



**BOOTHAM
CHALLENGE**

Gold Award

Upper Senior

Activities Brochure
Summer 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

Senior Flutes

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

Music Staff

10 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	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

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

Bootham Dance Company

Invitation only, please see Jennifer Cooke for details

Jennifer Cooke

20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5	5

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. This activity will stop running on 2nd June

Candy Lam

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills	G C
5	5	5	5

Philosophy and Parley

Join us as we dive into the depths of thought, challenge the limits of reason, and explore life's biggest questions — where philosophy meets debate and minds sharpen through dialogue!

Oliver Heppell Zahra Sharif

15 spaces

Cultural	Skills	G C
5	10	5

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

U15, U16 & College Tennis

For students who want to play competitively against each other

Jon Lee

16 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

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 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

Jazz Band

Richard Allain

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30 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	4	3	3	

Seniors / 1st XI Cricket

Keith Newell

18 spaces

Physical		Skills	
15		5	

Tuesday Activity Hour

Astronomy GCSE

Mike Shaw

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

20 spaces

	Creative		Skills	
	2		8	

Creative Writing Workshop

James Turner

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!)

15 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	10	5	5	

Dungeons and Dragons

Sophie Morrison

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!

35 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	5	5	10	

Extended Writing Support

Helena Landau

Please see Helena, Jon or Madeleine if you would like to do this activity

12 spaces

		Cultural	Skills	
		5	5	

First Aid for Beginners

Alison Webster

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

12 spaces

		Skills	V & S	G C	L
		10	5	5	5

GCSE Art Prep

Emily Harper-Gustafsson

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

20 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

Learn to Crochet

Anne Whittle

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

8 spaces

	Creative		Skills	
	10		10	

Zine Club

Jade Blood

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!

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

Senior Brass

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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

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

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

Breakdance!

Learn some basic breakdance moves. We're all going to be beginners. If you are prepared to work hard and practice, then sign up and see what you can achieve!

Mathew Aston

12 spaces

Physical	Skills
10	10

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

Lower Senior DT Coursework Support

Support with coursework. EM's class only

Eamonn Molloy

15 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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

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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Technical Theatre - Advanced

Continue working with the department providing technical support for events and learning more skills along the way

Luke Gilliver

10 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	5

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	

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

Thursday morning break

Aural - grades 4 - 5

See music staff for more information and to sign up

Music Staff

10 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

Evelyn 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

Thursday lunch

Portland 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

Thursday Activity Hour

Acrylic Painting

Learn how to paint from reality, you will use pencil, acrylic paint and other materials to paint what's in front of you. Each session there will be objects to work from, as well as books, instructional videos on painting and composition. The goal of this activity is to learn new techniques of expression and different ways of seeing. Perfect for people looking to get into painting!

Grace MacFarlane

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

Bikes in Need

Bikes in Need is making a return! We will be helping clean and fix old bikes so they are ready to give to charity. Great to use as Volunteering and for DofE. No previous experience required

Imogen Lowe

6 spaces

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

Brilliant Beading with Sophie

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!

Sophie Morrison

24 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

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

Colouring for Mindfulness

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

Marco Piscioneri

12 spaces

Creative	Skills
15	5

Girls Cricket Nets

Any age welcome!

Kerry Hammond

30 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

MUN - Model United Nations

Take on the role of a diplomat in the dynamic world of global politics! Debate, co-operate and form alliances to create an international resolution

Joseph Butler

24 spaces

Skills	G C
5	15

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

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

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

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

Hannah Jorgensen

8 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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

Volleyball

Abbie Davison

18 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Wonderful World Building!

A relaxed way to discover how to create a world of your own or with your friends. Together, we will learn how to create histories, languages, cultures, and maps; whether it be a town, city or, entire continents! We may even make fairy tales, monsters and, people to live there

Tait Dearden

12 spaces

Creative	Skills	G C
10	5	5

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

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

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

Essay Writing Masterclass (GCSE and A Level)

Want to feel more confident in your essays? Whether you're writing for English, History, Philosophy, or any essay-based subject, this weekly session will help you sharpen your writing style and get helpful feedback to help your own work

James Turner

20 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
10	5	5

Friendship Bracelets, Kumihimo and Other Crafts

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

Interested in STEM?

A maths support session for students, run by students. Want to learn our tricks on GCSE and A-Level Maths? Exclusively designed for you to have better grasp at harder concepts! Knowledge bank: GCSE Maths, Further Maths, A-Level Maths, and STEM olympiads

Kate Tan Jiejie Limpanapa

8 spaces

Skills	V & S	L
10	5	5

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

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

Upper Senior Maths Intervention

Invitation only, please see Mathew Aston for details

Mathew Aston

20 spaces

This activity does not earn Bootham Challenge Credits

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