheme allows you to demonstrate to others that you have these skills and also to challenge yourself to experience new things.

You are enrolled on the **Platinum Award** and you have the whole of College to complete the challenge. The Bootham Challenge has seven categories.

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills	Social Action	Global Citizenship	Leadership
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Everything you do will score credits in one or more of the categories. This includes Activities, other School events and out of school hobbies.

To achieve the Platinum Award you need to score 200 credits over the year across all of the categories.

Each Activity has its credits shown in the following menu and you can add other evidence via the Student Portal. Here, you can also check on your progress.

<https://booth.am/challenge>

Monday before school

Chamber Music

Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

Music Staff

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Monday morning break

Barbershop

Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

Music Staff

8 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Monday lunch

Chess

Play the game that is sweeping the nation. A chance to improve as well as enjoy playing with friends old and new. Can you beat the Head? More chess - (ideal if double booked on Thursdays) followed by team lunch

Deneal Smith

20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
3	3	4

Music Theory

Jack Mackenzie

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
3	3	3

Senior Choir

All students are invited to join choir, regardless of experience. There is no audition process. Note, pupils will not be called for every Monday lunchtime as these will be sectional rehearsals. If you would like to join Senior Choir, please select it on Monday AND Fridays

Richard Allain

40 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Monday Activity Hour

1st XI Football Team Training

Training for the 1st XI Football team. Upper Seniors who played for U16 last year may also join

George Trifan

20 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Astronomy Club

An astronomy club for those with an interest in space and astronomy and would love to casually learn and discuss with like minded people

Robert Coad and Dinithi Ramanyake

8 spaces

Cultural	G C
15	5

Azul Duel

Come and play one of the best boardgames EVER invented! Azul is a multi-award-winning game of tile placement - a bit like bingo but with ample opportunity to thrown your opponents under the bus. Come and duel at Azul and have a lovely time

Sophie Morrison

24 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Book Worms

Spend a relaxing hour reading a book

Elizabeth McCulloch

15 spaces

Creative	Cultural
10	10

Chinese A Level Preparation

Lessons for native speakers who wish to take the Chinese A level. This session runs from 4.15-5.45pm and full attendance is required if you want to take the exam

Candy Lam

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills	G C
5	5	5	5

Create Your Own Book of Short Stories and V

Learning from the best writers the world has produced, we will read a range of short stories and extracts as models for our own writing

Jon Lee

20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
10	5	5			

Debate Club

Tired of arguing with your family at the dinner table? Join our Debate Club and take it to the next level! This club will offer you the opportunity to explore controversial, thought-provoking, and interesting topics while gaining valuable experience in public speaking, forming and defending arguments, and research. At times, you will speak in support of the opposite side of your true opinion, which will help you listen to multiple points of view and improve your communication skills. As the year progresses, we'll aim to compete in tournaments, putting your skills to the test

Jiejie Lampanapa Yulia Sych

20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills				L
5	5	5				5

Folk Dancing

Come and have a go at folk dancing! It's dancing, but not as you might know it. No need for any experience - we'll teach you everything. We'll largely be doing social dancing (you might have heard of barn dance or ceilidh), but we'll also be dipping into other styles, like morris, traditional Jewish dancing, polka, and maybe even waltzing

Sam Ford

20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural			
10	5	5			

I watched a documentary about that...

Come along and watch documentaries that will change your view of the world. Learn about everything from systemic racism, to cheerleaders; true crime to political corruption. Recommend, watch and discuss documentaries that will make you reconsider your views and perspectives

Kitty Wilson

20 spaces

		Cultural			G C
		10			10

Landscape Water Colour Painting

In this activity we will explore the medium of water colour and learn how to use it within the context of landscape painting. We will look at various watercolour techniques, try different colour combinations and landscape variations to hopefully be able to represent the natural world around us

Grace MacFarlane

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
10	5	5			

Medical and Dental School Programme

Bootham's Medical and Dental School Programme has got everything you need to get started: Gain understanding of what a medical/dental career is really about: learn what it's like to be a doctor/dentist and the different paths you can take. UCAT prep made easy: tips, tricks, and strategies to prepare for the UCAT exam. Master your interviews: practice for both traditional and MMI interviews so you can feel confident. UCAS support: from writing an impressive personal statement to choosing the right medical/dental schools for you. Find work experience: We'll help you to identify placements to boost your application. Talk medicine with others like you: Opportunities to debate medical ethics, the latest health issues, and meet future med students like yourself

Kathryn Buchard

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
5	5	10			

Practical Chemistry

Build your practical skills and extend your knowledge of Chemistry with a mix of practical activities and demos. We'll also spend some sessions looking at questions from the Chemistry Olympiad and Cambridge Chemistry Challenge to help build problem solving skills

Lindsey Robertson

8 spaces

Creative			Skills		
5			15		

Subject Support for EAL Students

Come up to EAL for some extra help with your work in a supportive environment

Jenny Adams

10 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits					
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The Finance and Investment Club

The Finance and Investment Club is for students interested in investing and financial markets. Through fun, interactive simulations and activities, workshops and guest speakers students will learn about the stock market, investment strategies and how to manage a portfolio. Using stock market games and other hands-on tools you will be able to practice real world investing without the risk. Whether you just want to learn more about finance and investing or want to explore a career in finance then this club is the place to be!

Isabelle Hyams

25 spaces



U14-U19 Girls Football

Girls football training- recreational and team training

Kerry Hammond

50 spaces



Water Polo

For this high stamina based activity you need to be able to swim 100 metres breaststroke, 100 metres frontcrawl, 100 metres backstroke and tread water for three minutes. Assessments of the above will be carried out on the first week. This a great sport that needs commitment.

Michelle Gatenby

14 spaces

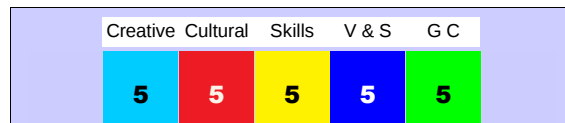


Worldshapers: Craft-based Activism Edition!

This term with Worldshapers, we will be taking a look at the gentle art of protest, through Craftivism - we will use quiet projects to make our voices heard on a local and global stage, through the medium of craft. We will be looking mostly at how we tackle injustices and speak up for those less fortunate, through the medium of needlework, and we will work towards a guerilla craft-activist display to raise awareness of world issues we are passionate about

Kayleigh Oliver

15 spaces



Yoga

Come along to relax, stretch and clear your head after a busy day!

Jake Duckworth

12 spaces



Monday Evening

Basketball

5.30-6.45pm Seniors & College basketball training

Andrew Bell

24 spaces



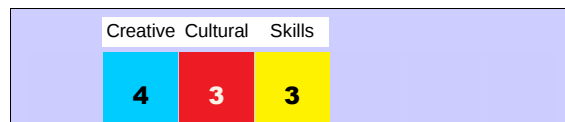
Tuesday before school

Chamber Music

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Music Staff

10 spaces



Early morning swim

Before school swim training 7.45-8.45am

Jacob Butterfield

20 spaces

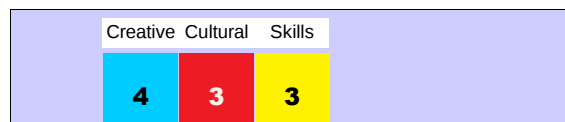


Recorder Group

Recorder Group Tuesday 11.20am

Tim Bayley

10 spaces



Tuesday lunch

Jazz Band

Richard Allain

30 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Tuesday Activity Hour

Astronomy GCSE

Mike Shaw

20 spaces

The group is already set up so is not available for new students. Existing students please choose Tuesday and Wednesday

Creative	Skills
2	8

Learn to Crochet

Anne Whittle

8 spaces

This is a crochet course for absolute beginners, ideal for those who have never picked up a crochet hook before. Each week during the first half term we shall learn a new stitch or technique, working towards small individual or group projects. With just a few basic stitches you can make so many different items (hats, scarves, blankets, bags, baskets, friendship bracelets, amigurumi) and it's a great way to relax at the end of the day. The cost of materials for learning and practice is free. There would be a charge for the cost of yarn for larger individual projects or you can provide your own

Creative	Skills
10	10

Zine Club

Jade Blood

20 spaces

Learn how to make and self-publish your own mini-magazines! The topic is decided by YOU... so whatever weird and wonderful thing you're into- lets make a zine about it!

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

Wednesday before school

Chamber Music

Music Staff

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10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Senior Brass

Music Staff

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Wednesday morning break

Close Harmony Group

Music Staff

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10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Wednesday lunch

String Ensemble

Paul Feehan

20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

Technical Theatre

Luke Gilliver

Learning and trying skills used in backstage roles of productions

10 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	5

Wednesday Activity Hour

Astronomy GCSE

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Steve Everest

14 spaces

Creative	Skills			
5	15			

BEAST

Help us to make Bootham the most sustainable school in the world! This term, we are focussing on energy and investigating electric minibuses. We are also hoping to visit the Recycling Centre to find out more about where our rubbish goes!

Claire Hollis

15 spaces

	Skills	V & S	G C	L
	5	5	10	5

Classics Arts & Reading

Come and spend time in a Classics room making art to go on the walls or doing some creative writing or just to do some reading in a friendly and calm environment

Laura Bok

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills	V & S		
5	5	5	5		

Code Club

This is a space for creators to make their own way in code and make whatever they want to make in an environment that is not a lesson. With the help of mentors, creators use our free, step-by-step project guides to learn Scratch, Python, HTML/CSS, and more. We will also be taking part in activities such as ASTRO PI where you will write code that will be ran on the international space station!

Tom Lund

20 spaces

Creative	Skills				L
5	10				5

Colouring for Mindfulness

A relaxing time, when you can wind down with some nice colouring and soft music

Marco Piscioneri

15 spaces

Creative	Skills			
15	5			

Cosy Cross Stitch

Cross-stitching is an easy craft to learn and a great way to unwind and relax. Everyone is welcome to come along, from complete beginners to experienced stitchers. Feel free to bring along your own projects, or some kits and patterns will be available for you to choose from!

Hannah Beaumont

15 spaces

Creative	Skills			
5	15			

Curation Club

In this activity we will explore fundamental basics of curation within a Contemporary art context. This includes colour theory, asking questions about displaying work and curating different mediums. We will also visit art galleries in York as well as potentially seeing current practicing artist's studio spaces to further formulate ideas surrounding the curation of art

Grace MacFarlane

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
10	5	5			

EAL Subject Support

Come along if you would like English language/EAL support with any of your subjects. If you are all caught up and excelling in everything, I will be happy to provide you with grammar, reading and writing material to ensure you continue to thrive and progress in English

Kelly McCarthy

10 spaces

Creative	Skills				G C
5	10				5

Improvised Musical

Practice your improvisation skills both musically and dramatically in preparation for an improvised musical at the end of term for charity. Speak to Oliver, Martin or Gus if interested

Oliver Lawery

10 spaces

Creative	Skills	V & S				L
5	5	10				5

Origami

Welcome to the Origami Club, where paper comes to life! Whether you're a beginner or a folding pro, our club is the perfect place to explore the ancient art of origami Each week, we'll dive into new projects, from simple shapes to intricate designs, turning ordinary paper into extraordinary creations. It's not just about making things—it's about unleashing your creativity, learning patience, and having fun with friends. Come along, get folding, and watch as your skills—and your imagination—take flight!

Liliya Brezina

12 spaces

Creative	Skills				
10	10				

WHO Crew

Intense Jigsaw action paired intense Doctor Who watching. Are you up to the multi-task? All jigsawing abilities welcome – come along and hone your skill. We will be continuing our DW journey through the Eccleston season

Sophie Morrison

20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
5	5	10			

Wednesday 5:45pm to 7pm

Clarinet Group

Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested Wednesday 1.15pm

Tim Bayley

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
4	3	3			

Thursday before school

Chamber Music

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Music Staff

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
4	3	3			

Thursday morning break

Aural - grades 1 - 5

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Music Staff

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
4	3	3			

Thursday Activity Hour

Beginner's Needle Felting

Needle felting is a unique craft where you can make 3D designs using only a needle and wool felt. You'll need patience and precision to watch it all come together to make your very own model. Please make sure to mind your fingers!

Elly Williams

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
10	5	5			

Chess

Play the game that is sweeping the nation. A chance to improve as well as enjoy playing with friends old and new. Can you beat the Head?

Deneal Smith

24 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills			
5	5	10			

First Aid

An in-depth course with a practical assessment at the end

Alison Webster

12 spaces

	Skills	V & S	G C	L
	10	5	5	5

Pets Appreciation Society

Come and get to know the Biology pets and plants! Meet Bill, the Giant African Land Snail; Rhubarb and Custard, our much-loved Leopard geckos, feed the beautiful and nutritious locusts or watch the calming fish and enjoy the bursting with life greenhouse. This is a hands-on activity where we'll get stuck in—planting, petting, cleaning, growing, grooming, and maybe even setting up a new fish tank for B3. If you're into plants and animals, this is the perfect activity for you!

Liliya Brezina

12 spaces

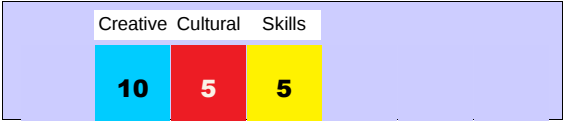


Senior Orchestra

Senior Orchestra for students grade 3 and above.

Richard Allain

80 spaces



Strategy & Board Games

Come along and play some traditional and new games!

Will Lewis

20 spaces



Strength & Conditioning Training

Strength and conditioning session for 1st team footballers and netballers

Jake Duckworth

20 spaces



Summer Term Play

Do you enjoy drama? Interested in acting in a straight play? Join us for the summer term play! No singing or dancing skills are needed—just your interest in acting. Rehearsals will take place during the spring and summer terms, with the final performance happening near the end of the academic year. Lower Senior and College One only (not exam year groups)

Natasha Seymour

30 spaces



Swim Training

For students who want to develop their competitive swimming in the four major strokes and compete for the school in galas

Michelle Gatenby

20 spaces



Friday before school

Chamber Choir

Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

Jo Trevenna

12 spaces



Chamber Music

Music Staff

10 spaces



Guitar Ensemble

Jake Adams

6 spaces



Friday morning break

Aural - grades 6 - 8

Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

Music Staff

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Friday lunch

Senior Choir

All students are invited to join choir, regardless of experience. There is no audition process. Note, pupils will not be called for every Monday lunchtime as these will be sectional rehearsals. If you would like to join Senior Choir, please select it on Monday AND Fridays

Richard Allain

40 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Friday Activity Hour

Beginners Fencing

Fencing is the best combination of mental and physical exercise possible. It teaches initiative, discipline, flexibility (both mental and physical), strategy and observation. It improves balance, timing and conditions the reflexes.

Donald Walker

30 spaces

£60.00 per term

Physical	Creative	Skills
10	5	5

Code Club

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Tom Lund

20 spaces

Creative	Skills	L
5	10	5

Dungeons and Dragons

All ages and experience levels welcome. If you've never played and always wondered... come and try it for a term and see what you think. Calling all DM's – you know I can't run this club without you!

Sophie Morrison

35 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Friendship Bracelets, Kumihimo and Other Cr

Join us for some laid-back crafting and a good natter! We'll be trying out a range of activities, from simple and intricate kumihimo bracelets to beading, card making, colouring, and loads more. Come along and get creative with us!

Liliya Brezina

15 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

Japanese Language and Culture

Who loves Japanese language and culture? This club is for students who are interested in studying Japanese from scratch and experiencing Japanese culture with a native qualified Japanese teacher. We will learn basic Japanese and experience calligraphy, origami and more. In the very last session, you will order drinks in Japanese at a Japanese cafe in York. Thanks to the funding from the Japan Foundation London, we will invite a Japanese Taiko drumming school to teach one workshop too!

Tomoko Ota

15 spaces

Creative	Cultural
5	15

Mystery Colour by Numbers

Colour by numbers – but with a twist! The final picture is hidden within the pattern, which you'll slowly uncover as your progress! Join in for an hour of fun and relaxing colouring

Hannah Beaumont

15 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Photography and Photo Walks

Photography, collages, compositions, photo walks around Bootham, capturing life and nature within the city. On nights with unsuitable weather, we can stay in Bootham school, use media suite to create collages with our photographs. This activity is offered to all levels of photography, no prior knowledge required, enjoy seeing York through a lens, the walks and lovely company

Vanina Meunier

8 spaces



Swim Team Training

For students who want to develop their competitive swimming in the four major strokes and compete for the school in galas

Jacob Butterfield

28 spaces



Table Tennis

Develop the fast response skills required of one of the world's most popular sports

Tom Bell

12 spaces



Friday Evening

Intermediate / Advanced Fencing

5.15-7.15pm (pack up tea provided). Fencing is the best combination of mental and physical exercise possible. It teaches initiative, discipline, flexibility (both mental and physical), strategy and observation. It improves balance, timing and conditions the reflexes. This activity is straight after normal activities. You need to select prep or an activity in the first slot.

Donald Walker

16 spaces

£60.00 per term

