

June 2026

## Enrichment Activities Equipment 2026 - Student & Parent/Carers Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we are very excited for our upcoming days of enrichment activities and trips taking place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July. These dedicated days are a vital part of our commitment to broadening our students' horizons, offering cultural capital and experiential learning opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom.

As these activities range from immersive cultural excursions to dynamic team-building projects, the equipment, clothing, and kit required will vary depending on the specific experience your child is participating in. To ensure everyone is fully prepared to engage with these enriching opportunities comfortably and safely, we have outlined the required items for each activity below.

To make sure your child stays safe, comfortable, and hydrated during a full day outdoors, whether they are on school site or elsewhere, please ensure they bring the following items:

- **Sun Protection:** A high-factor sunscreen (applied before arrival and brought along to reapply), a sun hat or cap, and sunglasses.
- **Hydration:** A large, refillable water bottle (chilled or frozen water is highly recommended; there will be water stations available to top up throughout the day).
- **Comfortable Footwear:** Sturdy, broken-in trainers or walking shoes suitable for a long day of walking and exploring, often for several hours (please note flip-flops or sliders are not acceptable).
- **Cool, Appropriate Clothing:** Lightweight, breathable clothing adhering to the school's non-uniform guidelines.
- **Healthy & Nutritious Packed Lunch:** A substantial, balanced lunch and snacks to keep their energy levels up throughout each day. We strongly recommend including slow-release carbohydrates (like wholemeal sandwiches, wraps, or pasta salads), lean protein, and plenty of fresh fruit or vegetable sticks. *Please avoid sugary snacks and energy drinks, as these can lead to dehydration and quick energy crashes in the heat.*

**Please note:** students in receipt of free school meals will continue to be provided with a lunch across each of the days to take with them or access in school.

- **Keep it Cool:** As there will be no refrigeration available, please pack the lunch in a cooler bag with an ice pack to ensure it stays fresh and safe to eat by lunchtime.

The following equipment guidance is specific to each activity day in addition to the list above.

### **Crealy Adventure Park (14th & 15th July)**

- **A light waterproof jacket or poncho:** recommended for water rides.
- **Small Backpack:** A comfortable bag to carry their belongings, layers, and packed lunch securely.
- **Small amount of spending money/Card (Optional):** A small amount of money for snacks or refreshments, if desired.

### **Longleat Safari Park**

- **Small Amount of spending money (Optional):** Longleat operates as a cashless venue, so a pre-loaded card, Google Pay or Apple pay will be required to purchase refreshments or animal feed (such as for the lorikeets or sea lions) is acceptable.

### **Haynes Motor Museum**

- **Light Jacket or Jumper:** While the museum is indoors, some of the large vehicle exhibition halls can occasionally feel cool depending on the air conditioning.
- **Small Amount of spending money (Optional):** If they wish to purchase a small souvenir from the museum gift shop or snack from the cafe (cashless is advised).

### **National Marine Aquarium**

- **Small Amount of spending money (Optional):** The aquarium is cashless, but a pre-loaded card, Google or Apple pay for a souvenir or refreshment is permitted.

### **Bovington Tank Museum**

- **Layered Clothing:** While the trip is largely indoors, the large vehicle conservation halls can occasionally feel drafty or cool depending on the external weather. Bringing a light jumper or hoodie is highly recommended.
- **Lightweight Waterproof Jacket:** Essential if the group moves outdoors to view the vehicle arena or outdoor displays during the day.
- **Small Amount of spending money (Optional):** The museum is cashless, but a pre-loaded card, Google or Apple pay for a souvenir or refreshment is permitted.

## Mendip Activity Centre (dry slope snow sports)

- **Full-Length Trousers (Mandatory):** Thick, durable trousers such as tracksuits, cargo pants, or salopettes. *Jeans are not recommended as they restrict movement and become very heavy if wet.* Shorts are strictly not allowed on the slope.
- **Long-Sleeved Top (Mandatory):** A durable long-sleeved t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie. Bare arms are not permitted on the slope for safety reasons.
- **Full-Finger Gloves or Mittens (Mandatory):** Essential for protecting hands against the abrasive surface of the dry slope matting. Students will not be allowed on the slope without them.
- **Thick, Long Socks:** Ideally ski socks or thick sports socks that come up the calf to prevent the rigid ski/snowboard boots from rubbing.
- **Light Waterproof Jacket:** To keep dry during outdoor briefings or in the event of rain.

## Mendip Activity Centre (no snow sports)

- **Comfortable Clothing (Suitable for Movement):** Full-length trousers or sports leggings are highly recommended to prevent scratches on the low ropes or friction while tobogganing. Comfortable t-shirts and a jumper or hoodie for layering should be worn.
- **Full-Finger Gloves:** Highly recommended to protect hands while handling ropes on the low ropes course and gripping the toboggans.
- **Lightweight Waterproof Jacket:** The activities run rain or shine, so a reliable waterproof coat is essential in case of summer showers.
- **Hand Sanitiser / Antibacterial Wipes:** Useful for cleaning hands before lunch after a morning of handling outdoor equipment and ropes.

**Note for all Mendip students:** All specialist equipment, including skis, snowboards, boots, safety helmets, harnesses is provided by the Mendip Activity Centre and is included in the trip, **please do not allow students to bring their own equipment.**

Some of our trips will include a long coach journey, and we therefore recommend the following to ensure students are comfortable and can make the most of their experiences.

**Travel Comforts:** A small travel pillow or a light jumper/hoodie. Coach air conditioning can make the cabin feel cool over long distances, and layers are ideal.

**Coach Entertainment:** A book, comic, or puzzle book for the journey. If bringing a phone or tablet for the travel segments, headphones are mandatory. Please ensure all devices are fully charged before leaving.

**Travel Sickness Medication:** If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure they take any necessary medication prior to arriving at school and hand any return-journey doses to the trip leader in a clearly labelled envelope.

Finally, please be aware that all personal items—including mobile phones, headphones, smartwatches, wallets, and payment cards—remain entirely the responsibility of the student at all times throughout the duration of the trip. St Dunstan's School and the host venues cannot accept any liability for the loss, theft, or accidental damage of personal items.

We strongly recommend that any valuable items are kept securely zipped inside a backpack when not in use, and that students refrain from bringing expensive or irreplaceable belongings on these excursions.

Specific timings regarding morning departure and arrival back at the school for each individual trip will be updated for you shortly, once coach schedules and travel routes are fully finalised.

If you have any immediate questions, or require any further information regarding these enrichment days in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, where our administrative team will be happy to assist you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Richards', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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