



# Balcarras

From strength to strength

## **Activities Week 2018 8th to 12th July**

*Please take time to carefully read through this booklet and consider all aspects of choices, including suitability and costs.  
Should you have any queries at all, or would like more information about a particular activity, please email Ms Massey [ljm@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ljm@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk).*

**FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

- ✓ Read the descriptions of the activities.
- ✓ Make your selections, including reserves, and complete the enclosed form, **which must be signed by your parent/guardian.**
- ✓ We will try to provide you with as many of your top choices as possible, but when an activity is full or will not take place because of insufficient numbers, we will then move on to reserve choices. Therefore please **carefully consider ALL choices.**
- ✓ It is **vital** you bear in mind the **TOTAL POTENTIAL COST** of **ALL** your choices.
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**Please return signed form TO YOUR TUTOR by**  
**MARCH 28th at the latest**

Please remember to make a note in  
your planner of all your choices and  
reserves -



## INTRODUCTION

*(Please also refer to covering letter and choices form distributed with this booklet)*

Dear Parent/Guardian

This booklet is to explain the booking procedure and options available for Balcarras School's 2019 **Activities Week** which takes place 8th-12th July.

The activities from which pupils may choose on their **three non-curriculum Activity days** vary from school-based activities and workshops to day excursions. This booklet gives details of the choices available. Pupils **must select a total of three activities, and indicate their reserves very clearly.**

This booklet gives an overview of activities available, but please remember that the **viability of under-subscribed activities will be assessed.** The **cost** of activities is based on numbers involved and therefore at this stage we are only able to give **estimated** costs. Group bookings and transport costs affect final figures.

Places on over-subscribed activities are **allocated as fairly as possible** and not on a 'first come first served basis'. However, forms **must be returned by the required date** to be included in the initial allocation of places.

Please take time to carefully read through the list of activities and discuss choices **and reserve choices** with your son/daughter. It is vital that you bear in mind the **TOTAL POTENTIAL COST.**

**Indication of choices and reserves is a commitment by both pupil and parent/guardian, and therefore all aspects, including cost, of chosen activities must be carefully considered.** Please do not send any money at this stage - an invoice will be sent when places have been allocated.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Massey, Activities Week Coordinator [ljm@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ljm@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk) Telephone: direct line: 01242545114

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### **FORMULA 1 GO KARTING & LASERQUEST**

**(£42)**

All under one roof!! Experience the adrenalin of Go karting, then indoor Laserquest....this day includes lunch!! So much excitement under one roof!! Birmingham based. Coach journey.

### **ALTON TOWERS \*\*\*WEDNESDAY ONLY \*\*\***

**(£42)**

What is there to say! The spills, the thrills, the rides, the excitement that is ALTON TOWERS!! Will Smiler make you smile? Nemesis, Blade, Rita, Oblivion.....Have the time of your life on rides that are out of this world! **Not to mention the THE WICKER MAN. Early start...late finish please note times: 8.00 depart, leave when park closes.**

### **LONDON THEATRE TRIP. MATILDA THE MUSICAL...**

**(£47)**

An amazing experience to take in one of London's favourite musicals. inner of 7 Olivier Awards, and 4 Tony Awards for its Broadway transfer, *Matilda the Musical* is nearly in its 7<sup>th</sup> year in the West End! The show is based on the beloved children's novel by **Roald Dahl**. This tale of an extraordinary little girl who dares to take a stand and change her own destiny comes to life in a highly visual and imaginative way that will unleash your inner child and leave you enchanted. **This show is on Wednesday only.** Limited spaces available.

### **ANOTHER AMAZING LONDON THEATRE TRIP TO SEE MAMA MIA THE MUSICAL!!**

**(£47)**

Opening in the West End in 1999, the musical *MAMMA MIA!* has been enthraling audiences for 19 years and shows no sign of stopping! Featuring the hit songs of Swedish pop sensation ABBA, this ultimate feel-good show has been seen by over 60 million people around the world, having played in over 40 countries and has firmly established itself as one of the most successful musicals in history. **This show is on THURSDAY ONLY . Limited spaces available.**

**(£47)**

### **REDUCED SPEED RAFTING & FLAT WATER ACTIVITIES IN CARDIFF \*WEDS ONLY\* (£40)**

Rafting down the rapids at the Cardiff International White Water centre. Two hours doing the rafting, then break for lunch, and then flat water activities such as paddleboarding after lunch.

### **DRAYTON MANOR THEME PARK**

**\*\*THURS & FRI ONLY\*\***

**(£30)**

There is lots to see and do!! One minute you could be on one of our exciting thrill rides experiencing twists, turns, drops and loops! Then the next minute you could be enjoying a stroll through our 15 acre Zoo, home to species from all across the world! And much, much more!

### **PAINTBALLING DELTA FORCE BRISTOL**

**(£43)**

Delta Force Bristol: Imagine yourself and your squad, deep within enemy territory surrounded by dense woodland. Cost includes four games with 300 paintballs per game, and lunch is provided, In the form of pizza.

### **TAMWORTH SNOWDOME \*\*THURS/FRI ONLY \*\***

**(£30)**

Skiing, swimming and tobogganing all under one roof!! So get your skates on, and book this activity for an adrenalin based activity. Remember £1 for lockers!

### **LOCKED IN A ROOM BRISTOL— THEN SHOPPING AT CABOT CIRCUS**

**(£32)**

Themed escape rooms; battle your wits against other teams in a race to win! This is the UK's ultimate escape experience! Then a short walk to Cabot Circus for shopping. Please note: this trip leaves at 10.00 am. Will return around 5.00 or before.

**OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)****WEST MIDLANDS SAFARI PARK****(£31)**

A pleasant drive through the safari park, time for lunch, and plenty of time to enjoy the thrill rides afterwards. A must for animal lovers and thrill seekers alike!

**MOUNTAIN BIKING/FOREST OF DEAN****(£30)**

Why not try your hand at mountain biking in the Forest of Dean. Spend a long eventful morning on one of the many cycle tracks, going up hill and down dale. Trying your hand at stunts, followed by a picnic and a leisurely walk until its time to travel home. This includes cost of hiring the mountain bike, trail maps etc.

**BATTLESPO RTS GLOUCESTER****THURS AND FRIDAY ONLY****(£30)**

Each player will be armed with a startlingly accurate infra red laser tag system. Then two teams will compete against each other through a series of thrilling games. Followed by a game of crazy golf all on the one site!

**A FULL DAY OF PROFESSIONAL GOLFING****(£15)**

Have an amazing experience within the golfing world. Tee off for this enjoyable day! Hopefully mini tournament at the end of the day.

**BUSHCRAFT DAY****FRIDAY ONLY****(£5)**

Dropped in the middle of nowhere, with only what you have in your pockets, how would you survive. You will be taught all the skills needed to stay alive, from making a fire and building a shelter to foraging for food and finding water. Can you survive in the wild.

**AEROSPACE BRISTOL****(£17)**

Starting in the earliest days of powered flight, Aerospace Bristol will take you on a journey through more than a century of aviation. You will get a chance to step aboard the famous last Concorde. Take an experience through the years with hands on exhibits.

**Continued:**

**ARCHERY (4HR SESSION)****WEDS & THURS ONLY****(£12)**

Brush up on existing skills, or have a go at a new sport. This is with qualified instructors. This is for four hours, and then split between other 'free' sports during the day.

**BADMINTON/TABLE TENNIS \*\*\*FREE\*\*\***

All change! Carousel day of fun Badminton, Table Tennis etc

**PROFESSIONAL TENNIS COACHING****Train to be like a Wimbledon Champ!!****(£10)****PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL COACHING****(£10)**

Football coach from a local football club will be on site for professional football training. Then the sports carousel as above.

**FRUIT PICKING & BAKING****(£16)**

Drive to a local farm, pick fruit, come back and bake/make seasonal products. Limited numbers.

**MAKE YOUR OWN SOAP/BATH BOMBS/BATH SALTS WITH THE POSSIBLE ADDITION IF TIME TO MAKE YOUR OWN HAIR ACCESSORIES OR JEWELLERY (£15)**

Spend the day making soaps, bath salts, bath bombs and take home wonderful souvenir (s).

**DESIGN AND MAKE DAY****(£15)**

Fun filled exciting day of making a product in the D & T department. We promise you will be thrilled if you choose this productive exciting day.

**ROCKET FACTORY****(£15)**

Design, develop and test an air powered rocket before combining your ideas to produce a solid fuel rocket capable of reaching a height of 300m before parachuting back to Earth!

**DOG WALKING & GROOMING \*\*FREE\*\***

A chance to hike the Cotswold countryside with a dog. Arrive at school for 9am with your walking boots. We'll go for a long walk up in the hills with some dogs that belong to members of staff, stopping for a picnic at lunchtime. YOUR OWN DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

**HEALTH FARM****(£16)**

This will be a fun day of health and beauty! Skincare, dance, nail art and much more. Relax whilst reading health magazines. Well someone has to do it!! PLUS GIFT BAG AT END OF DAY!!

**ART AND CRAFT DAY****(£15)**

Have a great day with friends making a range of art and craft projects with lots of lovely things to take home.

