

Y7 History

After learning about medieval castles, as part of one of their units in the History curriculum, Year 7 were asked to make an entry for the Ashlyns castles competition. The History Department would like to thank all the Year 7 pupils who handed in an entry for this. This year's selection of entries has possibly been the strongest and best we have seen, with some amazing models, castle cakes and video presentations all making up the range of entries. Well done Year 7!



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Congratulations to the winners of the April draw:

1st prize - R Bray
2nd prize - G Clifford
3rd prize - R Rieckenberg

World Challenge

Team 1 has started their 4 week World Challenge expedition in Vietnam. They have explored the city of Ho Chi Minh and taken a boat trip around the Mekong Delta. Good luck to Team 2 who depart on Sunday, and thank you to Miss Holmes, Miss Masterson and Mrs Rogers for running the trip, partly during their summer holidays.



Silver DofE Expedition

More than 80 of our Year 10 students are currently on day 2 of their Silver Expedition in the Cotswolds, enjoying the beautiful scenery! They are due back tomorrow evening.

Travel

Parents are able to apply for a Hertfordshire SaverCard which will give 11 to 19 year olds half price travel on bus fares [SaverCard in Hertfordshire | Hertfordshire County Council](#). Details of bus routes to school can be found on the travel page of the school website [Travel - Ashlyns School](#).

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Quirky Activities for Teens and Tweens



50 Activities To Try Instead Of Looking At A Smartphone



Quick Guide to Festivals

The summer break is arriving for UK schools, and we wish all Tooled Up families a restful and refreshing break and hopefully some quality time together, whether it's going abroad, exploring your local area, visiting family, having sofa time with TV and movies, sports or board games.

We'd like to thank all our families and schools for their support during this academic year and we look forward to hearing from you again soon!

At Tooled Up we're very aware of the challenge of occupying the family during the long summer break! These resources will help you use the time in interesting and memorable ways.

Young people quickly get bored of the same ideas and days out, so this list of [Quirky Activities for Teens and Tweens](#) is invaluable, from circus performance to skateboarding, virtual reality to exploring old graveyards.

For something really unusual this year, read this recent article about [Caving](#) from meteorologist David Bowker. Learn about the spectacular subterranean world of caves and find out how you can explore them for yourself!

We also want to keep children active during the break, at a time when their usual sports clubs and PE lessons aren't available. These are [50 Activities](#) children can try instead of looking at their smartphone. Great for quick bursts of physical activity!

For something more substantial, many of the camps and experiences on our [2024 Summer Activities](#) list still have places available. You could even still get a ticket to one of the [Family-Friendly Festivals](#) in our popular list. Don't forget our [Quick Guide to Festivals](#) if your teen is heading off with their friends.

If you're heading away with the family, our Beach Science activities for [younger children](#) and [teens](#) will get young minds active by the sea. Make sure you don't forget anything important by using the [Pre-Holiday Family Checklist](#).

You might not want to forget about school completely! This [video](#) gives advice for avoiding the dreaded "summer slide" – children forgetting what they learnt at school the previous year! And you can find ideas for summer learning [here](#), including useful links for picking an enjoyable book to read!