



**BOOTHAM
CHALLENGE**

Bronze Award

Activities Brochure
Summer 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 morning break**) 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. (Prep does 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



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 **Bronze Award** and you have the whole of Lower 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 Bronze Award you need to score 200 credits over the year across at least four 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

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

Jack Mackenzie

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
3	3	3

Senior Choir

All pupils 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

Richard Allain

40 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

U12 Tennis

Boys and girls tennis

Andrew Bell

12 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Monday Activity Hour

Azul Duel (Sophie's Board Games)

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

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

Natural History Club

Come and look at frog spawn, look for birds, set up some motion sensitive cameras. Bee surveys and leaf identification. An outdoor activity which helps you understand the world around

Robert Gardiner

12 spaces

Creative	Skills	G C
5	10	10

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. If oversubscribed, Learning Support students will be allocated a space first

Jess White

8 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

Textile Club

Build and create your own designs out of fabric and other materials. Students will be encouraged to design and create their own personalized ideas. This is a good introduction into creating things out of fabric and other textiles. Students will have multiple projects throughout the term and the goal is to allow students to think creatively with textiles and other materials

Grace MacFarlane

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

U12 and U13 Cricket Nets

For potential team players

Andrew Bell

24 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

U12 and U13 Rounders

Rachel Rogers

24 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

Tuesday before school

Chamber Music

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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 Ensemble

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

Tim Bayley

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Tuesday morning break

Aural - grades 1 - 3

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

Oboe Trio

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

Music Staff

3 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Recorder Ensemble

Tim Bayley

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Tuesday lunch

Athletics

Schoolrooms athletics - see Ben Coxon before signing up

Ben Coxon

30 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Jazz Band

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

Richard Allain

30 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Tuesday Activity Hour

Bronze CREST Award

The Bronze CREST Award will allow you to work on a STEM project to allow you to work like real scientists. You get to choose your research project and write up your project to meet the criteria of the British Science Association. For more information about the CREST award go to: <https://www.crestawards.org/crest-bronze>

Kathryn Buchard

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills	G C
5	5	5	5

Creative Writing Workshop

Got a story to tell? Love writing poetry, short stories, or even dreaming up your own world? Creative Writing Club is a relaxed, inspiring space where you can explore your ideas, develop your writing, respond to prompts, and share your work (if you want to!)

James Turner

15 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	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

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

All welcome whether you are an experienced crocheter or an absolute beginner. 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. Activities will be a mixture of learning new stitches and/or working on your own projects

Anne Whittle

8 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	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

Quiz Club

Enjoy putting your knowledge to the test and getting competitive? Come along to Quiz Club for some fun and friendly competition as we take on new challenges each week. You could even submit your own quizzes for the rest of the group to try!

Hannah Beaumont
24 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Schoolrooms Musical Production

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Rachel Cook
50 spaces

Creative	Cultural	L
10	5	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

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Music Staff
10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Fox Piano Trio

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Paul Feehan
3 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Wednesday morning break

Close Harmony Group

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Music Staff
10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Wednesday lunch

Junior Brass

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Music Staff
12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Sax Quartet

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

Music Staff
4 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

String Ensemble

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

Paul Feehan
20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

Technical Theatre - Beginner

Learn the basics and lay the foundations for moving on to working in Productions at Bootham and beyond

Luke Gilliver
8 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	5

Wednesday Activity Hour

Ancient Greek Club

Come and learn the basics of the Ancient Greek language! The chance to read a new alphabet, and learn about the language in which some of the most famous stories ever told were written

Sarah Bridge

20 spaces

Cultural	Skills	G C
5	10	5

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

Chess

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Deneal Smith

24 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Code Club

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Tom Lund

20 spaces

Creative	Skills	L
5	10	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

Cozy Crime

Do you have a taste for mystery, a flair for the dramatic, or a fascination with the clever side of crime? Join us at Cozy Crime —where we explore the world of art heists, literary con artists, and historical mysteries without anything too distressing! Expect thrilling discussions on the world's most charming rogues, the art of the perfect forgery, and the greatest heists pulled off without a hint of violence. We'll dive into classic whodunits, solve fictional mysteries, and even try our hand at writing our own cozy crime stories! Whether you're a fan of Agatha Christie, love a good escape room, or just want to learn about the clever side of crime, this club is for you. Tea, biscuits, and criminally good conversation guaranteed

Beth Steer

20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	10	5

EAL Subject Support and Revision

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. Upper Senior revision available.

Kelly McCarthy

10 spaces

Creative	Skills	G C
5	10	5

Fold, Fly and Float: Dynamic Origami for Sum

This term, we're making the most of the early British summer with origami that soars, sails, and spins! Expect epic paper plane races in the playground on sunny days, and a fleet of boats ready to set sail when the breeze is just right. From whirling spinners to surprising poppers, we'll be folding, testing, and re-folding—because paper may not last forever, but the fun definitely will!

Liliya Brezina

12 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Supported Prep

Come and get support with your prep from the Learning Support department. If oversubscribed, Learning Support students will be allocated a space first

Cathy Pearce

8 spaces

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The Finance and Investment Club

Isabelle Hyams

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!

25 spaces

Skills		G C	
	10		10

U12 and U13 Athletics Team

Ben Coxon

Boys and girls, invitation only. Please see Ben Coxon if you are interested in joining

0 spaces

Physical	Skills	
15	5	

WHO Crew

Sophie Morrison

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

20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Thursday morning break

Aural - grades 4 - 5

Music Staff

See music staff for more information and to sign up

10 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

Evelyn Quartet

Music Staff

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

4 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Thursday lunch

Portland Quartet

Music Staff

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

4 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Thursday Activity Hour

Brilliant Beading with Sophie

Sophie Morrison

Relax and be creative with Bead Art. From Hama beads and Diamond Dotz to jewellery making and friendship bracelets, we will be creating mini works of art to treasure. Come with ideas and we will make them!

24 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Classics Arts & Reading

Laura Bok

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

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills	V & S
5	5	5	5

Colouring for Mindfulness

Marco Piscioneri

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

12 spaces

Creative	Skills
15	5

Girls Cricket Nets

Kerry Hammond

Any age welcome!

30 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Pets Appreciation Society

This is a calm, hands-on activity where we'll get stuck in—planting, petting, cleaning, growing, grooming, and maybe even setting up habitats. If you're caring and enjoy the calm appreciation of the natural world, this is the perfect activity for you! 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

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

Silent Reading and Book Chat

Love getting stuck into a good book? Need a quiet space to read and relax? Silent Reading & Book Chat is a calm, stress-free hour where you can enjoy your own book, without distractions. Bring something you're already reading, borrow one from the school library, or pick from a few we'll have available. Each session: The first part is silent reading—bring your own book or choose from a selection. In the last 10-15 minutes, we'll have an optional book chat—share thoughts, swap recommendations, or just listen. Perfect for anyone who loves books or wants a bit of quiet time in their week

James Turner

15 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Supported Prep

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Hannah Jorgensen

8 spaces

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Swim Training

This session is designed for students to improve their stroke technique in all the four strokes and also to work on skills such as diving and starts and turns

Michelle Gatenby

20 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Friday 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

Guitar Ensemble

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

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

Chamber Music

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Music Staff

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Friday lunch

Senior Choir

All pupils 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

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

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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

Games Workshop Model Painting

Whether you're a collector of Age of Sigmar or 40K, or a complete newcomer, this activity is a chance to build models and sharpen up your painting skills with the help of the Art Dept, maybe even play a few games.

David Swales

12 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Italian for Fun!

Learn Italian with fun! In a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, you will be learning the language and also facts about Italian culture. Led by a native and experienced teacher, this activity will teach you how to survive during your next holiday in Italy

Silvana Poloni

15 spaces

Cultural	Skills	G C
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

Paper Doll Making

In this activity we will design our own paper dolls and personalise their wardrobe. This activity is perfect for students who want to brush up on their drawing skills and are interested in paper fabrication. We will go above and beyond to customizing your dolls houses, pets, accessorizes and more. Anyone with a great imagination is welcome!

Grace MacFarlane

16 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Photo Walks and Ice Creams

Photo walking around York and our locality, photography landscapes, nature and architecture around York and around Bootham. Ice creams and fresh soft drinks on the way to keep us going. When the weather is not suitable, we stay in the MFL Media, spend time editing photos and make a collage of our work

Vanina Meunier

6 spaces



Quizalot

Make a team and take part in a variety of quizzes, kahoots, blookets and other general knowledge games. Each week will have a theme with prizes to be won!

James Ratcliffe

28 spaces

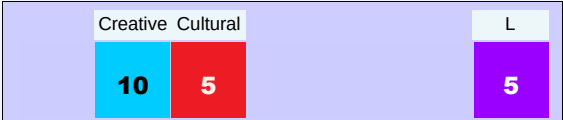


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Rachel Cook

50 spaces



Softball

Come and play a new sport!

Tom Bell

18 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



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

