



15th May 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

## **Activities Week 2026: 'Heroes and Villains'**

### **KS3 Students**

Our annual Activities Week this year will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This year, the programme will be themed around "Heroes and Villains". The week will be a fully inclusive programme for all those Year 7, 8 and 9 students who are not going on a trip.

The information in this letter has been provided to inform all parents of the arrangements for the week.

Given the highly creative nature of the planned activities, there will be no requirement for students to wear school uniform during this week, however students are expected to dress in line with our [Non School Uniform](#) dress code. Sensible, appropriate clothing will be required, especially as students will be spending a lot of time outside, participating in local walks and visiting venues in Oxford. Students are asked to bring their usual school stationery for the week, along with a light waterproof, sunscreen and water. Nearer the time, specific equipment required for each session, such as Fencing, Swimming or Baking, will be found on the Google Classroom, which students will have access to. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch for the visit to Oxford.

In order for this trip to take place, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £22.85. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions. The cost of the week will be subsidised by the school, but the voluntary contribution will help us to cover the costs.

If your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) their contribution can be covered. You do not need to inform the school if you would like the PPG to be applied but please log in to SCOPAY to provide consent for the trip.

Along with payment, please complete the consent form, including entering contact details and any allergy/medical needs, via SCOPAY as detailed below.

#### Methods of payment and consent are as follows:

- Please pay by credit or debit card via the school website or the SCOPAY app. **You will also give consent for the trip here**
- To do this you should go to <http://langtreeschool.com> and click on the SCOPAY icon on the front page. If you don't have your pupil link code contact finance who can give you the code. Alternatively, you can download the app from your app store once you have an account set up
- **You will be asked to give consent for your child to attend the trip on SCOPAY before you make the payment.** Please add in your emergency contact details for the day of the trip and any allergies/medical needs
- Pupils entitled to FSM: If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you would like a packed lunch provided for an off-site trip, please email [ithorburn@langtreeschool.com](mailto:ithorburn@langtreeschool.com) with the student's name and the applicable trip. Ideally, please can you do this ASAP
- If you have any queries or difficulties with payment, please contact the finance office at: [finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com)

The students will be briefed on the final arrangements closer to the start of the week. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [npogson@langtreeschool.com](mailto:npogson@langtreeschool.com) I hope that you will all want to support us in a memorable week of activities.

**The timetable of planned activities will be as follows:**

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| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>   |
| Students will be in school for a range of activities including sports, baking, drama and games. Students will create their own superhero and there will also be a presentation to raise awareness of knife crime from the charity Charlie's Promise.   |
| <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>  |
| Half the students will visit Oxford Castle and Prison to take part in a tour and workshop investigating the 18th century poisoner Mary Blandy, who was hanged at Oxford Castle in 1752. There may be an opportunity for a small group to participate in an alternative Oxford detective based activity, depending on numbers.<br><br>The rest of the cohort will be in school for a range of activities including a story and creative writing workshop, a woodland walk and a quiz. |
| <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| Half the students will visit Oxford Castle and Prison to take part in a tour and workshop investigating the 18th century poisoner Mary Blandy, who was hanged at Oxford Castle in 1752. There may be an opportunity for a small group to participate in an alternative Oxford detective based activity, depending on numbers.<br><br>The rest of the cohort will be in school for a range of activities including a story and creative writing workshop, a woodland walk and a quiz. |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>   |
| There will be a variety of activities for students to choose from including art, swimming, games and a choir workshop. In the afternoon there will be the opportunity for a film connected with this year's theme.   |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>   |
| Students will participate in STEM and/or First Aid workshops, with other opportunities such as fencing, baking and drama. Students will learn more about the work of our Firefighters and hear about the story of the Good Samaritan and the work of Reading Street Pastors.   |

As you may well be aware, the school has an instagram account which we use to provide updates to parents of all residential trips out of school. Please follow us [langtree\\_oxfordshire](#) to see information from the trips. Updates will also be posted on the school website.

Registering your child on this trip represents a commitment that they will take part in this trip. Trips require extensive planning, organisation and careful costing based on the number of students participating. It is not therefore possible for students to withdraw from a trip having previously made a commitment to take part. All monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the visit goes ahead. The school reserves the right to withdraw students from a trip when there are concerns about behaviour, attendance or attitude. The full balance of the trip must be paid prior to the trip taking place.

All trips and visits involving students from Langtree School are always planned and risk assessed extremely carefully, in order to ensure the highest level of safety for our students as we possibly can.

While we will continue to offer learning in 'the outdoor classroom' as we always have done so at Langtree, I would want to assure parents that we have reviewed all of our arrangements accordingly and that we will do everything in our control to ensure that all students participating on a trip can do so with a sense of safety, confidence and enjoyment.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs N Pogson  
Activities Week Coordinator