

Welcome to Activity Week 2025

Dear Parent/s,

It gives me great pleasure to release the information for the current academic year's Activity Week programme for all students, which will take place in the last week of the Summer Term from Monday 14 to Friday 18 July 2025.

The aim of Activity Week is to give our students exciting opportunities and shared experiences they would not otherwise have. Students will develop teamwork and social skills as well as gain confidence in themselves. Of course, Activity Week is also designed to be enjoyable for all boys, whatever activity they choose, and have 5 days of fun with friends to celebrate a year of hard work.

This year we have been able to continue expanding our on-Island activity options, including teaming up with Bouley Bay Dive Centre, Brazil Soccer and the addition of two new staff run activities. Our CCF contingent will be attending MoD visits to the UK. We are also pleased to be launching our Golf in France week.

There are a few points to note:

- The cost of off-Island trips is only an approximate at this stage and will depend on the final numbers travelling. Deposits will be requested well before the Christmas holidays to secure transport costs on most of these trips.
- If an activity is oversubscribed a name out of the hat system will be used for those who applied within the deadline.
- In 2024 the majority of pupils did their first-choice activity. However, the numbers meant that some second choices occasionally had to be allocated. This could happen again so please take time to consider your son's second and third choices.
- Many students will want to ensure they are with certain friendship groups for this week. Please take time to consider your choices and then confirm with others prior to making a final choice. Once we have confirmed deposits many will be non-refundable as we have had to secure providers and in some cases transport needs.

Please read the booklet carefully with your son and complete the final online registration listing your 3 choices (information found at the end of this booklet) by no later than **6.00pm on Friday 29th November 2024**.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Kieran Akers
Head of Clubs and Activities

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- Golf in Jersey – for intermediates and advanced players
- Wild Adventures – outdoor and coastal activity package
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- Le Mourier – water activity packages (junior & intermediate)
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- Habin's Week – mixed activity package
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- STEM 'make it' remote control car activity workshop
- Supervised self-study in the College's De Quetteville Library
- College Activities – in-school activities as well as walks around Jersey
- Sports Week – a week of in-school sporting activities
- Paid Sports Week – a week of sporting activities with some off-site paid extras
- Student absence

Timeline of Process

To aid parents, our activity providers and our own administrative staff, this year we are publishing our timeline of requirements. It is hoped that by doing so we can ensure all administrative tasks are completed in time to allow for the smooth organisation of activities. Please note, failure to keep to this timeline may see your son missing out on his preferred placement, and any individuals who do not keep to the schedule, may be removed from their chosen activity and placed into the free College Activity package to avoid misspayments to our suppliers.

Date	Action
15/11/2024	Activity Week booklet released to parents and students via newsletter and SatchelOne
18/11/2024	6.00pm Sign up opens for parents via link in the Parent Newsletter
29/11/2024	6.00pm deadline for student activity choices to be made
13/12/2024	Activity Week form closes - no more new choices will be allowed
13/01/2025	Deadline for changes to Activity Week option - after this point the deposit fee for first choice will be charged
24/01/2025	Parent Pay goes live for payment
14/03/2025	Deadline for all payments via Parent Pay - failure to complete payment by this point (unless otherwise agreed with the finance team) will result in student being placed into the free activity packages.

Off-Island trips

CCF Summer Camps

Cost	Approx. £200-£300
Max number	N/A
Year group	Y9-13 plus Y9 shooting team members

All Year 9 and 10 CCF cadets are expected to participate in a CCF camp for Challenge Week. Loads of different options are available all over the UK and further afield. Meet hundreds of other cadets from other schools. Brilliant value for money at approx. £200-£300 for the week

Golf in France

Cost	Approx. £650-£750
Max number	Max 14 students
Year group	Y7-10

A week of golf in Jersey and in France. Monday will be at a local course before getting the boat to France on Tuesday for 3 nights. We will stay at Domaine Des Ormes and play golf there as well as on nearby courses. Return to Jersey on Friday.

PGL Isle of Wight, UK, Activity Centre (Year 7 pupils)

Cost	Approx £750
Max Number	Max 40 pupils
Year Group:	Y7

What a way to end Year 7. PGL Isle of Wight boasts 45 acres of grounds packed with activities so everything is just a short walk away. As well accommodation, dining room and sports hall, there are over 20 activities all situated on-site! These include climbing and abseil towers, four zip wires, giant swings, disc golf, raft building, trapeze, an archery range and many more. The group will fly out on Monday morning and return on Friday evening. Everything from flights, accommodation, food and activities is included in the price.

On-Island activities

The Valley Adventure 'Simply the Best' Activities Week Package

Cost	£370
Max number	48
Year group	Y7-10

The Valley Adventure 'Simply the Best' Activities Week Package includes all our extremely popular land, air and sea activities, with high ropes, combat, survival, and team challenges. The week will include 3 days at the Centre and 2 days at St Brelade's beach.

Golf in Jersey

Cost	£204
Max number	16
Year group	Y7-10
Staff in charge	Mr Parkes

Join our staff for a fun filled week of golfing inspired fun. Students will take part in a week playing a variety of courses across the island as well as time with PGA professionals at Longueville driving range. Please note, this activity package is for those boys who are already experienced golfers who are happy to play on a course, and not for beginners.

Land and sea package with Wild Adventures

Cost	£235
Max number	30
Year group	Y7-10

An action-packed week of adventurous activities from coasteering, rock climbing, paddle-boarding, abseiling, kayaking, boogie boarding, seashore safari, raft building, bushcraft, archery, orienteering and shelter building. There are options this week to leave with paddle-sport awards as well as a certification of completion of adventure activities. This week will make you see the outdoors in a whole new way. Join Kazz Patidar in an outdoor experience you will never forget. Transport to and from school included.

Surfing with Splash Surf Centre

Cost	£225
Max number	32
Year group	Y7-10
Staff in charge	Ms V Videt and Mr Picot

Join Ms Videt and Mr Picot for five days at the Splash Surf Centre. The prime position on St. Ouen's Bay for summer surf this package includes all you need to get out onto the water and start riding the waves! The cost covers comprehensive insurance, surf tuition, beach safety and surf rescue. Surfboard and wet suit are provided. All abilities catered for. Please note students will need money for all food & drink.

Le Mourier Watersports

Cost	£525
Max number	15
Year group	Y7-9

Five days of amazing land and sea adventure activities which should include:

Powerboat instruction afloat on Le Mourier training RIBs towards RYA Powerboat Level 1 Certificate delivered by RYA accredited powerboat instructors.

Sight-seeing visit to an offshore location such as Les Ecrehous / Minquiers on Le Mourier's charter/training RIBs.

Introduction to marine engines and the use of a VHF Radio - delivered by a RYA Instructor

Witnessing the effects of cold on the human body with one of our RYA/STA First Aid Instructors.

Sea Survival Session - discovering the use of a Life Raft at Sea

Open Water Activities - such as Swim / Run Competition, sea swimming, snorkelling.

Open Water kayaking session

Coasteering session - *subject to external providers staffing

Activities all subject to provider staffing, weather/sea state and timetabling provision that week and will be based around our training facility at Albert Pier and surrounding areas.

Sea and beach activity package with Absolute Adventures

Cost	£268
Max number	24
Year group	Y10

We love adventure and what better way to enhance water confidence by signing up to an Absolute Adventure Camp in St Brelade's Bay. The Adventure Camp week is focused on getting you to enjoy the outdoors in as many ways as possible. Students participate in activities such as kayaking, coasteering, stand-up paddleboarding, inflatable rides, RIB boat tour and blow-karting. These camps are very popular and a lot of fun. Focus will be on developing a bigger understanding and love for the ocean environment.

Junior Lifesaver Programme with the Mango Tree Jersey Surf School

Cost	£300
Max number	20
Year group	7-10

Learn to train like an RNLI Beach Lifeguard: paddling junior rescue boards, learning how to perform rescues, CPR training, ocean swimming, Ironman-style training (paddle, run, swim), and surfing when the surf is too good to miss out.

Watersports with Bouley Bay Dive School

Cost	£408
Max number	12
Year group	Y7-10

The week will be full of watersports activities including Scuba diving try dives, snorkelling and skin diving, boat trips on our RIB heading out to destinations such as the Ecrehou and North Coast exploration, paddleboarding, pontoon jumping and more! All be taught by our qualified and knowledgeable instructors. As well as all these great activities students will gain the opportunity to earn a Blue Oceans Conservation Certificate. This experience will enhance their appreciation of nature and will further educate them of the opportunities they have available to them on the island. In addition, a break from classroom-based learning and instead, immersing oneself in the life below our ocean's surface is a great opportunity for bonding, and trust building, with a chance to challenge oneself in new environments.

Football camp with Brazil Soccer

Cost	£135
Max number	64
Year group	Y7-10

We are delighted to see the return of the Brazil Soccer team to Victoria College. This skills driven program has shaped some of our best players through the years, including several students who have gone on to be signed professionally. Elevate your game with over 200+ core skills in our programme. Our expert coaches provide personalised training that focuses on technique, tactical understanding, and game intelligence. Sessions will be held daily at Victoria College.

Habin's Week

Cost	£331.50
Max number	14
Year group	Y10

Open only to Year 10, Habin's week is your chance to have a fantastic Activity Week as you join Mr Habin on a week of adventure including activities such as: AirSoft, pizza making, Flow Rider, Padel Tennis, RIB trip, coasteering, cinema visits, surfing, mini golf, beach BBQ and sailing.

Akers' Week

Cost	£163.20
Max number	16
Year group	Y7-10

Mr Akers often finds himself chained to a desk for Activity Week but this year he is breaking free! Come and join him for a week of surfing, mountain biking and skateboarding/scooter riding. Splitting time between the 3 sports, we will make sure to get the best of the conditions on the sea, be joined by Skateboard Jersey coaches for the skateboarding, and explore lumps, bumps and (maybe) some jumps on our mountain bikes! The only requirement for the activity is that you need a working mountain bike suitable for off road use, which must be in good condition, as well as wearing protective equipment for cycling (helmet is mandatory). Please note cost is approximate as final numbers will decide overall price.

History Week

Cost	£100-200
Max number	30
Year group	Y7-10

Another new activity package this year - join our staff for a tour of the historical sites across the Island and (possibly - TBC) abroad. Staff will guide you through some of Jersey's best known and lesser-known historical sites, so sign up dip in to the rich history of our wonderful Island and its incredible past.

On-Island school-based activities

STEM 'Make It' activity workshop

Cost	£100-180 depending on selected models.
Max number	25
Year group	Y7-10
Staff in charge	Mr T Smith

Students will have the opportunity to build and race RC kit cars. TAMIYA cars are used in amateur and professional races and these electric kit cars are FAST! The builds are great fun with step-by-step instructions taking you through differential gearboxes to oil suspension units. A real engineering opportunity. Once you've built your vehicle you will be able to visit local sites to race them against one another.

Supervised self-study

Cost	Free
Max number	20
Year group	All year groups
Staff in charge	Mr Wooldridge

The De Quetteville Library and Learning Resources Centre and all of their resources will be available for the week and your son could elect to spend the week doing additional study.

College activities - walks, sights and in-school fun

Cost	Free
Max number	Unlimited
Year group	Y7-10

This year's package will focus on local walks (and ice creams), with students exploring both the coastline and countryside. We will be popping into local favourites such as Durrell and spending an occasional day in College playing games. Whilst the activity is free, students will need money for busses to the local sites as well as for ice creams and lunches.

Sports Week

Cost	Free
Max number	60
Year group	Y7-10

Sports Week offers pupils the chance to take part in a wide variety of weeklong sports, mostly on campus. Sports Week is run by some of our sportiest staff and is a great value package

Activities	
Tennis	Badminton
Football	Table tennis
Volleyball	Basketball
Softball	Ultimate frisbee

Paid Sports Week

Cost	£153
Max number	32
Year group	Y7-10

The paid sports week package will run alongside the free package, however boys will get the opportunity to take part in a day of jet skiing, as well as a day of surfing and a trip to play Padel Tennis, too.

Students who are partially available/absent

Activities Week is still part of the official school year, so all boys are required to take part. If your son is not available for the full five days of Activity Week for some reason, permission for absence must be sought from the Headteacher via the Attendance Officer.

Requests for absence must be emailed to the Attendance Officer (attendance@vcj.sch.je) who will then process the request on your behalf and respond to you.

If your son is available for some of Activity Week there are three options:

1. He attends one of the five-day activities (no discount/refund can be given for the lost days)
2. He takes part in the free College Activities programme on the days he is available
3. He attends College when he is available for supervised self-study

Activity Week 2025 Form

We have released this information to you now as some activities will require the initial deposit process to begin as soon as possible. This year we are continuing with our online registration process.

The final deadline for all applications will be 6pm on Friday 29th November 2024. You will be contacted within 2-3 weeks to make the initial payment for this activity.

Any parents/students failing to select any choice at this point will stay on the school site for Activity Week in the College Activities option which comes at no cost.

For students who receive a bursary or are registered as Jersey Premium there is the opportunity to apply for funding support. Please complete the form above with your son's preference and email any request to the College Bursar Carolyn Ferguson C.Ferguson@vcj.sch.je

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any trip further please email k.akers@vcj.sch.je.

Sign up opens on Monday 18th November at 6pm and closes on Friday 29th November at 6pm.

[Sign up using this link.](#)