



**BOOTHAM
CHALLENGE**

Silver Award

Upper Schoolroom

Activities Brochure
Spring Term
2025

The Activities Programme

The following pages have your options for Activities this term.

You need to do a minimum of **three hours** of activities that are **not preps**. These could be in activity hour or in one of the other slots. Break, lunch and before school activities count as half an hour unless stated.

On nights where you are not doing an activity you may leave at 4pm. Boarders may return to your houses at 4:15pm.

Music Practice

On a night when you have not selected an activity you may sign up for a half an hour music practice slot. For the other half hour you will need to go to prep.

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 1pm**) 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 3 hours of activities. (Preps do not count).
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 **Silver Award** and you have the whole of Upper Schoolroom to complete the challenge. The Bootham Challenge has seven categories.

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills	Volunteering and Service	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 Silver Award you need to score 400 credits over the year across at least five of the categories.

Each activity has its credits shown in the following menu and you can add other evidence via the Student Portal using the link below. You can also check your current credits.

<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

Activity Assistants

Take round the registers and generally assist running activities. You must be willing to commit and be ready to get plenty of exercise!

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4 spaces

V & S
20

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 throw 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

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

Introduction to Korean Language and Culture

An introduction to the Korean language and its writing system Hangul. Alongside a beginner's look at the language we will take a look at Korea's distinct culture, history as well as the growing Hallyu pop culture wave

Elly Williams

15 spaces

Cultural	G C
10	15

Rock Bands

Two bands made up of singing, guitar, bass, keyboard and drum students learning to play and perform together. There will be a Junior band for a group of students in Lower, Middle and Upper Schoolrooms (grades 1-3) and a Senior band for a group in Seniors and College (grades 3-5+). We will focus on learning how to play as an ensemble, how to learn/teach songs as a group and performance practice, as well as of course preparing for concerts! Although the activity is called 'Rock Bands' this is just a starting point, and you will decide what genres of music you want to play.

Jake Adams

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

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

Supported Prep

Come and get support with your prep from the Learning Support department

Jess White

8 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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

Skills	G C
10	10

The Pancake Club

Pancakes, waffles, crêpes, katmi, blini, serabi, kaka... they come in all shapes, sizes, and colours, but they're always a treat! Join us for some pre-dinner fun every week. We'll be whipping, flipping, and tucking into them thick and thin, in red, green, yellow, or their classic colours, sweet or savoury. And who knows, we might even get to decorate a pancake cake! It doesn't take much to learn, and then you'll have the perfect weekend treat to whip up for your family—what a delicious way to get creative and have a giggle!

Liliya Brezina

6 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

U14-U19 Girls Football

Girls football training- recreational and team training

Kerry Hammond

50 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

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

Physical	Skills
15	5

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

Creative	Cultural	Skills	V & S	G C
5	5	5	5	5

Tuesday 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

Early morning swim

Before school swim training 7.45-8.45am

Jacob Butterfield

20 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Indoor Cricket

We will be looking to learn how to play indoor cricket. Striking the ball, bowling straight and fielding like superheroes! 7.45-8.45am Tuesday before school

Keith Newell

16 spaces

Physical	Skills
10	10

Recorder Group

Recorder Group Tuesday 11.20am

Tim Bayley

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Tuesday lunch

Jazz Band

Richard Allain

30 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

U14/15 Basketball

This activity runs 12:45 - 13:20

Ben Coxon

24 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Tuesday Activity Hour

Activity Assistants

Take round the registers and generally assist running activities. You must be willing to commit and be ready to get plenty of exercise!

4 spaces

V & S
20

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

First Aid for Beginners

Come and learn the basics of first aid. An essential course that everyone should do at some point

Alison Webster

12 spaces

Skills	V & S	G C	L
10	5	5	5

Learn to Crochet

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

Anne Whittle
8 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Maths Puzzle Club

Enjoy maths and solving puzzles? Each week you'll work through a different math-based puzzle, from murder mysteries to mathdoku, so come along to use your maths skills to solve fun challenges!

Hannah Beaumont
10 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Medieval Bookmaking

Learn how to make books in the style of a medieval manuscript! Using card, we will make books like they did in the Middle Ages. We will construct our books according to medieval methods, learn how to write in medieval handwriting styles, and have a go at 'illuminating' (decorating) our books in a medieval style! There is lots of room for creativity: you can decide whether to make an 'authentic' medieval book, or develop your own twist on it

Theo Long
10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Pancake Tuesdays

Pancake Lovers Unite! Turns out loads of you are into making pancakes, so here's another one! Pancakes, waffles, crêpes, katmi, blini... they come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, but one thing's for sure—they're always delicious. Come along for some pre-dinner fun each week, and soon you'll be a pro at flipping all kinds of treats. By the time Shrove Tuesday rolls around in March, you'll be ready to show off your skills!

Liliya Brezina
6 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

Schoolrooms Musical Production

Calling all Schoolrooms students, come and be part of one of the biggest events of school calendar. Join our musical production cast, attend regular rehearsals and perform two performances to sell out audience in June. School Production will provide you with school memories that will last forever! Please note that a higher level of commitment and time is required for us to achieve the production standard that we do. Rehearsals times will regularly be extended beyond 5.15pm and holiday and weekend rehearsals will be needed. Full details will be shared via our rehearsal schedule which will be given with plenty notice. Please ensure that you select School production on Tuesday AND Friday

Rachel Cook
50 spaces

Creative	Cultural	L
10	5	5

U14, 15 & 16 Girls Netball

Netball training - recreational & team

Kerry Hammond
30 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Zine Club

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!

Jade Blood
20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

Wednesday 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

Senior Brass

Music Staff
12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Wednesday morning break

Close Harmony Group

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

Wednesday lunch

String Ensemble

Paul Feehan
20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

Technical Theatre

Learning and trying skills used in backstage roles of productions

Luke Gilliver
10 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	5

Wednesday Activity Hour

Activity Assistants

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4 spaces

V & S
20

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

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

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

Supported Prep

Come and get support with your prep from the Learning Support department

Cathy Pearce

8 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

Table Tennis

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

Mathew Aston

12 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Wellbeing Ambassador

The Wellbeing Ambassadors program is an exciting opportunity for students in schoolrooms and seniors to be part of the Peer Mentoring team and to make a positive impact on our school community. Ambassadors will serve as friendly, approachable peers who are dedicated to promoting mental health awareness, encouraging wellbeing, and providing support to their fellow students. If you'd like to be a Wellbeing Ambassador, learn more about adolescent mental health and wellbeing, and get a badge, sign up to join!

Beth Steer

20 spaces

Skills	V & S	L
5	10	5

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 lunch

Indoor 5 a side Football

Play football for fun against your friends. Everybody welcome!

George Trifan
16 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Junior Choir

This activity runs 12.45pm to 1.20pm

Jo Trevenna
30 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Thursday Activity Hour

Activity Assistants

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4 spaces

V & S
20

Chess

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Deneal Smith
24 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

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

Creative	Skills	G C
5	10	5

Senior Orchestra

Senior Orchestra for students grade 3 and above.

Richard Allain
80 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

Strategy & Board Games

Come along and play some traditional and new games!

Will Lewis
20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Supported Prep

Come and get support with your prep from the Learning Support department

Hannah Jorgensen
8 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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

Physical	Skills
15	5

U14 Football Team Training

Training for U14 football team

Tom Bell
18 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Friday before school

Chamber Choir

Jo Trevenna
12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

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

Guitar Ensemble

Jake Adams
6 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

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

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Richard Allain
40 spaces

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Friday Activity Hour

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4 spaces

V & S
20

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

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Tom Lund
20 spaces

Creative	Skills	L
5	10	5

Cryptography Club

Crack some codes. Each week a new challenge will be set. Can you crack the codes to get into the safe and get the sweet sweet rewards?

James Ratcliffe
24 spaces

Creative	Skills
5	15

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



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



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



Quizmaster

Always wanted to be your own quizmaster? Team up and take it in turns each week create your own quizzes. You can challenge your friends with some not-so-general knowledge quizzes or make it easy but add a tricky twist! Plan carefully with your groups how you will make your quiz unique to see who will be crowned, Grand Quizmaster!

Elly Williams

15 spaces



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Rachel Cook

50 spaces



Swim Team Training

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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

