



**BOOTHAM
CHALLENGE**

**Gold
Award**

Upper Senior

Activities Brochure
Spring Term
2025

The Activities Programme

The following pages have your options for Activities this term.

This term you are not required to do activities. You should keep up your school commitments (eg music, sport and drama) but you are also welcome to sign up for any other activities or prep sessions. On nights where you are not in an activity or prep you will need to go home at 4pm or back to boarding.

How to choose your activities.

Look through the list and find the activities you would like to do.

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.

Make sure you save your choices and check that you have at least 1 hour of activities. (Preps and orals do not count).

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 **Gold Award** and you have the whole of Seniors 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 Gold Award you need to score 300 credits over the year across least six 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

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

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

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	

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	

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

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

Yoga

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

Jake Duckworth

12 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Monday Evening

Basketball

5.30-6.45pm Seniors & College basketball training

Andrew Bell

24 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	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

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

Tuesday Activity Hour

Astronomy GCSE

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

Mike Shaw

20 spaces

Creative	Skills
2	8

DT Coursework Session

An additional opportunity to work on your Non Exam Assessments which is 50% of you're final grade. This hour is driven by you so might be catching up on folder work or modelling etc. Only suitable for Upper Senior DT students

Matthew Parker

20 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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

GCSE Art Prep

For GCSE Art students only. Additional studio time and teacher support for students needing help with their GCSE Art coursework

Emily Harper-Gustafsson

20 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

GCSE Extended Writing Support

Specific support for English and humanities support for students in Lower and Upper Senior

Helena Landau

9 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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

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

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

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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

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	

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

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

Upper Senior DT NEA Support

Support with coursework. EM's class only

Eamonn Molloy

15 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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 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

MUN - Model United Nations

Model United Nations. Work with other delegates and represent a country to create an international resolution.

Joseph Butler

20 spaces

Skills		G C
5		15

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

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

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

Creative	Skills	G C
10	5	5

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

Physical	Skills
15	5

Table Tennis

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

Tom Bell

12 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

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

Physical Creative		Skills	
10	5	5	