



**BOOTHAM
CHALLENGE**

Bronze Award

Lower Schoolroom

Activities Brochure
Autumn 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 Period 1 after Morning Meeting**) 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

08:04-09:10. Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

Richard Allain

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Swim Training

Early morning swim training 7.30-8.30am. Top end speed training - short and sharp sessions geared to improve our swimming strength aimed at 50m events

Kerry Hammond

20 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Monday morning break

Barbershop Group

See music staff for more information and to sign up

Music Staff

8 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Junior Flutes

See music staff for more information and to sign up

Alison Barrington

12 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

Monday lunch

Music Theory

13:20-13:50. See music staff for more information and to sign up

Jack Mackenzie

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
3	3	3

Senior Choir

13:20-13:50. 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

Richard Allain

40 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

U12/U13 Basketball

2nd half of lunch

Andrew Bell

30 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Monday Activity Hour

Azul Duel and Board Games with Sophie

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 (other board games are available)

Sophie Morrison

24 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Chess

Chess fun with an experienced chess coach covering game analysis, puzzles, studies, opening theory, middle game planning and endgame technique. Work on your weaknesses and develop your strengths, as well as playing with friends old and new

Aaron Rich

24 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

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

Just Dance

Mathew Aston

Just Dance - for fun! Come along and join in with an hour of Just Dance. No controllers, just fun. Can you manage a full hour? Maybe try a classic or something new! Everyone should join in, I certainly will!

24 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	5

Mindful Colouring

Ariel Johnson

Colouring aimed at all year groups, perfect for an hour of relaxation!

12 spaces

Creative	Skills
15	5

Rock Band

Jake Adams

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.

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	10

Supported Prep

Jess White

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

8 spaces

Skills
10

U12/U13 Netball

Rachel Rogers

30 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Virtual Exploration of the World

Cat Campbell

Exploring a range of places through videos and films to enhance your knowledge of a range of places you may never have explored. We will make postcards from our favourite places to show what we have learned about each place

12 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills	G C
5	5	5	5

Water Polo

Michelle Gatenby

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

14 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Tuesday before school

Chamber Music

Richard Allain

08:40-09:10. Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Indoor Cricket

Keith Newell

Early morning cricket practice 7.45-8.45am

16 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Swim Training

Jacob Butterfield

Early morning swim training 7.45-8.45am. Anaerobic training - Sessions aimed to improve our 100m race pace training, repetitions will be focused on front or back end speed aimed to improve our 100m race performance

20 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Tuesday morning break

Aural - grades 1 - 3

Richard Allain

See music staff for more information and to sign up

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Oboe Trio

See music staff for more information and to sign up

Isabel Dowell

3 spaces

Creative Cultural Skills

4

3

3

Tuesday lunch

Jazz Band

13:20-13:50. See music staff for more information and to sign up

Richard Allain

30 spaces

Creative Cultural Skills

4

3

3

Tuesday Activity Hour

Arts and Crafts

Artsy fun and low pressure competitions with no arts skills required, focusing on a fun time! With activities ranging from card building contests to artsy challenges or just a relaxing time doing art

Clara Whitby

8 spaces

Creative

10

Skills

10

Beginners' Chess

Come and learn to play Chess or improve your standard. All ages welcome

Will Lewis

20 spaces

Creative Cultural Skills

3

3

4

Bootham Flying School (Wings)

Wings (beginner's). Please see the attached information for further details. Students must complete a Wings course before progressing to Level 1. £30 per session

Jim Polwarth

10 spaces

£30.00 per session

Creative

5

Skills

10

G C

5

Debate

Debate is a space to share ideas, practice quick thinking, and build confidence in a relaxed setting. No experience needed — whether you've debated before or not, everyone's welcome. Just come along and give it a go. Please note, all of Middle Schoolroom will be expected to take part in a Debate activity next term. You are welcome to attend the activity this term, but bear in mind that you will be doing it next term

Anais Weightman

12 spaces

Creative Cultural Skills

5

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Drama Club

Join Drama Club for exciting drama activities whilst making friends and showcasing your performing talents. We will have fun creating and devising a performance together that will be performed to an audience in the last week of term

Katie Shaw

25 spaces

Physical Creative Cultural Skills

5

5

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

Peacejam

Returning to Bootham after many years, Peacejam is a social action programme that inspires a new generation of leaders who will transform themselves, their local communities, and the world. This will replace Worldshapers.

Claire Hollis

10 spaces

Cultural Skills V & S G C L

5

5

5

5

5

Come along and define a project for this year and then work as a team to make it a reality! You will be supported by me but also by the national Peacejam team, who will be visiting us in school on 16th September. Supported by Peacejam Laureates, you will be able to connect with other schools and communities and make the world a better place! Peacejam will be visiting us on 16th September so you can find out more then. We would love you to join us!

Pop Choir

Be prepared to sing your hearts out to your favourite pop songs! No singing ability needed, it's just for fun

Chantal Berry

20 spaces

Creative Cultural Skills

5

10

5

Relaxed EAL

Come and join us for EAL games, news and conversation. Develop your English skills in a supportive and fun environment. All international students are welcome!

Kelly McCarthy

12 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
5	5	5	5	

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

	Skills	
	10	

Table Tennis

Just a lot of fun playing table tennis, nice gentle way to keep active after a busy day

Vanina Meunier

12 spaces

Physical		Skills	
15		5	

Tuesday Evening

Bootham Flying School (Level 1)

Level 1. Students must have completed a Wings course before progressing to Level 1. £30 per session. 5.15-6.15pm

Jim Polwarth

10 spaces

£30.00 per session

	Creative		Skills		G C
	5		10		5

Wednesday before school

Chamber Music

08:04-09:10. Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

Richard Allain

10 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	4	3	3	

Junior Brass

08:00-08:40. PSee music staff for more information and to sign up

Anna Marshall

12 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	4	3	3	

Wednesday morning break

Close Harmony Group

See music staff for more information and to sign up

Richard Allain

10 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	4	3	3	

Recorder Ensemble

See music staff for more information and to sign up

Tim Bayley

10 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	4	3	3	

Wednesday lunch

Clarinet Group

13:20-13:50. See music staff for more information and to sign up

Tim Bayley

10 spaces

	Creative	Cultural	Skills	
	4	3	3	

Schoolrooms Badminton / Mixed Netball

2nd half of lunch. Schoolrooms badminton until half-term, then mixed netball after half-term

Rachel Rogers

30 spaces

Physical		Skills	
8		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

Claire Hollis

BEAST will be using our brand new Climate Action Plan this year and helping to make its vision a reality in school and beyond. Our whole community will be responsible for doing their bit to make Bootham the most sustainable school possible and you will be right at the centre; thinking creatively about how to use resources responsibly and inspire others about making positive change

10 spaces

Creative	Skills	V & S	G C	L
3	3	5	10	5

Beginners' BSL

Chantal Berry

Beginner BSL for all ages, starting from the alphabet

10 spaces

Cultural	Skills	V & S	G C	L
4	4	4	4	4

Bootham Junior Dance Company

Jennifer Cooke

The opportunity to learn how to work as a company, learn choreography, work on technique and prepare for performances

20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	5

Cookie Club

Emily O'Loan

Love cookies? At Cookie Club we will whip up a brand new cookie recipe every week - from gooey Double Chocolate to colourful Smarties and cinnamon-sweet Snickerdoodles. And, yes, you always get to eat what you make! Running for the first half-term only

6 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Relaxed EAL

Jenny Adams

Come and join us for EAL games, news and conversation. Develop your English skills in a supportive and fun environment. All international students are welcome!

12 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	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 before school

Gillygate Piano Duo

Paul Feehan

08:40-09:10. See music staff for more information and to sign up

2 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
3	3	3

Thursday morning break

Aural - grades 4 - 5

Richard Allain

See music staff for more information and to sign up

10 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

String Orchestra

Paul Feehan

See music staff for more information and to sign up

20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
2	3	2	3

Thursday lunch

Indoor 5 a side Football

George Trifan

Play football for fun against your friends. Everybody welcome! 2nd half of lunch

16 spaces

Physical	Skills
15	5

Schoolrooms Choir

Jo Trevenna

13:20-13:50. See music staff for more information and to sign up

30 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Uber Beats Percussion Group

13:20-13:50. See music staff for more information and to sign up

Tom Hudson

20 spaces



Thursday Activity Hour

Board Games

A chance to have a bit of fun and friendly competition playing board games!

Max Lyons

12 spaces



Bootham Flying School (Wings)

Wings (beginner's). Please see the attached information for further details. Students must complete a Wings course before progressing to Level 1. £30 per session

Jim Polwarth

10 spaces

£30.00 per session



Composition Club

An opportunity to write your own songs with each other

Chantal Berry

10 spaces



Dungeons and Dragons (and Jewellery Makin

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! Jewellery making too

Sophie Morrison

35 spaces



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



Get to Know Latin America!

Get to know Latin America through films, music, and documentaries

Margarita Mather

20 spaces



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



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



U12/U13 Boys Football Training

Ben Coxon

24 spaces



U12/U13 Girls' Football

Football training for all U12 and 13 girls

Kerry Hammond

30 spaces



Thursday Evening

Bootham Flying School (Level 1)

Level 1. Students must have completed a Wings course before progressing to Level 1. £30 per session. 5.15-6.15pm

Jim Polwarth

10 spaces

£30.00 per session



Friday before school

Chamber Music

08:40-09:10. Please note that this activity is by invitation only, please see Richard Allain if you are interested

Paul Feehan

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Guitar Ensemble

08:40-09:10. See music staff for more information and to sign up

Jake Adams

6 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Friday morning break

Aural - grades 6 - 8

See music staff for more information and to sign up

Richard Allain

10 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Friday lunch

Senior Choir

13:20-13:50. 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

Richard Allain

40 spaces

Creative	Cultural	Skills
4	3	3

Friday Activity Hour

Beginners Contemporary Dance

Learn the basics of contemporary dance, have fun and dance!

Jennifer Cooke

20 spaces

Physical	Creative	Cultural	Skills
5	5	5	5

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

£85.00 per term

Physical	Creative	Skills
10	5	5

Bootham Flying School (Wings)

Wings (beginner's). Please see the attached information for further details. Students must complete a Wings course before progressing to Level 1 (BJS Year 6 only). £30 per session

Chris Herd

8 spaces

£30.00 per session

Creative	Skills	G C
5	10	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

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

Die cutting crafts

Learn how to use manual and digital die cutters to create a range of crafts from greetings cards to vinyl decals for t-shirts and tote bags

Laura Herring

15 spaces

Creative	Skills
10	10

Japanese Language and Culture

The Japanese Club is an exciting opportunity for students to develop an interest in both the language and the culture of Japan. Through engaging and creative activities, members will learn more about Japanese traditions and everyday life.

Language learning: practical Japanese words, phrases for everyday use and Japanese script. Cultural arts: traditional Japanese calligraphy, origami, J-pop, manga drawing, anime appreciation. Workshops: a special Taiko drumming workshop with the Tengu Taiko Drumming School. Cultural visits: an excursion to a Japanese café in York to experience Japanese drink/sweets. The club is funded by The Japan Foundation, London

Tomoko Ota

15 spaces



Maths Games and Support

Come along to play fun maths games with friends in a laid-back environment. Extra support with maths homework is also provided and feel free to request any maths topics you would like to learn more about

Oliver Llewellyn and Will Gale

15 spaces



Paper Mache Crafts

Have fun making creations from newspaper, cardboard and lots of glue!

Chantal Berry

10 spaces



Senior Orchestra

Senior Orchestra for students grade 3 and above

Richard Allain

80 spaces



Swim Team Training

Top end speed training - short and sharp sessions geared to improve our swimming strength aimed at 50m events

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

Bootham Flying School (Level 1)

Level 1. Students must have completed a Wings course before progressing to Level 1. £30 per session. 5.15-6.15pm

Chris Herd

10 spaces

£30.00 per session



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

£85.00 per term



Saturday before School

Swimming

Saturday morning 7.00-8.30am. Anaerobic and aerobic training - Sessions that will differentiate into 100 and 200m race training aimed at different swimmers and their racing events

Jacob Butterfield

20 spaces

