

Boarding Activities – Midweek and Weekends

The evening and weekend boarding activities programme is an important part of the educational experience that Aldenham offers to its boarding community. The school endeavours to offer a range of experiences and the boarders are themselves encouraged to suggest activities that they would like to have put on. They are also given the opportunity to organise their own events and these can include dances, dinners, balls, quiz nights, wine tasting evenings, to name but a few. It is often the case that the different Houses in the school will invite other Houses to an event that has been organised by the students themselves and this is an exciting opportunity for many of our students to manage their own events.

Aldenham recognises participation in the different activities through its own 'Aldenham Diploma'. To receive the 'Aldenham Diploma' students will have participated in a range of activities on a regular basis over at least two years and in doing so they will have broadened their horizons and had the opportunity to participate in activities that they might not otherwise have had the chance to enjoy and experience. They will also have developed further skills that may reflect entrepreneurship and leadership and it is hoped that the developing of such qualities will also facilitate growth in confidence as they come to recognise talents that may have hitherto lain dormant.

The focus for our programme is on Wednesday and Friday evenings and also during the weekends.

On Wednesdays during the winter months, the academic day finishes earlier at 4.30pm and this means that after an early prep (5pm-6.30pm) and dinner at 6.30pm, the students are able to participate in an evening's activity. There are a range of possibilities. With the school's excellent auditorium, there will be occasions when students will be able to enjoy a cinematic experience and, for those eager to achieve their Diploma, students may offer an introductory lecture about the film or participate in a group discussion about the film afterwards. On other occasions there will be an open mike stand-up comedy evening or the opportunity to participate in our very own '*Aldenham Factor!*' We will also offer quiz nights and a Dragon's Den style competition which will again offer several opportunities to meet the criteria for the awarding of our Diploma. We also challenge our students with the opportunity to participate in our 'Question Time' evening which may involve local politicians addressing key issues that will affect our students, if not now then in the future.

On Friday nights we offer a somewhat more relaxed programme with the opportunity for our Senior students to be members of our Boarders Sixth Form Society. This is a chance for the students, at the end of a long week, to enjoy the school's relaxed bar. In the bar/cafe, accompanied by food, they may enjoy a glass of wine, beer, or a cup of coffee and discuss issues that will have arisen during the week. It is also the evening when the school may invite in speakers that will challenge our students to think about philosophical or topical issues. Some of our students will even seek the opportunity to speak themselves on a topic that has inspired them. No doubt they will also make some plans for their weekends!

The weekends offer several opportunities and it is expected that many of our students will wish to be involved in the activities that are available. On Saturday mornings the school runs what is called the Meryfield Project. This is an opportunity for our students to give something back to the local community by offering sports and arts activities within the school to the young children of Borehamwood. This is a popular activity and it can also be part of the community service

component for those students working towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh awards. The Duke of Edinburgh award runs alongside the Meryfield Project so that whilst some students may be working one week on camp craft, the next week they may be assisting with an art and craft activity.

During the weekend, the Sixth Formers are able to opt in to the activities programme but it is recognised that with the demands of the A levels that they may not always be able to participate in some events. However the Junior boarders are expected to participate fully. It is certainly not an onerous undertaking with activities such as ice skating, trips to see Saracens RUFC or other local sports teams, paint balling, and cinema trips all on offer. There are also activities done on the school site such as rifle shooting, archery, go karting and many more.

DEM
January 2008

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	STAFF MEMBER
Sat 12 th Jan 08	9.30am	EAL – Curriculum Support	MVD, CLM
Sat 12 th Jan 08		Junior & Senior Film Night – boarders	1 needed
Sun 13 th Jan 08		Boarders' Skating Trip to Hemel Hempstead	AOD
Thurs 17 th Jan	11.30am	CCF RAF Air Experience Flying	PWS
Thurs 17 th Jan	Evening	Yr 12 Theatre Trip "Swimming with Sharks" + boarders	JZB + 1 needed
Sat 19 th Jan	10.00am	Meryfield School	DEM, JPS, AC, SAH
Sat 19 th Jan	9.30am	EAL – Curriculum Support	AJW
Sat 19 th Jan	am	French Speaking & Writing	NMC
Sat 19 th Jan	am	Green Power Car	SXN
Sat 19 th Jan	pm	Boarders' Swimming & Gym	JPS + 1 needed
Sat 19 th Jan	evening	6 th Form House Dinner - Boarders	Volunteer House needed
Sun 20 th Jan	11.00am	Fives Online ladder Event	MWDB
Sun 20 th Jan	am	Boarders' Cycling/Walking Activity at Aldenham Park	JPS + 1 needed
Tues 22 nd Jan		Pupils' Concert	JRW
Thurs 24 th Jan	3.30pm	Basketball v Immanuel Boys	RRH, SAH
Thurs 24 th Jan	7.30pm	Les Philosophes	PMD
Fri 25 th Jan	pm	Film Night for Boarders	2 needed
Sat 26 th Jan	10.00am	Meryfield School	DEM, AC, KD
Sat 26 th Jan	am	Green Power Car	SXN
Sat 26 th Jan	11.00am	Basketball v Felsted	RRH, SAH
Sat 26 th Jan	All Day	Stage Technical Crew Rehearsal	AMS
Sat 26 th Jan	Evening	Boarders' International Dinner	2 needed
Sun 27 th Jan	9.30am	EAL – Rugby Trip to Vicarage Road + boarders	MVD, CLM, SWM
Sun 27 th Jan	All Day	Technical /Dress Rehearsal Middle School Production	JZB/AMS
Tues 29 th Jan	3.30pm	Basketball v Haileybury	RRH, SAH
Thurs 31 st Jan	All Day	Years 7 & 8 Life Skills Day	RRH
Thurs 31 st Jan	9.00am	CCF RAF Field Day	PWS
Thurs 31 st Jan	7.30pm	"Snark" – Middle School Production – Years 9 & 10	JZB, AMS
Fri 1 st Feb	4.00pm	Fives Triangular Tournament: Ma	MWDB
Fri 1 st Feb	7.30pm	"Snark" – Middle School Production – Years 9 & 10	JZB, AMS
Sat 2 nd Feb	9.30am	EAL – Trip to St Albans + boarders	AM + ? 1 needed
Sat 2 nd Feb	10.00am	Meryfield	DEM, KD, AW +
Sat 2 nd Feb	All Day	English Literature/Language Day	CRJ, ARL
Sat 2 nd Feb	10 – 4pm	Design & Technology Workshop	EAC, SXN, CEM
Sat 2 nd Feb	Evening	Boarders' Activity	2 needed
Tues 5 th Feb	7.00pm	Aldenham Business Society	PSG
Thurs 7 th Feb	4.15pm	Fives v Highgate	MWDB
Thurs 7 th Feb	6.00pm	Junior Ski Trip Meeting for Parents	WPNP
Mon 11 th Feb		Snowzone lessons for Easter skiers	WPNP

Tues 12 th Feb		Snowzone lessons for Easter skiers	WPNP
Fri 15 th Feb – Sun 27 th Feb		World Challenge Training Expedition departs	WPNP
Fri 15 th Feb		Yrs 12 & 13 D & T Visit to Royal Armouries	EAC, SXN
Tues 19 th Feb	4.15pm	Fives v QE Barnet	MWDB
Wed 20 th Feb	All Day	Yrs 9 & 10 Life Skills Day	RRH
Thurs 21 st Feb	4.30pm	Basketball v Haileybury	RRH
Thurs 21 st Feb	4.45pm	Choral Evensong	JRW, LSP
Thurs 21 st Feb	7.30pm	Les Philosophes	PMD
Fri 22 nd Feb		Boarders' Football & Gym	1 needed
JFri 22 nd Feb	7.00pm	Kennedy's Valentine's Event	WPNP
Sat 23 rd Feb	9.30am	EAL – Theatre Trip + boarders	MVD + 1needed
Sat 23 rd Feb	10.00am	Meryfield	DEM, SAH, AC, KD
Sat 23 rd Feb	All Day	Media Studies	CRJ
Sat 23 rd Feb	10.30- 5.30	Prep Schools Music Day	JRW, LSP
Sat 23 rd Feb	pm	Boarders' swimming & gym	1 needed
Tues 26 th Feb	7.15pm	Fives v EFA	MWDB
Thurs 28 th Feb	All day	CCF RAF Air Experience Flying	PWS
Thurs 28 th Feb	4.15pm	Fives v Mill Hill	MWDB
Fri 29 th Feb	pm	Boarders' Football & Gym	1 needed
Sat 1 st Mar	9.30am	EAL – Curriculum Support	MVD, PSG
Sat 1 st Mar	10.00am	Meryfield	DEM, KD, AW
Sat 1 st Mar	11.00am	Basketball v Felsted	RRH, SAH
Sat 1 st Mar	Am/pm	Year 11 ICT Project Day	DJM, PM
Sat 1 st Mar	All Day	English Literature/Language Day	CRJ, ARL
Sat 1 st Mar	All Day	Green Power Car	SXN
Sun 2 nd Mar		Boarders' Trip to Cinema	1 needed
Sun 2 nd Mar	All day	Technical/Dress Rehearsal GCSE Yr 11 shows	JZB, AMS
Mon 3 rd Mar	6.15pm	Dress Rehearsal GCSE shows	JZB
Tues 4 th Mar	4.15pm	Fives v Mill Hill	MWDB
Tues 4 th Mar	7.00-8.30	Aldenham Business Society	PSG
Tues 4 th Mar	7.15pm	Fives Online Ladder Event	MWDB
Thurs 6 th Mar	4.30pm	Basketball v Highgate	RRH, SAH
Thurs 6 th Mar	7.00pm	GCSE Drama Shows	JZB
Fri 7 th Mar		Boarders' Football & Gym	1 needed
Fri 7 th Mar – Sun 9 th Mar		Duke of Edinburgh (CCF)	PWS, CSD, DAC
Sat 8 th Mar	All Day	Boarders' Trip to Cambridge	PMD
Sat 8 th Mar	10.00- 4.00pm	D & T Workshop	EAC, SXN, CEM
Sat 8 th Mar	7.00pm	Kennedy's Fish & Chips Quiz Evening	WPNP
Sun 9 th Mar- Sat 15 th Mar		Polish Exchange	PST, AM
Wed 12 th Mar – Thurs 13 th	5.30pm	CCF (Army) Field Day – Crowborough	PWS

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Thurs 13 th Mar	10.30am	IAPS Fives Tournament	MWDB
Thurs 13 th Mar	7.30pm	Les Philosophes	PMD
Fri 14 th Mar		Boarders' Football & gym	1 needed
Sat 15 th Mar	9.30am	EAL – Curriculum Support	MVD, PSG
Sat 15 th Mar	10.00am	Meryfield	DEM, SH, KD, AW
Sat 15 th Mar		Fives National Championships at Shrewsbury	MWDB
Sat 15 th Mar	am	Year 11 Maths Coursework Catch-up Session	DAC
Sat 15 th Mar		Year 11 Science Coursework Catch-up session	SPW, CLM, PJR
Sat 15 th Mar		Year 11 ICT Coursework	DJM, PM
Sat 15 th Mar		Spring Concert Rehearsal	JRW, LSP
Sun 16 th Mar	All day	Technical Rehearsal for AS & A2 Shows	JZB, AMS
Sun 16 th Mar	pm	Introduction to Golf Afternoon	DEM + 1 needed
Tues 18 th Mar	7.00pm	AS & A2 Shows	JZB
Wed 19 th Mar		Spring Concert	JRW, LSP
Fri 11 th Apr – Sun 13 th Apr		D of E (Silver Expedition	PWS
Fri 11 Apr – Wed 16 th Apr		Yr 12 Geography Devon Trip	JM