



**Looe Community
Academy
Challenge Week
2024**

15TH—19TH JULY



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Dear Parent/Carer

Challenge Week 2024

At Looe Community Academy, we are extremely pleased to be able to offer students in Years 7, 8 and 9 the opportunity to take part in Challenge Week 2024.

As with every year, this week promises to be an action packed 5 days that celebrates our students' achievements and allows them to develop their personal learning and thinking skills. For 2024 we have provided the opportunity for students to experience a range of activities that may not be readily available to them during their usual timetabled lessons.

Students can choose one of the fantastic residential experiences on offer or alternatively, they can enjoy the 'home programme' where they can opt for one of our 'challenge packages' that caters for a wide range of interests and budgets. The Challenge Week booklet sharing the packages that are available can be found on our website in the 'information and updates' area on this link <http://www.looe.cornwall.sch.uk/news-and-events/information-and-updates>

As your child will be selecting one package for the duration of Challenge Week, they should carefully consider the activities on offer and liaise with friends before signing up and paying a deposit.

We understand the launch is slightly later this year, however due to a number of staff changes we needed to ensure each trip had a lead member of staff to enable this week to go ahead. In light of this, you will be able to pay in instalments, between now and July, to support in staggering the payments for trips that have a significant financial outlay attached to them. Once deposits have been made then instalments can be paid on Parent Pay.

Deposits and top-up payments can be paid via ParentPay. Details about ParentPay have been sent previously to you and, if required, login details can be resent for those parents that have not yet activated their account. ParentPay will open for deposits on Monday 15 April at 12pm. Deposits should be paid by Monday 29 April with top up payments made by the dates set out on ParentPay. Activities will be available on a first come first served basis.

Yours faithfully

Lea Riley
Challenge Week Coordinator/Head of Year 9 and 10

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**WEEK OVERVIEW
CHALLENGE
WEEK 2024**

Code 1. Go Wild: led by Miss Welch. **Cost £70**

Code 2. Crafty Crew: led by Miss Fowkes. **Cost FREE**

Code 3. Mr Riley's Epic Week of Adventure: led by Mr Riley. **Cost £200**

Code 4. LCA Hunger Games: led by Mrs Turon. **Cost £40**

Code 5. Seaside: led by Mrs Tedder. **Cost £58**

Code 6. Amaze Days: led by Mr Deacon **(Year 9 only)**. **Cost £550**

Code 7. Dare to Dive: led by Mr Howarth & Miss Bayliss. **Cost £450**

Code 8. Activators: led by. **Cost £180**

Code 9. The Coast with the most: led by Mrs Day. **Cost FREE**

Code 10. Adventure Addicts: led by Mrs Owen. **Cost £195**

Code 11. The amazing Isles of Scilly residential: led by Mr Gilbert.

(Year 7 only) COST £450

Code 12. Shore to Moor: led by Mr Saberton **Cost FREE**

COST: £70

GO WILD

Spend the week on the wild side, enjoying the natural environment right on your doorstep. This week you'll be learning survival skills, BBQ'ing on the beach, wild camping overnight - just you and the elements. You'll be Den building, campfire cooking & using animal camera traps. You will welcome nature at school - Building bug houses & homemade bird feeders, whilst learning all the tricks and skills from a local Forest school expert. You will also be exploring our local ecosystems, Rock pooling and Cyanotype printing, with local Author Heather Buttivant also visiting and giving an Environmental talk

Experiment, Explore, Experience.

Lead Teacher
Miss Welch



CRAFTY CREW

CODE 2

Lead Teacher: Mrs Fowkes

Cost: free

READY SET MAKE!

DO YOU LOVE TO MAKE THINGS? WELL, DURING THIS WEEK WE WILL BE MAKING BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS OUT OF SEA GLASS, PAINTING WITH A REAL-LIFE ARTIST FROM OUR LOCAL AREA, GETTING CREATIVE AND LEARNING HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKS, TAKING PHOTOS AND USING CREATIVE INSPIRATION OF LOVELY LOOE. WE WILL BE USING NATURAL OBJECTS LIKE SHELLS TO MAKE SEASHELL WREATHS? BREAD BAKING, AND MAYBE EVEN SQUEEZING IN SOME SAND ART? THIS WEEK OF CREATIVE CURIOSITY WILL GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO HAVE FUN, RELAX, IMPROVE YOUR CONFIDENCE LEARN NEW SKILLS.



Mr Riley's Epic Week of Adventure

COST: £200

CODE 3

A week full of the best activities our area has to offer

LEAD TEACHER: MR RILEY

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Monday: A very chilled start to the week. Rotate between *ten pin bowling*, the arcade & Ready Player One with Virtual Reality stations loaded with fun games, zombies, Escape Rooms and immersive experiences. Then it's on to the *Vue Cinema Plymouth* to sit back, relax and fill your face with popcorn and sweets whilst kicking back in the leather recliner seats to watch the latest blockbuster movie.



Tuesday: It's onto Splashdown Quaywest, the UK's **BEST** outdoor waterpark, with 8 adrenalin-pumping flume rides. Take on the sheer speed of 'The Screamer' with it's 60 degree steep arc, ride the 'Wild Kamikaze' and accelerate through 60 metres of slide and descend through 3 steep drops! Face the 'Devil's Drop'? The highest, fastest flume in the UK! a 65ft near vertical drop and into a black hole. Ride together with friends down the 'Raging Rapids', Tumble on tyres and whizz through 130m twists and turns in the 'Surf Lagoon' before weaving your way through 112m of open and closed tubes on the 'Sidewinder'. Finish with 98m of 360-degree turns on the 'Corkscrew' & 100 metres of twists and turns on 'Wet & Wild', then do it all again.....



Wednesday: Take to the waves on Cornwall's only surf simulator! Where experienced instructors will have you standing up and surfing in style in no time. Slip, slide and splash around on the inflatable Aqua Park, where there's steps, trampolines and more to jump and bounce your way around the course! And learn how to master the waves whilst stood up on the SUP's. Life couldn't be wetter!



Thursday: We accelerate off at the start the week spending the day at St Eval karting track, the UK's largest circuit. You'll be racing against the chicanes, dramatic flyover and hairpin corners, all aiming to be first on that podium at the end!!!! Are there any budding speedsters who can beat Mr Riley's Lap time? Get your engines at the ready to find out.



Friday: The end of the week sees us get the 'most of the coast' at one of Cornwall's finest surf beaches, Fistral. Learn how to surf with expert instruction from the surf team then have some lunch before traversing the stunning coastline around the headland Coasteering. Jump, climb, swim, let the sea pick you up and take you for a ride...coasteering is an instant rush and you don't need any experience, just a thirst for adventure.



Code 4

YOU VS THE WOODS

LEA HUNGER GAMES

MONDAY: IN THE WOODS AT SCHOOL
CREATING TOOLS AND PLANNING
SURVIVAL STRATEGIES.

TUESDAY: MOUNT EDCCUMBE WOODS,
BUILDING YOUR OWN SHELTER, AND
COOKING YOUR DINNER ON A FIRE YOU'VE
MADE YOURSELF.

WE WILL STAY OVERNIGHT

WEDNESDAY: EXPLORING THE GROUNDS
LEARNING HOW YOU CAN SURVIVE.

THURSDAY: BACK IN SCHOOL DESIGNING
YOUR TEAM BANNER??

FRIDAY:

Barn Climbing Centre, challenging yourself over a number of routes and walls, testing the most fearless of individuals.

Cost £40



**Lead Teacher:
Mrs Turon**

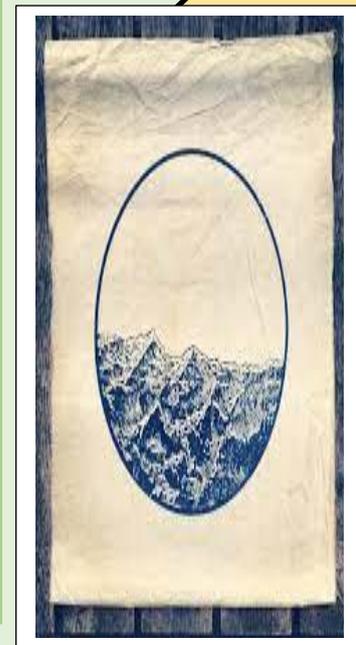
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SEASIDERS



Can the sea inspire your creative side? During this week we will be making beautiful creations out of sea glass, crafting and creating with expert tutorage from local artists & crafters & getting creative using the inspiration of Beautiful Looe. We will be using natural objects like shells, sea glass and seaweed to make gelli prints, fabric designs, shibori dyes, screen printing and constructing beach bags. The seaside is our playground this week and will inspire our imaginations and artistic talents. All with the help of an ice cream or two and few other Cornish delights along the way!!!!

Cost £58



Amaze Days

Code 6

Cost: £550

*(Please note, this trip is offered to Year 9 only)

Lead Teacher Mr Deacon

Sunday 14th July: We will begin our journey by setting off from the Academy on our 'executive coach' to **West Midlands Safari Park**, where students will be able to interact with and witness some of nature's greatest animals and creatures. The students will then head to Hinkley for an overnight stay at the Premier Inn Hotel, where they will feast on a restaurant evening meal, before getting a well-earned night's sleep.



Monday 15th July On awakening, a choice of breakfast will be provided before travelling the short journey to **Alton Towers Theme Park** for a choice of an action-packed day on the rides for the thrill seekers, or a more leisurely approach to the wide range of 'calmer' activities for others. The day will finish by travelling direct to London for a good night's sleep, gearing up for 3 full days of adventures in our nation's capital.



Tuesday 16th July: After breakfast, we will head out for a city stroll, taking in some of the main tourist areas such as **Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Horse Guards Parade** and a brief stop off at the beautiful area of **Hyde Park**. The **Banksey Art Tunnel** is always a spectacle, before heading to **St Pauls's Cathedral** and all its wonders on show. Once fed and fuelled from our restaurant evening meal, the **Apollo Victoria Theatre** awaits, where we will be heading to witness the **West End Show Wicked - The Musical!!** Then back for a restful night's sleep and reflection on the day's events.



Wednesday 17th July: We arise for another filling breakfast before heading to **Madame Tussauds!** A chance to meet all the world's most famous celebrities (even if only in wax statue form), whilst also taking in the sensational **Marvel Heroes 4D experience!!** Next, back out onto the streets of **Covent Garden** and **Leicester Square** with stop offs at **MnM World** and **The Lego Store**. An evening meal awaits, in preparation for our night on the tiles to see **SIX - The Musical**. What a way to end the day!!



Thursday 18th July: Another morning fuelling, before heading out to **The Science Museum** and **Natural History Museum** to witness and interact with some of the incredible spectacles each has to offer! We will then test our nerve in the **London Bridge Experience**, before calming things down with our evening meal, in preparation for our last night in London...And what a way to finish...**Lion King - The Musical!!**



Friday 21st July After another laid on hotel breakfast, the finale...**Thorpe Park!** Whether you are the ultimate rollercoaster rider or more of a log flume luger...this place has it all!! Being only a 60-minute coach journey away, this day will be fuelled to the max from the start with everything the UK's biggest theme park has to offer!! Hopefully the group will have just enough energy left to survive the coach journey back to Cornwall and look back on what will have hopefully been '**A week to remember!!**'



***PLEASE NOTE - Students wishing to participate in this package will be required to share a hotel 'twin room' with another student.** It is also strongly advised that in order to maximise their day, students wishing to ride the main rollercoasters at Thorpe Park/Alton Towers pre-purchase their own 'Ride Fastrack Pass' before the trip as only the park admission ticket is included in the cost of this package. **There will also be separate, extra costs throughout the week, such as; Tube fairs, lunches and at least one additional evening meal.**

Learn to Dive



Dare to Dive

Cost £450

The World's most popular diver training course provides you with all the skills required to dive safely and competently worldwide. The course is taught in a fun and friendly manner by professional and internationally recognised PADI instructors and uses the most up to date training techniques.

The PADI Open Water Diver Course includes all course materials, 2 days of dry learning and pool sessions, and 3 days of sea diving – completing at least 4 dives over the 3 days.

At the end of the course, once they've completed all of their training, students will receive their PADI Open Water Diver Certification which means they can dive anywhere in the world with a buddy to 18m max (students under 15yo will have shallower depth restrictions until they turn 15yo).



Code 7





Code 8

ACTIVATORS



COST: £180

ESCAPISM
PLYMOUTH

CAN YOU ESCAPE?

Monday: Show off those footy skills, with a difference, at Football Golf Cornwall. Can you get a 'Goal in One'?

Tuesday: A trilogy of activities; Shoot some clays, take on the adventure golf course & work your way out of an escape room. Will you get out in time?

Wednesday: A day in Cornwall's Own Playground: You'll be given the skills to master the surf and your challenge your courage, surfing & coastering.

Thursday: An adrenalin fuelled day indoor karting and lazer tagging. Speed, Accuracy & Bravery is a must!!!

Friday: Step into a virtual world at Ready Player One then head over to Ten Pin Plymouth to see who's the best bowler in town!

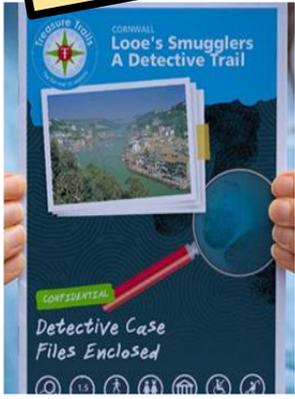


The Coast with the most

Code 9

Cost FREE

Lead Teacher: Mrs Day



Explore the coast of Looe and all that lurks beneath with walks along our stunning coastline, beach activities and complete a treasure trail in Looe. Challenge yourself on the local putting green, learn about the local ecosystem and find creatures in their local habitat. Enjoy plenty of team games, quizzes and fun challenges, and throw in a few local treats, and you've got a week enjoying the coast with the most.



Cost: £195

CODE 10

Adventure Addicts

Lead Teacher Mrs J Owen

Another fabulous active week!

Monday 15th July - Wargame Company, Tavistock, Outdoor Laser Combat

This is a fun way of 'playing soldiers' in team games in the woods without being hit by a projectile. Equipment required will be: shorts and t-shirts with sturdy shoes (overall and hat will be provided), sunscreen, water bottles, snacks, packed lunches and money to buy snacks from the snack machine.

Tuesday 16th July – Cornish Adventure, Cornish Kayaking.

Get ready for an unforgettable Cornish Kayaking Adventure, where you will learn all the comings and going of Cornwall's local community as well as the local wildlife in the Camel Estuary. All whilst being challenged with games to help improve your paddling skills. Learn the essential kayak skills under the watchful eyes of experienced guides and enjoy the adventure and fun on the sea.

Wednesday 17th July - Coasteering

Coasteering involves scrambling, sea swimming, climbing and cliff jumping your way around a section of the North Cornwall coastline. Students must be fairly competent and confident swimmers. All equipment is provided, students will need swimwear, towel, sunscreen, water bottles and a packed lunch.

Thursday 18th July - Tree Surfing Challenge

Challenge yourself to a treetop adventure that will test your limits, stretch your mind, and give you a natural high! Students will take on the Tree Surfing Challenge combined with a nature walk in the beautiful Tamar Valley. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear; bring sunscreen, a water bottle and a packed lunch for today.

Friday 19th July – Plymouth Karting & Laser Tag

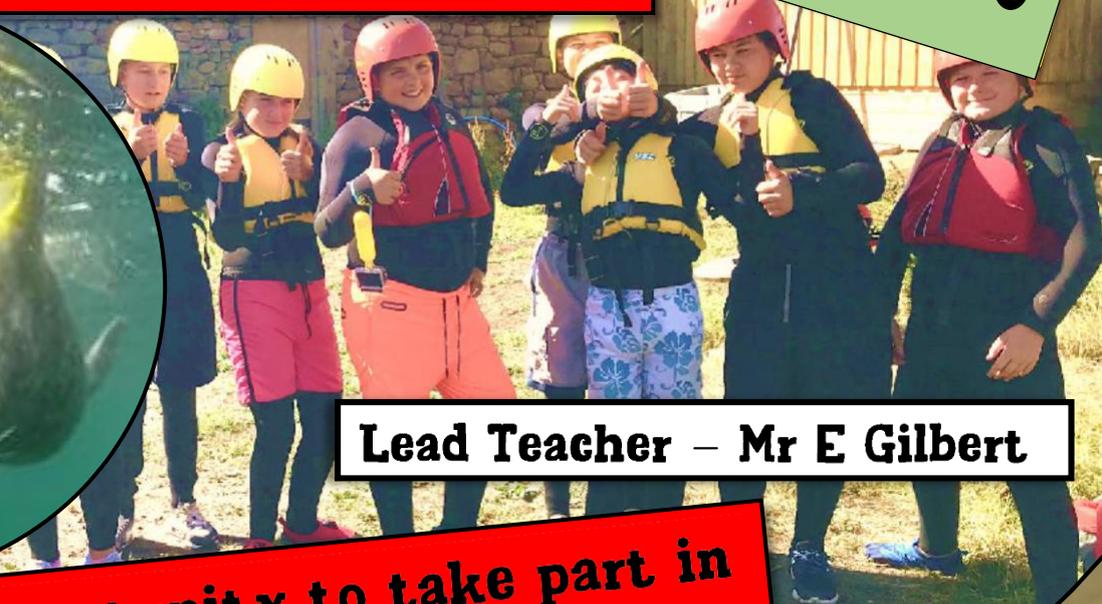
The final day is spent at Devon & Cornwall's ONLY Indoor Karting & Laser Tag centre, home to the fastest indoor karts in the South West! Take on the Challenging indoor racing circuit designed to maximise overtaking opportunities. When not driving enter the Multi level laser tag arena, with different game modes and live scoring for an intense experience. Full safety equipment and briefings from friendly, trained staff & a raised spectator area giving spectacular views of all the action.



Isles of Scilly Residential Adventure

Code 11

Cost £450



Lead Teacher – Mr E Gilbert

An amazing opportunity to take part in an adventure of a life time.

This will be an exciting and challenging opportunity where students can take part in a **residential camping adventure** on the Isles of Scilly. Students travel to the **Isles of Scilly** on the **Scillonian ferry**, camp on the **Cornwall Outdoors** dedicated schools' camp site at **Pelistry Farm** on St Mary's and take part in a range of **exciting and challenging activities**:

- **Coasteering** – on St Mary's with Kernow Coasteering (Life on the Edge)
- **Swimming with seals** – from St Martin's with Scilly Seal Snorkelling
- **Fast rib ride**- from Tresco with Island Sea Safaris
- **Bear Grylls adventure** – on Samson
- **Swimming** on idyllic deserted beaches – St Mary's and Samson

The cost of the adventure is £450, which **includes all activities, accommodation, food and transport**. The adventure will begin with the coach leaving the Academy early on the morning of **Saturday 13th July** and finish with the coach returning to the Academy **late in the evening on Friday 19th July**.

7 days residential



Cost: FREE

Shore to Moor

CODE 12

**PORFELL
WILDLIFE
PARK & SANCTUARY**

"On-your-hike!"

An introduction to the plain joy of walking in the beautiful Cornish countryside. Each day will take our group on a ramble along footpaths, by-ways and moorland, through some of the most stunning scenery in the south-west. Why? Because it is there! I hope to get you hooked on the buzz of just being in nature, talking, thinking, laughing and eating!!

We will walk the coast path to Talland, the river valleys to Liskeard, the high moors of Bodmin and Dartmoor and the woodlands of Deer Park. We may even squeeze in a wander around Porfell Wildlife Park. All the time we will be taking in the scenery, getting to know each other, taking photos and chilling out!

Some walks will go straight out of the Academy, some will need us dropping off and walking back and on a couple of days we will bus out to new frontiers (Bodmin and Dartmoor).

Lead Teacher: Mr Saberton

