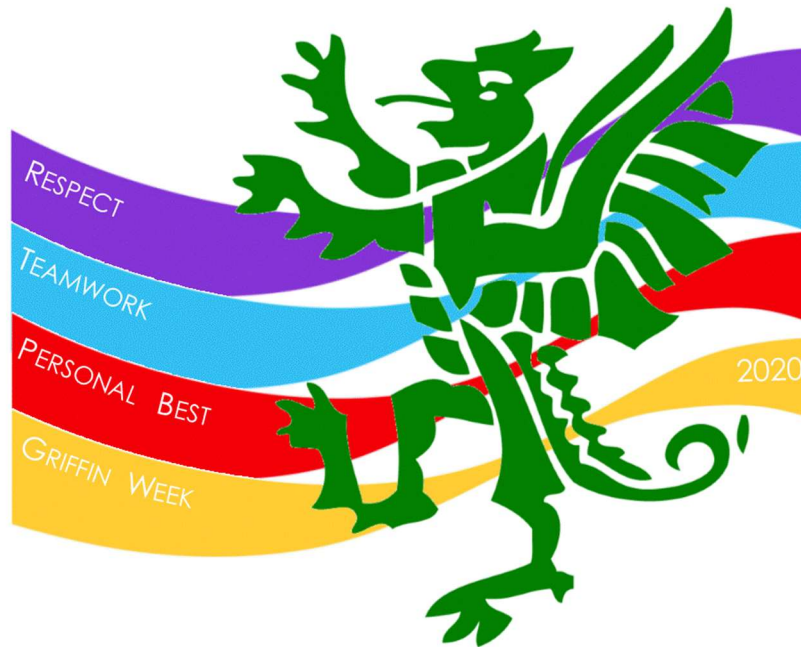


Griffin Week

Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July 2020



Additional Information booklet for Year 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Griffin Week Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July 2020

We have had some wonderful feedback and excitement from the students following Griffin Week assemblies last term. Following on from the letter home in December, we are delighted to send you this booklet with further information.

We are looking forward to a wonderful week of new experiences, shared learning and fun to celebrate the end of a great year at Ralph Allen with the students.

With best wishes,

Mr A Greenhough

What happens next?

1. Please read through the booklet and activities together at home. Agree with your child what you would prefer.
2. Check the payment information and other relevant information at the end of the booklet.
3. Make sure your Year 7 has their preferences from 1 to 10 written into their planner so they can input them at school during a Computer Science lesson this term.

How will students make their preferences?

Students will log on to the school intranet, where there is a form specific to them and their year group. Students will be shown how to select the correct form and how to input their preferences. They will need to list their preferences from 1 (most preferred) to 10 (least preferred).

We will run the preference software once all Year 7 have completed the online form – there is no “first come, first served” element. If your child is away from school we may need to contact you to make sure we have their preferences included in the mix.

The software allocates students randomly based on their numbered preferences, so it is important that your child considers every choice and gives it a numbered preference.

Students have already asked us:

Q: Will I get all my favourites?

A: We will do our best but can't make any guarantees – we don't know what you will all choose yet!

Q: Can I do it with my friend?

A: The system can't match student to student. However, we have run trials and students who choose the same things are more likely to end up together. You will definitely be with lots of people you know whatever you choose.

YEAR 7 GRIFFIN WEEK JULY 6 to 10 2020

OFF SITE	ONSITE/LOCAL BATH AREA		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longleat £20 • The Globe theatre/London South Bank £30 • Lyra, Harry and Oxford experience £20 • Two Tunnels Cycling £3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Carousel • Lego Robotics • Big Smash Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photography • Music Producer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cake Showstopper • Musical in A Day
<p>All Year 7 will also take part in 'The Kid Who Would Be King' working on King Arthur and visiting Rainbow Woods. This is free of charge. More details on the school website under Parent link - Griffin Week.</p>			


What are the choices for Year 7?

We would like all Year 7 students to enjoy at least one trip off site. For that reason, we have worked hard to offer high quality trips at a good value price. Please see payment information at the end of the booklet for more details.


Please discuss the options with your child. At the end of the descriptions there is an order of preference grid to complete and keep at home/on your phone for reference. Ask your child to copy this into their planner to use to complete their preferences online in school.


On Friday 10 July all students will take part in the Skyline Walk to celebrate the end of our week.

Individual Activity information


ACTIVITY	Longleat
CODE 7LONG	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Hand Feed lorikeets / Animal Adventure/Train/ Hedge Maze/Safari Drive Through/Koala Creek/ Boat Trip/ Longleat House Tour/ African Village and Walking Safari</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Google 'The Astonishing Kingdom of Longleat' for a short YouTube video (1.40 mins)</p>
Cost	£20
Location	Longleat
Lead staff	Mrs Reynolds
Any other information	Don't forget to ensure you have a couple of £1 coins to buy food to feed the Lorikeets & Sea Lions


ACTIVITY	The Globe Theatre/London South Bank
CODE 7GLOBE	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk from the London Eye to the Globe Theatre • Enjoy a tour and workshop at the Globe Theatre • Picnic and walk along South Bank to the Millennium Bridge – spotting Tower Bridge as you cross the Thames • Drive back through central London sights.
Cost	£30
Location	London
Lead staff	Mrs MacRae Nash
Any other information	Bring good flat comfortable walking shoes, a picnic and a refillable water bottle, and your phone.



ACTIVITY	Lyra, Harry and Oxford experience
CODE 7OXFORD	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover what it is like to live in a Turl Street College (like Jordan College). • Visit locations for film and TV adaptations. • Turn explorer handling exhibits in the Museum of Natural History. • Picnic lunch with games in the Parks.
Cost	£20
Location	Oxford
Lead staff	Mrs Bryden
Any other information	Bring a packed lunch, a small amount of spending money, your phone and plenty of imagination. Wands, daemons, ferrets and other magical beasts must be under control at all times.


ACTIVITY	Two Tunnels Cycling
CODE 7TWOTUN	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your bike to Bloomfield Open Space and set off to Wellow/Bitton • Tour de France style peloton cycling • Ice-cream and drinks stops at Wellow and Bitton • Discover links to other no-traffic or low traffic routes around the Bath area
Cost	£3
Location	Bath
Lead staff	Ms C Smith
Any other practical information	Bring your bike in good condition plus your helmet. You will need a packed lunch, a refillable water bottle, a small amount of spending money and your phone. Make sure you have the right clothing for the weather, a helmet and plenty of sun cream.


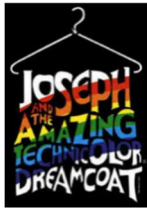
ACTIVITY	Sports Carousel/Big Smash Cricket
CODE 7BIGSMASH	 <p>Try a range of different sports and activities as part of a sports carousel or focus on the sport of cricket and enjoy a Big Smash tournament.</p> <p>For the cricket:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No experience of playing cricket needed/windball used ▪ Tournament throughout the day with a morning of skills ▪ Big final at the end of the day (Spectators encouraged) <p>For the sports carousel;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try a range of different sports and activities. • Discover new ways to enjoy free time with friends. • Keep fit, get outdoors and relax with popular games.
Cost	FREE
Location	Sulis field next door to school and Ralph Allen sports facilities.
Lead staff	Mr Davis/Mr Withey
Any other information	Come in your PE kit. Bring sun cream, a hat and a refillable water bottle.

ACTIVITY	Lego Robotics
CODE 7LEGO	<p>You can build a prosthetic arm with Lego but what other challenges can you solve as a team?</p> <p>We will be teaching you to program your own robot so that you can complete a series of challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB competition compliant Lego EV3s • Challenge against the clock • Showcase your solution and prove it works 
Cost	FREE
Location	Ralph Allen school
Lead staff	Mr Chantry/Mr Tennant
Any other information	None

ACTIVITY	Photography
CODE 7PHOTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get inspiration from Prior Park • Explore, sketch and photograph natural forms • Gather natural forms for a cyanotype print • Picnic lunch • Edit and print images on return to RAS 
Cost	FREE
Location	Prior Park and Ralph Allen school
Lead staff	Mrs Lundy
Any other information	You will need access to a camera or camera phone that can download images. Bring good flat comfortable walking shoes, a picnic and a refillable water bottle, and your imagination.

ACTIVITY	Music Producer	
CODE 7MPROD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the sound of 2020? • Produce a track for a famous artist from their vocal recording. • Experiment with a remix. • Create your own track. • The best track wins a prize. 	 
Cost	FREE	
Location	Music rooms at Ralph Allen school	
Lead staff	Mr Williams	
Any other information	None	

ACTIVITY	Cake Showstopper	
CODE 7CAKE	<p>The chance to bake and decorate your own "Showstopping" cake which you can take home at the end of the day.</p> <p>There may also be a mini "Technical" challenge with prizes given for the best bake.</p>	
Cost	FREE	
Location	Ralph Allen school	
Lead staff	Miss Heard	
Any other information	You will need to bring baking ingredients.	

ACTIVITY	Musical in A Day - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	
CODE 7JOSEPH		
	<p>The opportunity to perform in a musical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come dressed for the stage and in character • Rehearse the songs, get the staging sorted • Get your moves and blocking together • Perform your matinee 	
Cost	FREE	
Location	Ralph Allen school	
Lead staff	Mrs MacRae Nash	
Any other information	Bring suitable props, a refillable water bottle, some knowledge of the show and your phone.	

RECORD YOUR PREFERENCES YEAR 7 GRIFFIN WEEK 2020

Talk this through with your child and select 10 activities in order of preference. Your first preference, in at number one, is the one that is your top preference...all the way to number ten, the least preferred activity. Please keep a note at home/on your phone of these preferences.

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What happens after Year 7 have made their preferences?

We will collate the preferences from all students and run the allocation software. We will then contact you to let you know which activities your child has in their week and confirm this with you.

At this point we will also ask you give one signed permission for your child to take part in their Griffin Week activities and make sure we have up to date trip information from you for the week.

Once we've received this, payment will be set up on the school on-line payment system for you to make any relevant payments. The deadline for payments is Friday 24 April 2020.

Please note:

If payments are not received by deadline by **Friday 24 April 2020**, it may not be possible to run activities as planned.

Once the programme for students is agreed between home and school, no changes will be possible, either before or during the week.

Payment information

We have tried to ensure that all activities are good value and keep prices low. Please make any payment needed for the week's trips online (via the quick link at the top of the school's homepage on the school website at <http://www.ralphallenschool.com>).

To make an online payment you will need your user name and password (already supplied). If you have any queries regarding payment for the visit, or usage of the online payment system please contact the Finance Office by telephone on 01225 838923 or by email to k.debeer@ralphallenschool.com.

If you are finding it difficult to meet the cost of this trip and/or will be in receipt of free school meals, please contact either Mrs Fleming (Assistant Headteacher) h.fleming@ralphallenschool.com or Mrs Katrina de Beer (Finance Officer and Educational Visits Administrator) at the school as soon as possible as we may be able to assist financially. **Our aim is for all students to go on at least one of the off-site trips.**

Other useful information

School uniform Students will not wear school uniform. They will, of course, need appropriate clothing for the activity and weather. Any specific clothing/equipment/prop requirements will be listed in a letter nearer the time for particular activities.

Lunches Where students are on a trip out of school, they will be expected to bring their own packed lunch. Please avoid nuts and nut products in home packed food. If your child receives free school meals, they will be able to collect their lunch before the trip departs in the morning. For students staying in school, lunch will be available to purchase from the dining hall as usual.

School day and Attendance School will open and close at the normal times and students are expected to attend school on every day of the week, as during any other school week. Where trips start before and/or end after the normal school day we will confirm timings nearer the time.

If your child does fall ill in Griffin Week, and can't come in, please let us know as early as possible using the usual absence line on 01225 832936 option 1. This would be especially helpful if they are on a coach trip out.

Please note that if an activity is chargeable, the cost has been calculated based on all participants paying in full. Should a student be unable to attend a chargeable activity, a refund is unlikely to be possible.

Behaviour and trips As with other trips and activities, past behaviour in school determines whether your child is allowed on a visit; this is in line with the B&NES Health and Safety Policy. We must therefore alert parents/carers to the fact that any student who applies for a place, who has in the past a history of not complying with staff instructions or is currently on the Governors Disciplinary Procedure (GDP), may well be ineligible for trips and activities out of school. Applications received from students who have a history of not obeying staff instructions or are currently on the GDP will be carefully considered and parents/students will be informed of the position as to whether they will be eligible to accompany the visit.

For more information - Do talk with your child. There is information about Griffin Week's trips and activities on the school website under Parent link – Griffin Week