



***DYCE
ACADEMY
ACTIVITIES
DAYS
7th 8th and
9th May
2025***



WHAT IS ACTIVITIES DAYS?

From Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th of May, there is an exciting variety of day excursions and in school activities on offer for our S1-3 pupils as part of our Dyce Academy Activities Days offer.

At Dyce Academy we feel that Activities Days are an important part of a young person's journey through school. Participation in Activities Days is about enhancing every young persons educational experience, helping them to develop their skills set and build their confidence as they move through the Broad General Education years.

Within this booklet you will find what our excursions and in school activities look like.

Please be advised that in all cases activities will only run if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable.

At this stage, what we are looking to find out is whether you wish to participate in the in school activities or day trip option, All options should be discussed with parents/carers before making your choices.

There is a **link to the Activities Days Google Form** in the covering email that you should complete to indicate your preferences.

TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION

Most pupils who live within the Dyce Academy catchment area should be eligible to apply for an **Aberdeenshire Educational Trust grant**. Please be advised that the full amount will have to be paid upfront by parents / carers, prior to the grant being issued to secure your child's place.

The full cost of day trips may no longer be covered through this fund. Please be aware that you will be required to make up the difference. One application per academic year can be made, per pupil. Please use the link below for more information on the travel grant and to find out if you would be eligible. (Please note they do set stipulations on how and when this is paid).

Use the link below and choose to apply for a school travel grant

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/educational-grants/>



PAYMENT INFORMATION

At Dyce Academy we feel that Activities Days are an important part of a young person's journey through school. We want to give a variety of opportunities to ALL pupils both home and away. Participation in Activities Days is about enhancing every pupil's educational experience.

In-school activities may incur a small charge but the Activities Days Committee have been fundraising and this cost, if necessary, will be minimal.

Day trips will be invoiced once places have been allocated. If you select more than one day trip you will receive one invoice for them all. We will ask for payment for day trips **before the end of the April holidays** to secure your child's place.

In order that we have inclusion for all there may be an opportunity to arrange an alternative payment schedule for day trips or apply for a Travel Grant, if applicable. Please use the link on the previous page for more information on the travel grant and to find out if you would be eligible. (Please note they do set stipulations on how and when this is paid).

MAKING CHOICES

We strongly recommend that pupils and parents discuss the choices before they are selected, we also suggest that the pupils talk it over with their friends to find out what they are thinking about choosing too.

Once the choice has been made it is a difficult process to change it. While accommodations will be made where suitable, bookings are made based on the number of pupils that select day trips and the price is set on that. Pupils dropping out may lead to an increase in price for the trip.

Additionally, in school activities need to be managed and registers produced so that all pupils are accounted for so any absences can be accurately recorded.

So please bear in mind that choices made may not be available to be changed.

***ACTIVITIES WEEK
DAY TRIP
OPTIONS***

2024-2025

***WEDNESDAY
DAY TRIPS***

LOCHTER

£55
approx

MR FARQUHAR &
MRS DAVIDSON

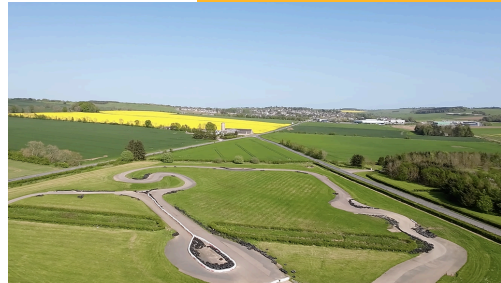
Have you got the need for speed? A head for heights? Nerves of steel?

Lochter Activity centre may be for you.

Will you take on the following challenges?

- Karting on Lochterstone
- Lochtor Climbing Wall and Zip Slide
- Rifle Target Shooting
- Field Archery

Activities subject to change.



Max
Pupils
30

CORMAC PARK

Wednesday 7th May 10am- 3pm

Max Pupils: 31

Approx Cost : £37

MR EVANS & MR RANKEN

Pupils will travel to Cormack Park, training ground of Aberdeen FC, for a day of coaching by Aberdeen FC Community Trust Coaches. Pupils will get to train like a professional making use of the facilities of the Aberdeen first team players. We will leave Dyce Academy at 9:15am and travel to Cormack Park ready for a morning session between 10am- 12pm.

There will be a break for lunch (Pupils should bring a packed lunch) before the afternoon session takes place 1pm-3pm. Please note, due to finishing times we will not be back to school in time for the usual bus pickup times. Pupils will instead be ready for collection from Dyce Academy from 3:30pm. Pupils can join for either just 1 or the 2 days. Cost per day approx.: £25 for coaching + £8.50 travel.



WILDSHORE DUNDEE

MS MCCA W

APPROX. £40

Are you up for a great adventure at Wild Shore Dundee?

This is an exciting giant floating, inflatable playground in the water at the Quay in Dundee. Pupils can race up climbing walls, bounce on trampolines, make their way along monkey bars, slide down gigantic slides and jump off the higher inflatables individually or in pairs.

A wonderful and exciting day out to test your bravery on the obstacle course. Pupils will be able to develop and show great leadership skills by supporting others to follow them onto harder parts of the course.

We will be able to order pizza from Dominos for lunch and eat it sitting by the Quayside, before heading back to school in time for the school buses.

Approx. £40 - includes hire of wetsuit, transportation and entry to the floating waterpark.

Pizza is extra on the day so pupils will need money to buy.



8.45am Depart Dyce Academy

10:30 Arrive & change

11:00-11:50 Aqua Park

12:00-12:30pm Change

12:30pm Dominos Lunch

1.15 pm Depart Dundee

2.40pm Return to school for school buses

***THURSDAY
DAY TRIPS***

LANDMARK

MRS RODLAND, MR FARQUHAR, MRS DAVIDSON

Join Mrs Rodland, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Macleod and Mr Farquhar at Landmark Forest Adventure Park. It's a great day out and the park has lots to offer to keep you busy for hours!

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Pinnacle climbing wall
- The Lost Labyrinth maze
- Bamboozeleum
- The Ancient Forest
- Runaway Timber Train
- Wild Water Coasters
- Shooting Gallery
- Adventure Park



COST:
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Forest Adventure Park

50
PUPILS

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HILL WALKING

A brisk hike up a local hill, likely to be either Bennachie or Clachnaben. Get out into the wilderness and see the North-East of Scotland from new heights. Bus transport to and from Dyce Academy will be provided.



MR
MURRAY,
MRS
MCGARRITY
MISS FRASER

MAX COST
£15

MAX PUPILS
30

THERE MAY BE
THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO TOAST SOME
MARSHMALLOWS!

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*MRS LUSTED &
MRS MACLEOD*

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- Kayaking
- Lochter Climbing Wall and Zip Slide
- Segways
- Jacons Ladder & Vertical Challenge

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30*

TRAIL CYCLING

**MR MURRAY &
MRS MCGARRITY**

Wednesday
8th - Friday
10th May
2024

Cycling along the Formartine
and Buchan Railway Line.
Leaving from and returning to
Dyce Academy.

FREE

Pupils will preferably bring their
own bike.

A limited number of bikes and
helmets will be available to
borrow.

WE MAY GO AS
FAR AS ELLON
AND WE MAY
TOAST SOME
MARSHMALLOWS!



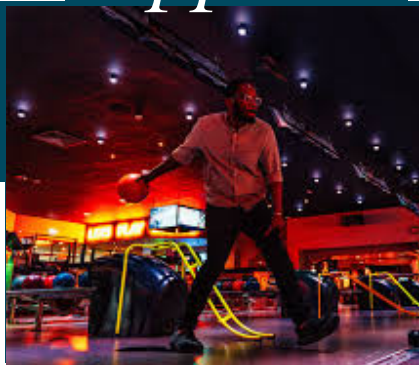
CODONAS

£25
approx

MRS KIRKWOOD

Come and enjoy a day of fun at Codonas:

- 1 game of bowling
- 1 round of indoor golf
- 1 ride on the dodgems
- Choice between 1 mission of laser tag, or 1 race on the go karts



We'll also be enjoying Big Mannys Margherita Sharing Pizzas for lunch.



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CINEMA AND **MISS LAIDLAW** *PIZZA*

TAKE THE TRAIN FROM DYCE TO UNION SQUARE TO SEE A MOVIE AT CINEWORLD. GRAB SOME POPCORN AND YOUR FRIENDS TO WATCH THE LATEST BLOCKBUSTER.

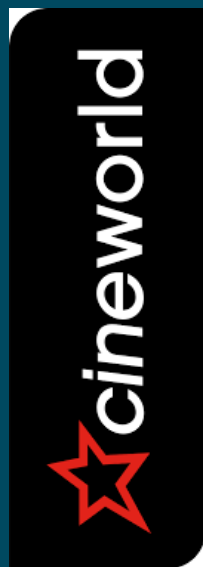
FINISH UP YOUR ACTIVITIES WEEK WITH LUNCH AT PIZZA HUT FOR AN ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET!



FRIDAY 10TH
OF MAY

ALL
DAY

£20
APPROX



60
PUPILS

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***WEDNESDAY
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***ALL DAY
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COOKING

MRS FORNO

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All day activities

***WEDNESDAY
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CERAMICS



**Ms REED & MR
ASHLEY**

Clay Tiles

If you enjoy the challenge of creative problem solving then this is the activity for you.

A chance to make a decorative or functional clay tile using hand building methods such as: slab , applied clay and incised clay.

NATURE WALK



**MRS SIM & MRS
WASHINGTON**

*Go on a nice, relaxing stroll.
Take in the scenery, chat
with friends. Connect with
nature and not to the
internet.*

FITNESS CIRCUITS



Mr McCurdy & Mr Shellam

'Come along for some fitness fun in a group: sit-ups, squats, calf-raises, resistance bands ... arms, chest, legs, back, we're going to hit it. Everybody welcome.

ANIME CREATION

MR LOZANO



Let's watch some anime and make posters!
We can get creative to design some cool-anime inspired art while watching popular anime like 'Blue Lock', 'Cells at work' and 'Dr Stone' dubbed in English. Pencils, coloured pencils, markers, rulers and A4 white paper will be provided.

***WEDNESDAY
IN SCHOOL***

***AFTERNOON
ACTIVITIES***

RACQUET SPORTS

**MR NICOLL & MR
MAUGHN**



*Come and play Badminton
and Short Tennis in the
Games Hall, lots of fun
games and tournaments.*

FRENCH FILMS

Mr McCurdy



Come to French cinema days during activities week at Dyce Academy.

Bring your mates along as well as some popcorn and enjoy excerpts from films in French with English subtitles to help learn French in a more relaxed environment.

It's going to be 'incroyable
' (I N C R E D I B L E) ... See you there.

FIFA TOURNAMENT



Calling all FIFA pros! Show off your skills in the FIFA Xbox Tournament and compete for glory!

Don't miss out! Sign up now and get ready! Matches to take place on Wed 7th May 2025 with Mr Shellam!

KARAOKE & MUSICAL SINGALONG

**MRS KIRKWOOD
MISS LENNON**

Warm up your vocal chords and get ready to sing the afternoon away! If you've never tried karaoke before you will not regret it! Bring your friends for extra courage and soon you'll be singing like Mariah Carey!



BOARD GAMES



A selection of board & card games will be available – Jenga, Connect 4, Fluxx, Hue Knew, Chess, Rebound etc.

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DANCE FITNESS

Mrs Kirwood & Mrs Mackie



Unlock the joy of movement in "Dance Fitness," where every step is an invitation to unleash your inner dancer—no experience required! Join Mrs Kirkwood and Mrs Mackie for an upbeat dance routine to get some fitness into your week with excitement and fun.

Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to rediscover your passion for movement, "Dance Fitness" encourages you to embrace your unique style and celebrate the sheer joy of dancing.

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FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



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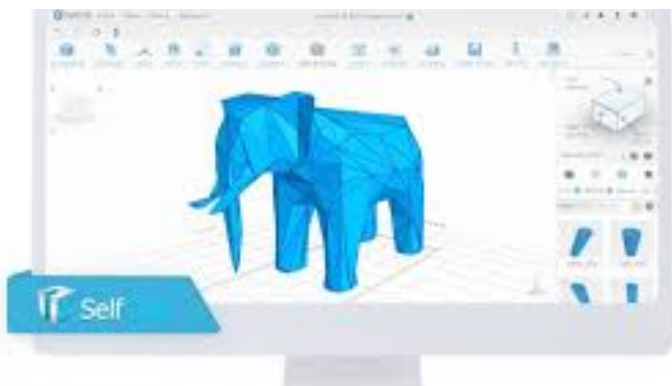
7 a-side football tournament on the astroturf, feel free to sign up as a team or an individual! Will be an indoor 5-a-side tournament if Weather is poor.

3D DESIGN, MODEL AND PRINT

Mr Maughn

Design, Create, Innovate. Ever wanted to bring your ideas to life? Join our 3D CAD modelling activity and dive into the world of digital design. Learn how to create, customize and visualise 3D models using industry-standard software. Whether you're a future engineer, architect, or designer, this is your chance to develop real-world skills and unleash your creativity. Sign up and start shaping the future.

The best models may have the potential to be 3D printed. Subject to the arrival date of the department's new 3D printers.



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SUPER SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT

MR MAUGHN



***CALLING ALL GAMERS! DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE
THE ULTIMATE CHAMPION? JOIN UP FOR AN EPIC SUPER
SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT. GO HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH YOUR
FRIENDS, SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS AND CLAIM VICTORY IN 4
PLAYER SHOWDOWNS OF STRATEGY, SPEED AND SMASHING
SPECTACLE. DO YOU MAIN AS THE LEGENDARY LINK, THE
SUPERB SAMUS OR KRAZY KIRBY? PRIZES AWAIT THE TOP
FIGHTERS BUT ONLY ONE CAN BE CROWNED CHAMPION! WILL
IT BE YOU?***

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CRAFTING

MRS LEVEN

GET CRAFTY!



Calling all artists and creators! Join us for an exciting crafting session where imagination knows no bounds. From colourful creations to dazzling designs explore your artistic side through creativity and fun.

Crafts include:

Card making

Key rings

Quilling

Air Dry clay

Origami

Pencil Boxes



We will have lots of materials available for pupils to use such as stencils, glitter, card, letters, borders etc. but if you have something specific such as stencil maker then please feel free to bring them in with you. If you have a parent, grandparent or sibling with a special birthday or event coming up then this is the perfect opportunity to make a personalised card and gift for them.

BOARD GAMES

MRS YEOMAN

MRS JESSAMINE



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SHORT FILM MAKING

MR FARQUHAR

Have you ever wanted to be the next Steven Spielberg or Christopher Nolan? Fancy creating a film worthy of a standing ovation at the Oscars? Now is your chance to! Come along to the in-school Film Making Activity

We will start the day looking at examples of a range of adverts before you start brainstorming and storyboarding your own. During the second part of the day you will get to turn your storyboard into a film by working with the other pupils taking part and editing it so that it is perfect!



All day activities

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FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMANT



Mr Ranken &
Mr McGregor

Come along to test your skills at Dyce Academy's 5-a-side football tournament. There will be a round-robin tournament to find our winners.

You can register a team with your friends before the day or just turn up and form a team.

THE BIG DYCE QUIZ



Mrs Sim & Mrs
Washington

Come along to the Big Dyce quiz of 2025. Test your general knowledge, film and tv, science and nature, geography, current events and many more mystery rounds. Bonus points for the most creative quiz team names.

Get your team together before the day or come along and join a team on the day too.

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

MR MAUGHAN

Are you the greatest racer of all time? Do you know your Mario from your Luigi? How many banana skins can you dodge? Can you best Mr Maughan on Rainbow Road?

Come and settle these questions once and for all, in a 4-player knock-out tournament [8 player if I can source a 2nd Switch console!] to decide once and for all who is the best Mario Kart racer in the whole world.... or at least Dyce.



HEPTATHALON

Mr Nicoll



All round test of your Athletic abilities: 100 metres, High Jump, Shot Put, 200m, Long Jump, Javelin, 800m.

Outdoors or if Weather is poor will be adapted to indoors.

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MINECRAFT

Mr Maughan



***MR MAUGHAN WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP OUT.
THE VERY BEST CREATION AT THE END OF THE
SESSION, WILL WIN A
MYSTERY PRIZE***

Dream, imagine, create & build amazing creations together in the block-tastic virtual world of Minecraft. Come chat about all things design & architecture while creating a building or structure of your wildest imagination.

TAYLOR SWIFT APPRECIATION SOCIETY

MRS COWIE

This is beyond any Swiftie's Wildest Dreams (or potential Swifties!) If you love Taylor Swift, then You Belong With Me! Join Mrs. Cowie to watch Taylor Swift interviews and performances and turn your hand to some crafting. You can expect some poster and friendship bracelet making as you sing-a-long to all of your favourite Taylor hits. Don't leave a Blank Space on your choice form- enjoy Activities days in Style.



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