

16th - 20th JUNE 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to present details of our Redmoor Enrichment Course (REC) for the academic year 2024-2025. As part of their educational provision at Redmoor Academy, all students in KS3 are required to complete three Enrichment Courses, one in each academic year. We passionately believe in providing students with exciting and enriching opportunities beyond the classroom that develop them as individuals, alongside their academic progress. The impact of the pandemic was twofold in that it prevented these events from taking place but at the same time, also emphasised just how important they are to our students.

This year there are 19 courses available, giving our students a wide variety from which to make their choice. Some of the courses are fully-residential, while others are part-residential and part school-based and some are wholly school-based courses that consist of a series of "school day" opportunities. Each is designed to extend students' knowledge, skills and understanding in addition to enhancing the personal development of every individual who takes part. The aim is for students to have an opportunity to gain independence, confidence and resilience, with a chance to meet new people, discover who they actually are and who they can become.

Whilst we require a financial contribution to ensure REC week is a successful and enriching experience, we work hard to offer a range of experiences at different costs and, in challenging financial times for schools, continue to fund the organisation and running of this provision. We believe in the benefits it offers our students and I therefore ask that you spend some time with your child to read about the options available and discuss the most appropriate course.

Payment Information

I would like to remind you that as the activities take place predominantly within school hours, there is no legal obligation for full-contribution payments. It would however, be impossible for the school to fully finance those activities that incur a cost. Therefore, we ask that you support us with those courses, otherwise that element of the programme may not be able to proceed. Please refer to the payment schedules at the back of the booklet for details of each trip and ensure you are able to meet the cost of each of the 3 trip options you choose.

Where appropriate and beneficial, the academy contracts external providers to deliver some programmes of study and therefore, all deposits are non-refundable and instalment deadlines must be met. In certain circumstances, Redmoor Academy may be able to help students financially. Further advice about this can be sought from Mrs Jane Sulley, Business Manager.

Redmoor Academy does reserve the right to remove a student from a trip initially allocated if payment cannot be made or if the child's behaviour in school leads us to decide that they would not be safe or could not be trusted. An alternative will always be offered.

Should you wish to discuss any other aspect of the programme of study offered as part of our Enrichment Course, you can contact Miss Smart, Mrs Green or Miss Callier via email on: rec@redmooracademy.org

Please complete the Options Form by Friday 8th November. You will be notified which programme of study your child will participate in once the allocation process is complete.

Matt Nicolle and The REC Team

<u>Animal Antics</u> - £154 - Years 7/8/9 Day trips

Do you love animals of all shapes and sizes? Do you fancy getting up close with creepy crawlies, mischievous monkeys, pretty parrots and colourful clownfish? Then Animal Antics is the one for you! During the week you will explore the wonderful world of animals at Lucky Tails Alpacas, Twycross Zoo, Birmingham Sea Life Centre, Tropical Birdland and Rosliston Forestry Centre. You will discover the amazing conservation and research work being undertaken around the world and wonder at the colourful diversity of animals that we share planet Earth with. So get your place booked and come and have fun getting up close and personal with birds of prey!



<u>Cosmopolitan Adventure</u> - £560 - Years 7/8/9 Part residential

London is home to some of the most iconic landmarks in the world. On Cosmopolitan Adventure you will get the chance to explore the capital city for yourself. We will travel there on Monday morning and stay in a hotel for four days and three nights. Over the week you will visit Shrek Adventure, experience the horror of the London Dungeons and stroll around the famous markets of Covent Garden. Along the way we will see historic sites like Downing Street, Wembley Stadium and Big Ben. You will then get the chance to see them all from above on the London Eye. We will tour the Tower of London and Houses of Parliament, cruise down the river Thames on a boat, and have a guided tour of a premier league football stadium.

You will get to visit the Globe theatre, where Shakespeare staged his plays, and then see a modern showstopper in the West End. On recent trips we have seen 'Mamma Mia', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', 'Back to the Future' and 'Wicked'. We will return home on Thursday afternoon, stopping off at an RAF airfield followed by Harry Potter Studios. We finish the week at Warwick Castle where you will be taught the art of battle and get to witness the famous falconry, trebuchet and horse shows. We pack a lot into this incredible week and are looking for energetic students with an interest in history, theatre and culture. This is a great opportunity to visit one of the most fascinating cities in the world. Please note – a deposit of £150 is required with the choices form for this trip

<u>Curtain Up!</u> - £140 - Years 7/8/9 Day trips/school based

'Curtain up!' is a chance to explore the magical world of theatre. We will create our own play across 3 days in school, learning about set design, costume design and stage makeup, as well as improving our acting skills. You can act, direct or be part of the creative and technical team...there is a role for everyone!

We will also have two fun days out in Stratford upon Avon, Birmingham and Leicester where we will go to the theatre to watch a musical, visit Shakespeare's birthplace, take part in a workshop at the Royal Shakespeare Company, see behind the scenes at the Curve theatre and enjoy a meal at a restaurant. There will be lots to see and do, immerse yourself in the creative universe that surrounds us in the Midlands!



Eat, Sleep, Craft, Repeat - £75 - Years 7/8/9 Day trips/school based

If you enjoy being creative and would like to learn a new craft, join us for a week of fun and creativity! We will spend the week making exciting mini projects to take home using a variety of materials. There will also be opportunities to attend several off site workshops where an expert will help you achieve a new skill. It will be hands-on and practical, allowing your inspiration, creativity and imagination to flourish. You will work individually or as part of a team, with the opportunity to make new friends with similar interests in imaginative design with plenty of picnics in the park included too!

<u>Extreme Adventures</u> - £220 - Years 7/8/9 Day trips

Prepare to experience a week crammed full with extreme adventures on our exhilarating REC trips!

We'll begin with a different climate to June with a chilly visit to the Snowdome, where ice-skating and skiing is in store! We move on to two adrenaline fuelled sessions on Tuesday, where you'll put your body to the test at Ninja Warrior then show off your crazy golf skills at Caddyshackers, before we head to WaterWorld on Wednesday for a day filled with epic flumes and wave machines! Thursday takes us to a firm favourite for all: Drayton Manor Park & Zoo where you will explore over 50 exciting rides and the 15 acre zoo so lots of fun for everyone! Finally, we round off the week at Bear Grylls Adventure, Birmingham, where you'll face three epic experiences. First, the highest high ropes in Europe as you navigate 36 obstacles 65 feet above ground, a climbing experience finished off with a session on the archery range.

If you are ready to climb out of your comfort zone and give anything a go then this week is for you!

Please note that you'll need to be a **confident swimmer** and be willing to brave heights to take part in this trip.

<u>Flash</u> - £240 - Years - 7/8 Day trips

Do you want to challenge yourself across a range of skills and activities? We'll be using skis, mountain bikes, ropes, paddleboards and canoes to get the adrenalin pumping all week. We will also be capturing all of the action on camera with daily challenges to develop and practise photographic skills and techniques to enable you to capture special moments, whilst taking part in a wide range of energetic and thrilling activities. This programme offers a variety of day trips within the local area, including: mountain biking at Hicks Lodge, paddleboarding along the River Soar and high ropes at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits and skiing on real snow! If you're up for outdoor fun, challenging yourself and have a flair for photography, this trip is for you. It is advised that you have your own camera or phone to capture your images and take part in the competition of the week!



<u>Go Outdoors</u> - £243 - Years 7/8 Day trips

You will spend a fun-filled week in the Great Outdoors. Each day we will be going to Beaumanor Hall on a coach and partaking in a variety of fun experiences that will test your skills in many ways - both physically and mentally. We will be doing Archery, Climbing and Abseiling, Survival skills (any future Bear Grylls out there?), Bridge Building, Canoeing, Land Buggies, various Team Challenges, Orienteering and finally the High Ropes. It will be an action packed week! Get ready for some fun in the outdoors.



<u>Horsing Around</u> - £230 - Years 7/8/9 Day Trips

If you've always wanted to learn to ride a horse or if you have ridden before and are keen to develop your skills, then this is the activity for you! We will spend the week at Parkview Equestrian Centre where you will have a daily riding lesson and learn how to look after and care for your pony. Activities will include learning how to groom, plait, tack up and everyone's favourite... mucking out!



<u>Italy</u> - £1,150 - Years 8/9

Residential

Visit the awe inspiring Bay of Naples in Italy and come with us to discover what Italians call 'La Dolce Vita'. Steeped in history, the region is also one of Italy's most spectacular and home to picture sque ancient villas, lemon and orange groves and fascinating tourist spots packed with colour. For keen geographers, few places offer such insight into volcanic activity and natural disaster than the historical settlement of Pompeii, situated in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. If history is your thing, Naples paints a picture of Roman life from emperors and senators to soldiers, farmers and slaves. You will visit amphitheatres, ancient temples, walk to the summit of the active volcano of Vesuvius, as well as take a boat tour around the stunning Amalfi coast to the city of Salerno. To relax we will spend an evening in the beautiful town of Sorrento and try our hand at Pizza and Ice Cream making as well as visiting a water park.

Students MUST be able to swim at a basic level.

YOUR CHILD MUST HAVE A PASSPORT WITH AT LEAST 6
MONTHS VALIDITY AT THE TIME OF TRAVEL (JUNE 2025) TO BE
ABLE TO GO ON THIS TRIP.

Please note – a deposit of £150 is required with the choices form for this trip



Redmoor Adventure Award - £130 - Years 8/9

Part residential

Why not try something completely new? Help your community, gain new skills and improve your confidence. The Redmoor Adventure Award is a taste of the fun and challenge you would experience completing a Duke of Edinburgh Award. We will be doing a wide range of activities throughout the week, such as climbing at Green Towers, painting, pilates, cleaning up our local environment and orienteering. To end the week we will be doing a mini expedition, camping overnight and using our new navigation skills to trek across the countryside and find our way back to Redmoor.

Redmoor Haunts - £57 - Years 7/8/9 Day Trips/School based

Do you ever wonder what goes bump in the night? Are you interested in the paranormal and brave enough to visit the sites of alleged hauntings? Well, this may be the course for you! Students will be immersed in the gothic, chilling and spooky world of ghosts and their haunts on this exciting and new experience for 2025. The trip will use school as the base but go out investigating and learning about the gothic haunts of ghosts on two spine chilling day trips - one to Coombe Abbey in Warwickshire and the second to Calke Abbey in Leicestershire - where we will soak up the atmosphere and investigate chilling tales of terror, vengeance and betrayal. The week will also involve lots of other activities such as oral storytelling, making ghost catchers, the screening of two ghost films and reading ghost stories by candlelight...

Throughout the week, students will work in small groups to produce a scary, creative response to the places we visit, the stories they hear and the films they watch. The creative response could take any form: story, poetry, play, painting, photography, newspaper article, music video, song, rap, comic book...the choices are endless. There will be big prizes for the group that scares us the most. If you scare easily - this isn't the course for you!



Redmoor Ramblings - £50 - Years 7/8/9 Day Trips/School based

Creating a podcast is like embarking on a thrilling adventure through the world of audio storytelling. From brainstorming unique and captivating ideas, to conducting fascinating interviews with experts and guests, to editing and mixing the perfect soundscape, every step of the process is a rush of creativity and excitement. As you bring your vision to life, you'll immerse yourself in a world of thrilling narratives, captivating audiences and crafting your very own slice of audio magic.

It's a journey full of possibilities and endless potential for creating something truly special. So buckle up, hit record, and let the podcast-making begin!



Redmoor Sewing Bee - £50 - Years 7/8/9 Day Trips/School based

Have you ever fancied yourself as the next British fashion designer? Do you love to watch the Sewing Bee? Do you like to create things out of fabric? Or maybe you just want to try something new. We will be going into Leicester to explore fashion at the New Walk Museum and then after lunch visit a sewer's paradise where you can find every type of fabric imaginable

Join us and see how simple it can be to create a unique piece of clothing and learn some skills for life.

<u>Sports Week</u> - £50 - Years 7/8/9 Day Trips/School based

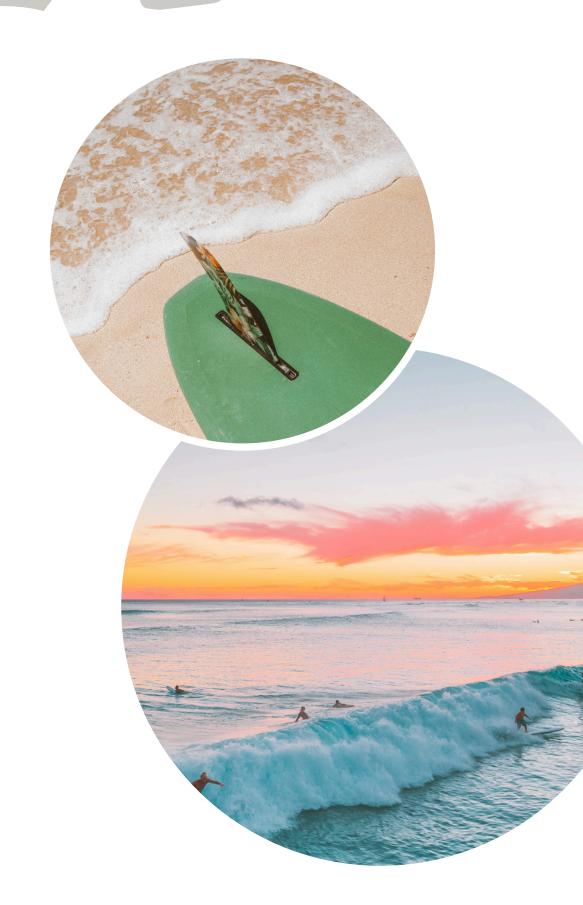
Do you LOVE playing sports? Do you enjoy being outside and being active? Have you got that competitive edge? If the answer is YES, then 'Sports Week' is perfect for you! A whole week dedicated to playing sport. You get to choose the sports we play, how we play them and who you play with! There'll be football, netball, rounders, tennis, basketball, golf, dodgeball, table tennis, badminton, manhunt and more (if we have the equipment, space and numbers anything is possible)! There'll be a mini sports day at the end of the week and we will also be bringing some different and adventurous activities such as Archery Tag and Zorb Football! We will look to use some of the local facilities in and around Hinckley too, more information on this to come nearer the time.

<u>Surf's Up</u> - £530 - Years 7/8/9 Residential

Surf's Up will place you in the vibrant Cornish town of Newquay, where you will take part in a range of thrilling coastal activities, including: coasteering, surfing, bodyboarding, sailing, paddle-boarding and kayaking. Evening entertainment includes; town walks, disco night and pizza on the beach with games and free time. The schedule is tiring, very busy and good punctuality is essential. Overall, this experience will ensure you have fun, gain new friendships, confidence and independence, but only choose this option if you are willing to challenge yourself in any potential weather to face the elements and push the boundaries of your capabilities.

Students MUST be able to swim a minimum of 10 metres.

Please note - a deposit of £150 is required with the choices form for this trip



Thrills & Chills - £265 - Years 8/9

Day Trips

Get Ready for the Ultimate 'Thrills and Chills' Adventure!

Are you ready to embark on a journey filled with excitement, thrills, and unforgettable memories? This year, our school trip promises to be an exhilarating experience! Imagine soaring down snowy slopes, gliding gracefully on ice, screaming with joy on thrilling rides, racing around inflatables, shooting each other with paint balls and splashing around in the water. This is not just a trip; it's an adventure with lots of fun!

This active programme looks at working both independently and as a team through a variety of challenges.

Here are some points on how participation in our trip can contribute to your personal growth:

- Physical Fitness
- Resilience & Confidence
- Team Work
- Problem solving
- Social skills
- Overcoming fears
- Life skills
- Memories and Bonds

On this series of day trips, you will visit places like Waterworld, Drayton Manor, NPF Bassett Pole Adventure, Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre and Snowdome.

You must be a competent swimmer to take part in this trip.



<u>Ultimate Team</u> - £250 - Years 7/8/9

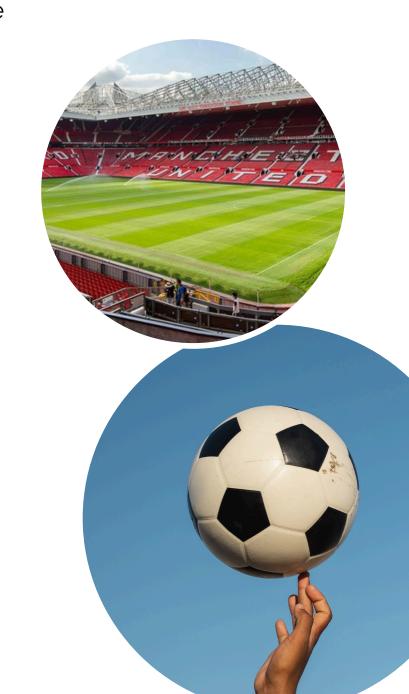
Day trips

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend a week in the life of a professional footballer?

On the 'Be a Pro' course you'll get the elite footballer experience. You'll get a team training kit to wear for the week and keep and we will be heading to Manchester to tour world famous stadiums and explore and learn about the history of football at the National Football Museum with a chance to get your picture with the major English and European trophies.

You'll get the full performance analysis and professional sport science experience with a visit to Coventry University to learn about all of the technology that goes into monitoring and managing elite level performance for professional sportsmen and women and have the chance to measure your stats against the pros. We'll spend some time honing your football skills in numerous training sessions with professional level coaches and fitness sessions in the gym and will even learn to relax and recover like a pro. The week will culminate with an exhibition match which will also get the full professional treatment.

Everyone is welcome to learn how to 'be a pro'. All abilities, all genders.



Valencia - £1,200 - Years 8/9

Residential

Buenos dias! Want loads of variety on your next school trip? Then Valencia is the place for you.

Sandy beaches, rich history, breathtaking architecture and incredible cuisine; Valencia is bursting with Mediterranean exuberance. For the foodies amongst us there will be the opportunity to take part in a paella cookery class, Tapas Tasting Tour and a Valencia Orange Grove visit where you will make your own orange juice from the oranges you pick yourself. Each evening we will dine in different Spanish restaurants further experiencing local cuisine!

We will visit the labyrinth that is St Josep Caves, exploring one of Valencia's most spectacular natural environments as we sail down one of the longest underground rivers in Europe. Relax as we take a boat

ride along Albufera Lake to the Rice Company to learn how rice is cultivated.

For our animal lovers we are off to BioParc voted one of the best animal parks in the world to learn about conservation and how they are striving to protect these wonderful creatures. There will be an opportunity to shop in Valencia Old Town and finally if you have any energy left - a Flamenco Lesson - Ole!

YOUR CHILD MUST HAVE A PASSPORT WITH AT LEAST 6 MONTHS VALIDITY AT THE TIME OF TRAVEL (JUNE 2025) TO BE ABLE TO GO ON THIS TRIP.

Please note – a deposit of £150 is required with the choices form for this trip





Welsh Adventure - £525 - Years 8/9

Residential

To foster a sense of adventure, challenge and excitement whilst living in a close social environment in the beautiful Brecon Beacons. The week will be physically tough, muddy, and a whole lot of fun, so you'll need to bring plenty of energy. Students will be challenged physically when taking part in outdoor activities in unfamiliar environments with a guaranteed increase in self confidence and self reliance. This awesome four night residential experience will be physically demanding but full of fun, allowing you to participate in new and exciting activities such as gorge scrambling, climbing and abseiling, canoeing/kayaking and much, much more!

The Storey Arms Centre provides all specialist equipment including wetsuits, waterproofs, walking boots, rucksacks, safety helmets etc. so there will not be any additional expenses other than a small amount of pocket money to spend on the journey and in the Storey Arms Tuck Shop.

Students MUST be able to swim at a basic level.

Please note – a deposit of £150 is required with the choices form for this trip



Redmoor Enrichment Course (REC) is an integral part of the curriculum, therefore all students in years 7, 8 & 9 will be allocated one of the courses on offer for 2024/25.

Terms and Conditions:

All students will be given an opportunity to discuss with staff the courses on offer. Once the allocation process has taken place, please be aware that there will be no opportunity to change courses and all deposits paid are non refundable.

In order to secure coach travel and accommodation for our domestic residential trips, we will require an advance deposit payment of £150 by Friday 8th November (excluding Redmoor Adventure Award) to be paid through ParentMail - this facility will go live on Friday 18th October 2024. This deposit must be made at the time of submitting your child's choices and if not received, your child will not be considered for the trip. If your child is not then allocated a place on one of these trips, your deposit can either be carried forward towards their allocated trip or refunded and the agreed payment schedule will come into action.

Please note: Your child must have a passport with at least 6 months validity at the time of travel (June 2025) to be able to go on an abroad trip.

Please note that although we have made every effort to ensure that the pricing of trips is as accurate as possible, they may be subject to change due to the current unstable financial climate. Parents will be notified if there are any changes.

Each student must select three options with a limit of up to two residential options and one non residential. They will be allocated one of their three options. We are not able to guarantee allocations on any particular trip and previous REC trip allocations might be taken into consideration. The Google Options Form will be emailed to your son/daughter's school email account, which they can access via the school website. Please complete this with your son/daughter before the deadline date of Friday 8th November 2024. If you have any difficulties accessing this form, your son/daughter can obtain a hard copy from Reception.

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding will automatically receive a £50 discount on their allocated course. If their course costs less than £50 the saved money will be used by the school to support their academic development in other ways. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals (and therefore Pupil Premium funding), please contact the Pupil Premium team at school who can advise how to apply.

Polite reminder to Parents/Carers:

A specific payment schedule is allocated to each REC trip and it is important to make payments on or before the due dates. Your full support with this enables us to secure external providers and book tickets and travel in advance of REC week. If you experience difficulties with your payment schedule, please contact a member of the REC team in the first instance in order to discuss your concerns.

REC Options Form 2024/25

Please tick 3 options from the trip list below (in no particular order)

Animal Antics	
Cosmopolitan Adventure	
Curtain Up!	
Eat, Sleep, Craft, Repeat	
Extreme Adventures	
Flash	
Go Outdoors	
Horsing Around	
Italy	
Redmoor Adventure Award	
Redmoor Haunts	
Redmoor Ramblings	
Redmoor Sewing Bee	
Sports Week	
Surfs Up	
Thrills & Chills	
Ultimate Team	
Valencia	
Welsh Adventure	

Student Name: _____ Tutor group: _____ Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROPOSED PAYMENT SCHEDULES FOR REC 2025

Animal Antics - £154.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £34.00

31st Jan - £30.00

28th Feb - £30.00

31st Mar - £30.00

30th Apr - £30.00

Cosmopolitan Adventure - £560.00

Deposit by 8th Nov - £150.00

31st Dec - £82.00

31st Jan - £82.00

28th Feb - £82.00

31st Mar - £82.00

30th Apr - £82.00

Curtain Up! - £140.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £32.00

31st Jan - £27.00

28th Feb - £27.00

31st Mar - £27.00

30th Apr - £27.00

Eat, Sleep, Craft, Repeat - £75.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £27.00

31st Jan - £12.00

28th Feb - £12.00

31st Mar - £12.00

30th Apr - £12.00

Extreme Adventures - £220.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £52.00

31st Jan - £42.00

28th Feb - £42.00

31st Mar - £42.00

30th Apr - £42.00

Flash - £240.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £60.00

31st Jan - £45.00

28th Feb - **£**45.00

31st March - £45.00

30th April - £45.00

Go Outdoors - £243.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £63.00

31st Jan - £45.00 28th Feb - £45.00

31st March - £45.00

30th April - £45.00

Horsing Around - £230.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £50.00

31st Jan - £45.00

28th Feb - £45.00

31st March - £45.00

30th April - £45.00

Italy - £1,150.00

Deposit by 8th Nov - £150.00

31st Dec - £200.00

31st Jan - £200.00

28th Feb - £200.00

31st Mar - £200.00

30th Apr - £200.00

Redmoor Adventure Award - £130.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £30.00

31st Jan - £25.00

28th Feb - £25.00

31st March - £25.00

30th April - £25.00

Redmoor Haunts - £57.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £17.00

31st Jan - £10.00

28th Feb - £10.00

31st March - £10.00

30th April - £10.00

Redmoor Ramblings - £50.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £18.00

31st Jan - £8.00

28th Feb - £8.00

31st March - £8.00

30th April - £8.00

Redmoor Sewing Bee - £50.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £18.00

31st Jan - £8.00

28th Feb - £8.00

31st March - £8.00

30th April - £8.00

Sports Week- £50.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £18.00

31st Jan - £8.00

28th Feb - £8.00

31st March - £8.00

30th April - £8.00

Surfs Up - £530.00

Deposit by 8th Nov - £150.00

31st Dec - £76.00

31st Jan - £76.00

28th Feb - £76.00

31st Mar - £76.00

30th Apr - £76.00

Thrills & Chills - £265.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £65.00

31st Jan - £50.00

28th Feb - £50.00

31st March - £50.00

30th April - £50.00

Ultimate Team - £250.00

Deposit by 9th Dec - £50.00

31st Jan - £50.00

28th Feb - £50.00

31st Mar - £50.00

30th Apr - £50.00

Valencia - £1,200.00

Deposit by 8th Nov - £150.00

31st Dec - £210.00

31st Jan - £210.00

28th Feb - £210.00

31st Mar - £210.00

30th Apr - £210.00

Welsh Adventure - £525.00

Deposit by 8th Nov - £150.00

31st Dec - £75.00

31st Jan - £75.00

28th Feb - £75.00

31st Mar - £75.00

30th Apr - £75.00