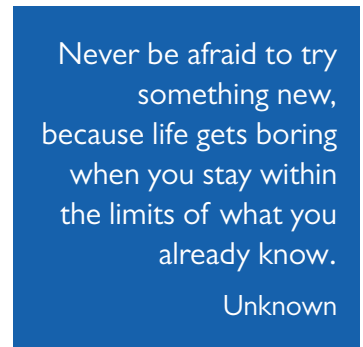
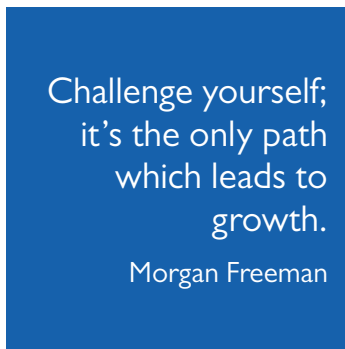


CHALLENGE WEEK



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What's it all about?

What? No classes? As most of you will know, Challenge Week is where we collapse the timetable for the last week of term in the summer and all students choose a week-long 'Challenge' to take part in. This year there are 9 options to choose from; all Challenges are open to all year groups. Some involve residential stays and others are based around day trips from home. Each Challenge has activities spread over four days (Monday to Thursday) and we all come back together in school on the Friday for a whole-school assembly and presentations, before breaking up for the summer at 1.30pm on 22nd July.

A 'normal' Challenge Week: We are getting back to something akin to a 'normal' Challenge Week, having had to cancel in 2020 and run a limited programme in 2021. Many of you have therefore not experienced a 'full-on' Challenge Week! We have put together a programme with a mix of Challenges to cater for a range of tastes and interests.

We're a Knockout! Students on non-residential Challenges will come together in the middle of the week for a day of silly competitive games and inflatable fun at school with 'We're a Knockout!' If you want a sneak peek, take a look at their website! www.we-are-a-knockout.co.uk.



How to choose: Your choice will probably boil down to the best fit between your interests, new things you'd like to experience, things you'll enjoy and cost. Discuss the options with your family and chat to your friends as you might prefer to be together. However, remember that you can still have a great time when you are busy with activities and getting to know other people if your friends aren't keen on the same challenge as you. See it as a chance to make some new ones!

Challenge yourself! Challenge Week is intended to be fun, but we also want you to feel able to choose something slightly out of your comfort zone - to 'challenge' yourself. This will mean something different to everyone. It might be learning a skill or sport, facing a fear, visiting somewhere new, taking part in adrenaline activities or simply being in the company of different people!

"Never be afraid to try something new, because life gets boring when you stay within the limits of what you already know." [Unknown author.]

There is a strict sign-up process which opens on Wednesday 27th April - details are on the back cover.

Windsor

Maximum 14 students

A fun, residential trip with a foodie theme as you will be self-catering for nearly all your meals. We have sole use of a small Youth Hostel in Beaconsfield, near Windsor, for our THREE NIGHT STAY and will be travelling by mini-bus. Highlights include a visit to the magnificent Windsor Castle, a trip to Legoland and a boat cruise on the River Thames.

Led by Miss Kerwood, with Mrs Drodge



Price includes

- Transport and 3 nights accommodation at YHA Jordans, Beaconsfield (bedding provided).
- Food: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 evening meals.
- River cruise.
- Legoland and Windsor Castle entry.

You will need

- A packed lunch for Monday.*
- Spending money for any shopping during your explore of Windsor and any refreshments wanted at Legoland.
- To be over 1.3m / 4'4" tall to go on the rides at Legoland unaccompanied by an adult (Miss Kerwood and Mrs Drodge don't do rides!)

Itinerary

Mon	Travel by minibus to YHA Jordans, settle in and time to explore before a BBQ in the evening.
Tues	Day trip to Legoland! Self-catering again in the evening!
Weds	2 hour river cruise, passing Windsor Castle, Eton College, Windsor Racecourse and Bray Film Studios. Either a picnic or lunch out followed by free time for sightseeing and shopping in Windsor. Self-catering for our evening meal.
Thurs	Tour of Windsor Castle before returning home.
Fri	Whole school assembly / presentations. Term ends 1.30pm.



NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.
*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

COST	£199
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£140
Deposit	£40

2 Water Sports & Activities

Maximum 30 students

A combination of relaxing and adrenaline activities on land and sea (mostly sea!) rolled into a full, fun packed week, including a TWO NIGHT PGL STAY. On Monday and Tuesday, our activities will be local, and will include a full day with Studland Water Sports where you can have fun on kayaks, pedaloes, banana rides, water bikes and powerboats. On Wednesday, we travel to Osmington Bay in Weymouth for a two night stay at a PGL activity centre. They'll feed us, lead us in activities throughout the day, and entertain us in the evening! This is a great trip if you love being active, love being on the sea, and want to push yourself to step out of your comfort zone and try something new!

Led by Mr Duke, with Mrs Lardner.



Itinerary

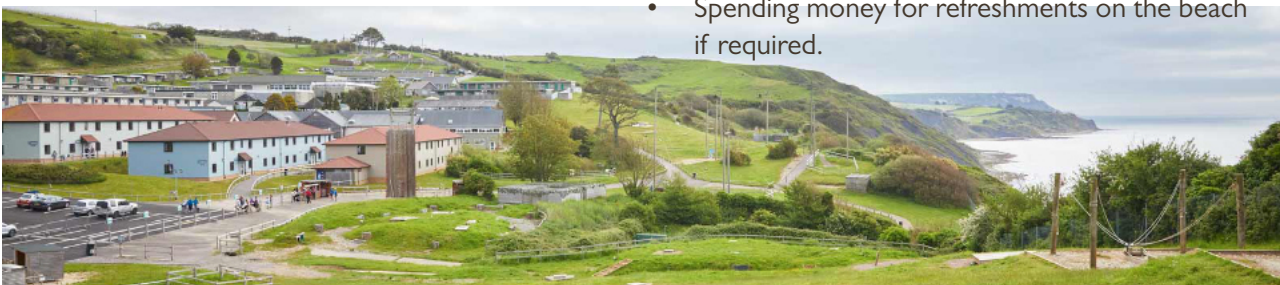
Mon	Watersports and beach volley ball activity day at Studland Beach.
Tues	Activities at school or locally, tbc, time to work on your trip presentation.
Weds	Travel to PGL Osmington Bay (near Weymouth), check into accommodation, watersports activities in the afternoon.
Thurs	At PGL Osmington Bay for a full day of activities. These might include abseiling, sensory trail, dragon boating, climbing, high ropes, etc.
Fri	Activities in the morning before returning to school. Note, this trip will arrive back later than 1.30pm (end of term).

Price includes

- Activity day at Studland Beach, with Studland Water Sports: may include kayaking, powerboat ride, water bikes, pedaloes and banana rides.
- A day of school or local activities.
- Transport.
- Two nights at PGL Osmington Bay adventure camp, full-board, day and evening activities. Choice of activities is still tbc, but watersports activities might include dragon boating, stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, raft building and sailing. Land-based ones might be abseiling, indoor climbing, low ropes, orienteering or the giant swing!

You will need

- Packed lunches, Monday and Tuesday*.
- Spending money for refreshments on the beach if required.



NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.
*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

COST	£295
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£207
Deposit	£60

3 London & The Theatre

Maximum 30 students

Travel to London by train and enjoy city life as we take in the sights of London, dine out and see a West End show - 'Grease' at the Dominion Theatre. On return to school we will rehearse and perform a flash-mob in Swanage!

This is a TWO NIGHT RESIDENTIAL TRIP with accommodation at YHA St Pauls. Accommodation in single-sex dormitories.

Led by Mr Peake, with Ms Brennan and Mr Gordon.



Itinerary

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| Mon | Meet at Wareham station for a train to London where we'll check into our accommodation, explore Covent Garden and have dinner before heading to the theatre for the show. |
| Tues | Hop-on/off Open Top Bus Tour around London to see the sights! In the evening, we will go to the cinema, the Odeon IMAX if a suitable film is showing. |
| Weds | Walk along the Thames on the Southbank to see the street entertainers and have lunch before our train home. Pick up will be from Wareham station. |
| Thurs | Rehearse and perform a flash-mob! Fish 'n' chip lunch. |
| Fri | Whole school assembly / presentations. Term ends 1.30pm. |

BE PREPARED: This trip involves a lot of walking!

NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.

*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.



Price includes

- 2 nights at YHA St Pauls, single-sex rooms, bedding provided.
- Ticket for 'Grease' at The Dominion Theatre.
- Return train travel Wareham to London.
- Tube travel.
- Open top bus tour.
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 evening meals, fish 'n' chips.

You will need

- Packed lunch for first day.*
- Spending money, money for refreshments.
- Comfortable shoes for walking!



COST	£245
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£172
Deposit	£50

4 Sights & Sounds of Nature

(& Eco-Art) Maximum 30 students

This Challenge makes the most of our local beauty spots for a relaxing week of nature and craft activities. Our week will include trips to Durlston and Leeson House, as well as exploring the Purbeck coastline from the sea with a boat trip. On Wednesday, we'll join other groups on the school field for 'We're a Knockout!'

You will learn more about the nature on your doorstep and how to *DO* something that makes a difference.

Led by Mrs Beresford, with Mrs Fawke, Mrs Fane and Mrs Saganic



Itinerary

- Mon** Walk to Durlston for a nature-themed tour with a ranger and creative activities. Picnic in the woods.
- Tues** Walk to Swanage, 2 hour boat cruise around the Purbeck coastline. Beach combing looking for sea glass and identifying seaweed and shells.
- Weds** Join in 'We're a Knockout' at school!
- Thurs** Walk to Leeson House where activities will include river dipping and other nature exploration.
- Fri** Whole school assembly / presentations. Term ends 1.30pm.



NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.
*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

Price includes

- Days out at Durlston Country Park and Leeson House.
- 2 hour Swanage Jurassic Circular Cruise and beach activity.
- 'We're a Knockout!' with lunch.



You will need

- A packed lunch each day, except Wednesday.*
- Sensible shoes / trainers for walking in the woods, preferably wellies for river-dipping.

COST	£49
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£35
Deposit	£10

5 Sports

Maximum 30 students

A sports-themed week which includes three days out in Poole - one at Rockley Park, where you'll have a day of watersports activities, one at the Football Lab, a high tech football inspired gym where you can train like a pro, and one at the E-motion Fitness Hub, for fitness and nutrition sessions. On Wednesday, we join other groups at school for the 'We're a Knockout!' competition!

A great chance to learn about fitness, understand the power of nutrition and perfect new skills!

Led by Mr Scott, with Miss Dennis



Itinerary

- Mon Rockley Park in Poole for a day of watersports.
- Tues Day out to Football Lab in Poole.
- Weds Join in "We're a Knockout" at school!
- Thurs E-motion Fitness Hub in Poole for a few hours of fitness and nutrition sessions.
- Fri Whole school assembly / presentations.
Term ends 1.30pm.



Price includes

- Transport.
- Activities at Rockley Park, Football Lab sessions, and E-motion Fitness Hub sessions.
- 'We're a Knockout!' with lunch.

You will need

- Packed lunch each day except Wednesday.*
- Swimwear for Rockley Park day.

NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.
*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

COST	£89
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£62
Deposit	£20

6 Skate Park Extravaganza

Maximum 15 students

Build your confidence, learn new tricks or perfect existing ones at three local skate parks - in Swanage, Poole and Weymouth. Never skate-boarded? Don't worry - whilst a level of skating competence would be good, it is not necessary and this would be a great chance to learn with friends. Coaching is included at The Front Skate Park and you could even arrange lessons at Prevail Skate Park if you wish. Scooting is fine too, although no BMXs (sorry!) as they won't fit in the minibus! On Wednesday, you'll hook up with other groups at school for our 'We're a Knockout' challenge.

Led by Mr Hamilton, with Miss Vallely



Itinerary

Mon	Depart from school to walk to Swanage skate park; return to school for 3.20pm.
Tues	Travel by minibus to Weymouth for a full day at The Front Skate Park.
Weds	At school for 'We're a knockout!'
Thurs	To Poole by minibus to spend the day at Prevail Indoor Skate House.
Fri	Whole school assembly / presentations. Term ends 1.30pm.

Price includes

- Day at The Front Skate Park, Weymouth, including coaching.
- Day pass to Prevail Skate House, Poole
- Minibus transport.
- 'We're a Knockout!' with lunch.

You will need

- A skateboard or scooter, or be able to borrow one for the week.
- Helmet (**essential**), pads (optional but strongly recommended for beginners or those relatively new to the sport).
- Packed lunches each day except Wednesday.*
- Money for refreshments at The Front and Prevail if required.



Parents / carers will need to

- Complete consent forms for the The Front and Prevail Skate House. Entry will not be permitted without. More information will be provided in due course. You can view the consent forms at: www.weymouthskatepark.co.uk/consentform www.prevailskatehouse.co.uk/index.php/consent/



NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.
*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

COST	£59
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£42
Deposit	£10

7 Climbing Fun

Maximum 25 students

Learn to climb and parkour in the safety of dedicated centres in Poole, then tackle an outdoor climb and coasteering with our partners at Cumulus Outdoors. Test your physical and mental strength and stamina! You will be encouraged to push the boundaries of your comfort zone and to overcome any fears in a fun, supportive environment. Help others climb further than they've climbed before. Suitable for complete beginners or those with some experience.

What is coasteering? It's a sea and cliff based adventure activity, which allows you to explore the coast under the supervision of qualified and experienced instructors. It involves rock scrambling, low level climbing, sea swimming and cliff jumping - only from a level you are comfortable with!

Led by Mr Ringrow, with Dr Tratt



Itinerary

Mon	Minibus to Poole, for indoor climbing at The Project Climbing Centre and parkour at 'The Parkour Project', Poole.
Tues	Coasteering with Cumulus Outdoors.
Weds	'We're a Knockout' at school!
Thurs	Climbing and abseiling outdoors with Cumulus.
Fri	Whole school assembly / presentations. Term ends 1.30pm.



NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.
*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

Price includes

- Indoor climbing and Parkour sessions at The Project, Poole, with coaching.
- Two days of outdoor activities with Cumulus.
- Minibus transport.
- 'We're a Knockout!' with lunch provided.
- All kit, including use of climbing shoes for indoor climbing venue and use of wetsuits and safety equipment for outdoor activities.

You will need

- Comfortable, flexible outdoor clothes and swimwear.
- Packed lunches each day, except Wednesday.*
- Money for refreshments at The Project if required.

COST	£129
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£90
Deposit	£25

8 TSS Camp Swanage!

35 students* Don't want to camp? You can still choose this challenge!

Borrow a tent and pitch up with your friends, or make new ones, for THREE NIGHTS CAMPING on the school field. Day trips and activities will occupy your days and you can chill out in the evenings. Enjoy ~~burnt~~ sausages good food cooked by the Headteacher, fire homemade pizzas in our outdoor oven, see a movie, play sports, stargaze with Mr Hines and relax with friends. Miss Maraspin has even been known to jam with her bass guitar.

Days trips will likely include a hike to Corfe Castle and a beach day in Swanage. On Wednesday, 'We're a Knockout' will take over the field and run fun, friendly competitions - we will be joined by some of the other Challenge groups as well, giving you a chance to catch up with other friends!

Led by Miss Maraspin, with Miss Everitt, Mrs Lawton, Mr Hines and Miss Pupaza



Itinerary

Mon	Set up camp, play volleyball, relax. We will cook a meal in the evening.
Tues	Hike to Corfe Castle.
Weds	'We're a Knockout!' on the field; joined by groups from other Challenges; BBQ.
Thurs	Swanage beach day, with fish 'n' chips.
Fri	Whole school assembly / presentations. Term ends 1.30pm.

Activities may change from those listed!



Price includes

- Food: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 evening meals, fish 'n' chips.
- 'We're a Knockout!'

You will need

- To share a tent with friends. All tents must be single-sex sharing and are usually borrowed from someone's family.
- Sleeping bag and roll mat.
- Swimwear and old clothes.
- A water bottle.

If not camping, parents can collect you in the evening so that you can enjoy the meal and evening activities.

NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.

COST	£59
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£40
Deposit	£10

9 Jurassic Adventures

Maximum 30 students



With Miss Morris leading, it could only be a dino-themed Challenge! You will visit a dinosaur museum, fossil hunt on Lyme Regis beach and have a fun day out at a dinosaur theme park. This is a non-residential trip but there is an option to 'camp' on the floor at school one night, to enjoy a movie and popcorn. Challenge yourself to learn more about these prehistoric creatures, how palaeontologists have discovered so much from the evidence presented by fossils, and create a fact file to record the information you collect each day. On Wednesday, hook up with other groups at school for the 'We're a Knockout' day.

Led by Miss Morris, with Miss Barry and Mrs Humby

Itinerary

Mon	National Trust Spyway Walk (tbc), Dino Golf and sketching on the beach. Movie night at the school (Jurassic Park?!), with an option to sleepover.
Tues	Trip to Lyme Regis: visit Dinosaurland Fossil Museum and fossil hunt on the beach.
Weds	At school for 'We're a Knockout!'
Thurs	A day trip to Paulton's Park Lost Kingdom.
Fri	Whole-school assembly / presentations in school. Terms ends at 1.30pm.



NOTE! Exact itinerary details and days may change as final arrangements are made, as may the staff accompanying the trip leads.

*Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.



Price includes

- Entry to Dinosaurland Museum and Paulton's Park (Lost Kingdom).
- Local activities - Dino Golf.
- 'We're a Knockout!', including lunch.
- Transport.

You will need

- Packed lunch every day, except Wednesday.*
- Spending money for refreshments on days out.
- Sleeping mat and bedding if staying for the overnight at school (in the school building, not camping).

COST	£89
Cost for students eligible for FSM	£65
Deposit	£20

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For parents / carers

Sign-up Process

- 1** Consider the Challenge Week alternatives carefully with your son/daughter. They might also like to discuss with their friends. **DECIDE ON A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PREFERENCE.** Some Challenges are residential, some are non-residential and the cost of each differs as per the information in this booklet. Discounts are available for families who qualify for Free School Meals, and the reduced prices are indicated in the trip details.
- 2** There are limits on the number of students who can participate in each Challenge (due to factors relating to transport, accommodation and activity capacity). Whilst we hope most students will be able to participate in their first preference, we unfortunately can't guarantee this and our sign-up process is intended to be as fair as we can make it.
- 3** To ensure all students have the same opportunity to discuss the options with family and friends, we will open sign-ups in the week after the Easter Holidays as below. Preferences cannot be submitted before.
- 4** **The 'opening date/time' for sign-ups will be 7PM on WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL 2022. The sign-up process will be a very simple online form** that can be completed on PC or smartphone. The form will be live on the school's website at 7pm on the 27th and we will also text a link to the form at the same time. The website page can be found at: www.theswanageschool.co.uk/challenge-days or navigate the website menu: [School Life > Challenge Days/Challenge Week](#)
- 5** Sign-up to trips will be allocated on a first come, first served basis (allowing for any restrictions created by single-sex sharing on residential trips).
- 6** Once a place is allocated, the school will assign your son/daughter to that specific Challenge on your ParentPay account - this will be done by close of play on Friday 29th April 2022 - so that you can pay the deposit.
- 7** Deposits must be paid via ParentPay by midnight on Tuesday 3rd May 2022. Your son/daughter's place on their Challenge is not secure until the deposit has been paid.
- 8** The balances for all Challenge Week activities are to be paid (again via ParentPay) by no later than 30th June 2022. The balance can be paid in full or in fortnightly instalments.

Once you have been signed up to a particular Challenge you cannot change your mind.

If you are experiencing particular financial difficulty, or have genuine difficulty completing an online form, please speak to Miss Taylor before sign-up goes live.