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# York Botham School

## Centre Handbook

2027



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**Thank you very much for your interest in our centre in York, Bootham. We hope you find everything you need in the following pages but if you have any questions or specific requests then please get in touch with us at Head Office on 0044 1244 577995.**

**The contents of this handbook are updated regularly. The latest version will be sent before your arrival.**

We look forward to a successful summer 2027 at Bootham.

# Summary

- Amazing City Centre Location
- Boarding School
- Swimming Pool
- AI & Digital Workshops
- STEM
- Drama
- Dance
- Football
- Homestay Available
- Short Transfers

# The Centre

Bootham School is a traditional English private boarding school in the centre of York. It is a closed urban campus 6 minutes' walk from the city centre.

It is a closed site with high security; there is CCTV on campus and the buildings have coded doors for access, the entrance gate is locked overnight and there is an on-site security guard from 8am until 10pm.

On campus, there are grass areas where students can take part in sports and activities.

In this centre, we accept students travelling in a group from 8 - 17 years old.



# Location

**BOOTHAM SCHOOL, YORK, YO30 7BU**

**Telephone Number - +44 (0) 1904 623261**

**Population- 200,000**

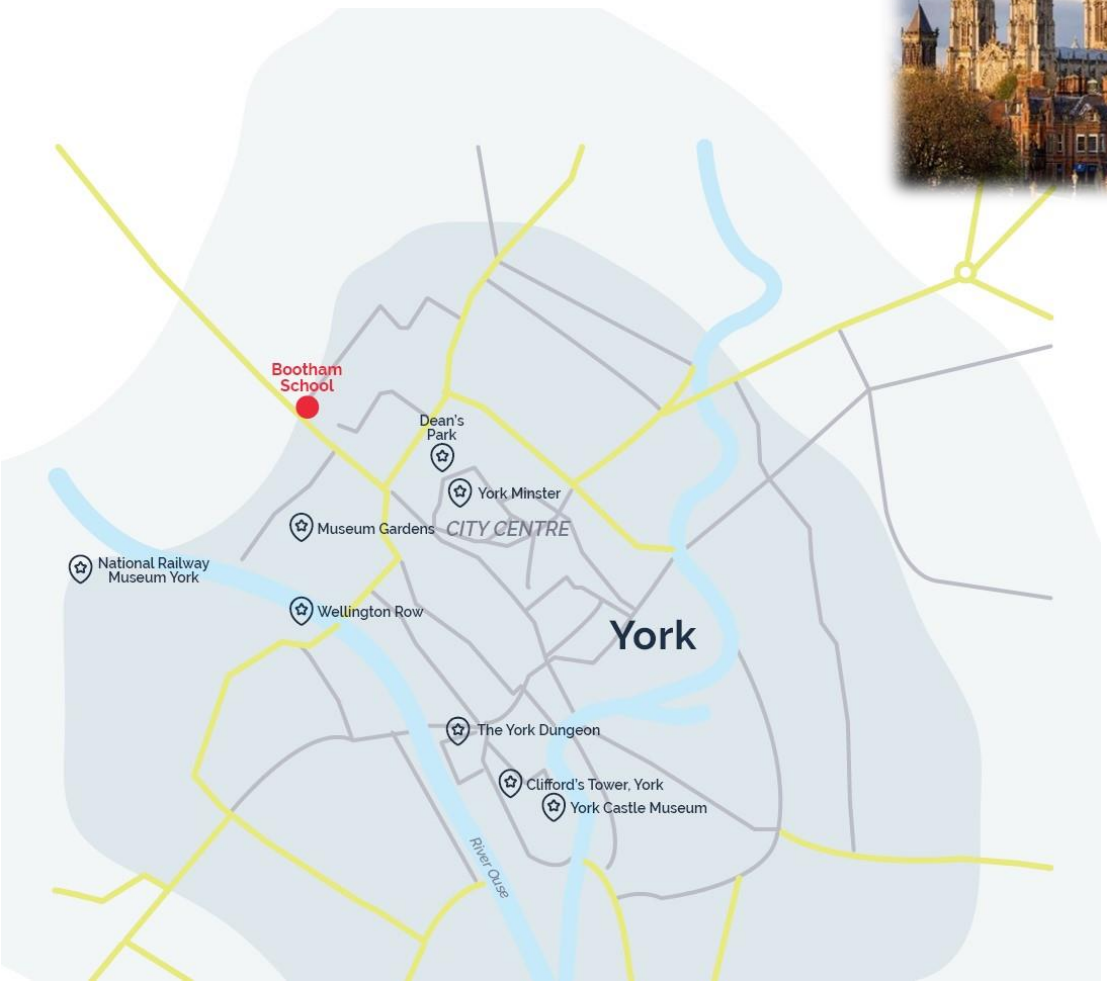
**It is a short distance to the city centre from Bootham School - approximately 0.3 miles (6 minutes' walk)**

York is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the UK, known for its rich history and heritage. It is to be found 40km to the east of Leeds and 40km from the east coast of England. The city has a proud Roman and Viking heritage which is still in evidence today. With a population of 200,000, York is big enough to feel lively, but small enough to be friendly and easy to explore on foot. York is regularly voted one of the best places to live and visit in the UK.

## Airport Transfers:

Manchester: 1 hour 40 minutes
Leeds Bradford: 55 minutes London
Heathrow: 3 hours 45 minutes





Key:
1. Hockey Pitch
2. Cricket Square
3. Cricket Pavilion
4. Football Pitch
5. Netball Court
6. Tennis, Netball and Basketball Courts
7. Swimming Pool & Sports Changing
8. Sports Hall
9. Playground
10. Main School - see separate plan
11. Pre Quad (climbing frame
12. 53-59 Bootham - Fox House - Boys' Boarding
13. 51 Bootham - Committee Room and Staff Dining Room
14. School Reception
15. Dining Room
16. 47-49 Boothham - Rawstorne House - Girls' Boarding
17. 45 Bootham - Recital Room, 21 Rapper and Girls' Boarding
18. 43 Boothham - Hoskin Centre & Administrative Offices
19. 33 Boothham - Evelyn House - Boys' Boarding
20. Cycle Store
21. Meeting Hall
22. Arts Centre (Music & Art) - see separate plan
23. Biology & Physics
24. Drama
25. Observatory
26. Chemistry
27. Staff Parking
28. Cricket Nets
29. Minibus Parking
30. Portland Lodge - Painters / Security
31. Fitness Suite
CLARENDON TERRACE
PORTLAND STREET
GILLYGATE
BOOTHAM
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# Local Amenities

**Post Office**
*Post Office Ltd*
Address: 22 Lendal, York, YO1 8DA (0.4 miles / 7 minutes' walk)

**Supermarket**
*Sainsbury's Local*
Address: 31 Bootham, York, YO30 7BT (358ft / 1-minute walk)

**ATM**
*Sainsbury's Local*
Address: 31 Bootham, York, YO30 7BT (358ft / 1-minute walk)

**Chemist**
*Cohens*
Address: 22 Gillygate, York, YO31 7EQ (0.2 miles / 4 minutes' walk)

**Hospital**
*York Hospital*
Address: Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE (0.7 miles / 14 minutes' walk)
*Healthcare: If a student feels unwell, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately. For urgent, non-life-threatening medical advice, UKLC staff will support the student to contact NHS 111 (online or by phone) and follow the advice given, including which service to attend. Do not assume that a GP, walk-in service or hospital can provide a same-day appointment. For a life-threatening emergency, call 999. If hospital treatment is required, the Group Leader must accompany the student. If the Group Leader is unavailable, a UKLC team member must accompany the student instead. Centre Management must be informed and the Senior Leadership Team notified. If a student is injured during an excursion and requires hospital treatment, both a UKLC team member and the relevant Group Leader must accompany the student. Any costs or charges incurred in connection with the hospital visit, including transport, are the student's responsibility. UKLC staff will support arrangements and communication.*

**Dentist**
*Aldwark Dental Practice*
Address: 60-62 Aldwark, York, YO1 7BU (0.5 miles /11 minutes' walk*)*

**Bus Stops**
Turn right out of the school and they are approximately 100 meters away. There are frequent buses that run to the train station and neighbouring towns.

**Train Stations**
*York Railway Station*
Address: Station Road, York, YO24 1AB (0.6 miles / 13 minutes' walk)

**Taxi Companies**
*659 Taxis:* 01904 659659
*Fleetways Taxis:* 01904 365365

**Coffee Shops**
*Brew and Brownie*
A stylish café open 7 days a week, serving wonderful coffee and great quality breakfast or lunch.
Address: 5 Museum Street, York, Y01 7DT Walking distance from Bootham: 0.3 Miles (5-minute walk)

*Perky Peacock Coffee Shop*
Serving light lunches with the fine products from some of York's best artisan producers.
Address: 72 Gillygate, York, YO31 7EQ Walking distance from Bootham: 0.2 miles (4 minutes' walk)

**Restaurants**

*Thomas' of York*

Thomas' pub and kitchen has a typical British food menu in York.

Address: Museum St, York, YO1 7DT Walking distance from Bootham: 0.3 miles (7 minutes' walk)

*Hole in the Wall*

Traditional, red brick venue with ales and classic pub food.

Address: York, YO1 7EH Walking distance from Bootham: 0.2 miles (3 minutes' walk)

*Mamma Mia*

Mamma Mia serves authentic Italian food.

Address: 20 Gillygate, York, YO31 7EQ Walking distance from Bootham: 0.2 miles (4 minutes' walk)

# Residential Accommodation

The school has two residential houses with single, twin, triple and multi-bedded rooms and shared shower and toilet facilities. Each house has its own common room with TV. The houses are called Rowntree and Fox.

The rooms in Rowntree are made up of 4 singles, 8 twins, 3 triples, 3 Quads, 1 Quint and 1 room of six. There are shared bathrooms with a ratio of 1:5 with 14 showers in total. There are 6 kitchens and 1 common room in this house. All rooms in Rowntree are in corridors.

The rooms in Fox are made up of 7 singles, 9 twins, 6 triples, and 8 quad rooms. There is a total of 17 showers and 1 bath making a bathroom ratio of 1:5. There are 3 kitchens and 1 common room in this house. All rooms in Fox are in corridors.

## Room Allocation

We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group where possible. We take into consideration any specific requests, i.e. friends who want to be close to each other. Group Leaders will stay in the same house as their students. Room allocation is normally done on arrival. If you would like any further information on this, please contact us.

## Housekeeping

Bedding is changed once a week. Bedrooms and bathrooms are cleaned twice times a week. Bins will be emptied and bathrooms checked daily. All bedding is provided but **towels are no provided.**

There are washing machine and tumble dry facilities located in Rowntree house that are coin operated. It costs £1.00 per wash and students must provide their own washing powder and need to be supervised by an adult at all times.

## Keys

This centre does not provide keys. There are key codes for each accommodation.

## Deposits

We will ask each student for a deposit of €25/£25 on arrival. We will check their rooms before they arrive and before they leave and return the money if everything is in order. If there is damage to the houses and nobody admits fault, we will ask everyone in the house to share the cost.

# Homestay Accommodation

Every host accommodation is different and our local organisers of homestay provision have endeavoured to provide accommodation that is of a good standard. Most homes in the UK are typically made from brick construction, with double glazed windows and usually a pitched tiled roof. The average home normally consists of a living room, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

In addition, most homes will have an outside garden space in which to relax and enjoy the British sunshine. Sometimes your students will be the only guest, but some homestays have two, three and occasionally four students in their house. These can be students from the same group or the same nationality or a different nationality, depending upon the requests of your students.

Your students may have their own room or in some cases may be in a shared room, furnished with a bed, storage space. Students will be able to use a desk or table in the room/the house to do your homework.

## Housekeeping

All homes are checked and assessed by our local organisers and must meet their exacting high standards. Our local organisers of homestay provision ensure that the houses we use are clean and tidy. For the short time that students are staying, they are a member of the household and it would be nice of them to offer to do some small tasks, e.g. set or clear the table and remember to tidy up after themselves.

Bed Linen will be provided by the host family. Students should bring their own towels.

Laundry during a homestay can differ from one host to another. Some hosts may offer to do a reasonable amount of laundry for your students and others may allow your students to do their own laundry. This may depend on the age of the students, i.e older teenagers might be expected to do their own.

## Meals

Breakfast and evening meals will be with your hosts. During mini-stay courses throughout the year students will usually have packed lunches from their hosts. Mealtimes will usually be agreed with the hosts. Because Britain is a multi-cultural country our food tends to be varied. Breakfast usually consists of cereal or toast and a hot drink, lunch is often something light such as a sandwich or a salad and the evening meal, usually eaten around 6pm, is the largest meal of the day and can consist of meat, fish, vegetables, with either pasta, rice or potatoes, depending on the hosts.

Please note – there is an additional cost for students with special dietary requirements staying in homestay.

## Getting to and from school

On the first day the Hosts will either drive, walk or take the bus with the students to the meeting point and show them the correct route. When they get to the centre they will meet the UKLC team and sign in for the day. At the end of the day the students meet at a designated point where the hosts will arrive to pick them up. After the first day, and once the students are happy and familiar with the route, they will make their own way to the meeting point and always sign in upon arrival with the UKLC team. In some cases, the Hosts will continue to accompany the students if, for example, it is on their way to work.

# Meals

When the students are on campus, they will eat their meals in the dining hall on site. When they are out on full day excursions, they will be provided with packed lunches.
Cooked breakfast is supplied once a week.

## Meal times

Breakfast: 08:00 – 08.45
Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30
Dinner: 18:00 – 18.45

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements or allergies and the canteen staff can cater to these.
*Mealtimes are subject to change

## York, Bootham – Sample Menu

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| **Breakfast** | Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast &Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Flat Fried Mushrooms & Roast Tomatoes | Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, Croissants, Pain Au Chocolat and a hot choice of Kedgeree | Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, &Hot Choices including Bacon, Poached Egg, Baked Beans, Flat Fried Mushrooms & Roast Tomatoes | Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast & Hot Choices including Sausages, Fried Eggs, Baked Beans, Potato Waffles & Plum Tomatoes | Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, & Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans. Croissants & Pain Au Chocolat | Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, & Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans. Flat Fried Mushrooms & Roast Tomatoes | Selection of Cereals, Yoghurts, Bread to Toast, & Hot Choices including Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans. Croissants & Pain Au Chocolat |
| **Lunch** *(V) Vegetarian option available | Aubergine Parmigiana(V) **Or** Chicken Korma, Basmati & Poppadumss Cauliflower & Chutneys **Or** Fusilli Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce with Focaccia Slab Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available | Stuffed Red (V) Peppers with Spinach, Peppers, Rice & Thyme **Or** Lamb Moussaka with Green salad & Garlic Bread **Or** Leek & Gruyere Cheese Pastry Tart Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available | Mushroom Stroganoff on Brioche with Parsley & Fresh Salad (V) **Or** Roast Loin of Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy **Or** Roasted Vegetable, Garlic Bread & Salad Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available | Beetroot & Squash Frittata with Smoky Mayonnaise (V) **Or** Cobbler with Beef Mince, Carrot & Sugar Snap Peas **Or** Squash and Sage Risotto Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available | Spring Vegetable Paella (V) **Or** Breaded Plaice, Poached Fish with New Potatoes & Peas, Tartare Sauce **Or** Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available | Warm Duck Salad with Mango, Beetroot and Honey & Orange Dressing (V) **Or** King Creole Chicken served with Wild Rice **Or** Pasta Shells with Chickpeas, Red Cabbage, Garlic, Chilli & Olive Oil Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available | Cannelloni Or Breaded Plaice Goujons Or Cheese & Onion Pastie Selection of Vegetables, Potatoes & Plain Pasta Salad Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available |
| **Dinner** *(V) Vegetarian option available | King Prawn, Spring Onion, Ginger, Garlic, Soya Bean, Broccoli & Corn Noodles **Or** Tomato & Mozzarella Calzone with Fresh Green Salad Mixed salads and Filled Breads available | Bootham Buffett Meats, Fish, Pickles, Salads, Breads & Hot Potatoes Mixed salads and Filled Breads available | Roasted Summer Vegetable Tart & Summer Salad Minted Potatoes **Or** Yorkshire Beef Meatballs in a Mediterranean Sauce & Linguine Pasta Mixed salads and Filled Breads available | Vegetable Kiev served with Summer Green Vegetables & New Potatoes **Or** Slow cooked Chicken, Rogan Josh Mixed salads and Filled Breads available | Mushroom Burgers & Blue Cheese with Cos Lettuce, Sauté Potato **Or** Katsu pork with Sticky Rice & Greens Mixed salads and Filled Breads available | Traybake Sausages with Pepper, Onions, New Potatoes, Fennel & Herbs with Crusty Bread Mixed salads and Filled Breads available | Battered Fish with Tartare Sauce Or Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce Mixed salads and Filled Breads available |
| **Pudding** | A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Chocolate and Orange Sponge with Custard | A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Summer Fruit Jelly | A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Apple, Sultana & Cinnamon Crumble with Custard | A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Iced Lemon Cake | A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and a selection of Mousses and Compotes | A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and homemade Gateaux | A selection of seasonal cut fruit, Homemade Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit toppings, Raisins and Banana chips and Summer Fruit Jelly |

# Technology

Wi-Fi is available campus wide and is password protected. Being a private boarding school, the internet access is firewalled as per the boarding school regulations. However, it is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students. Wi-fi will be switched off between 23:30 and 06:00.

# Security

There is CCTV coverage on campus and the main gate is accessible via swipe card entry only overnight.

Emergency contacts: Each student will be given a wristband when they arrive, and this will have the following emergency telephone number printed on it: 0044 1244 567695. If you need to contact the centre in the event of an emergency please call this number and follow the options for the relevant centre, this will then put you through to the person on duty.

Certain basic guidelines are common to all centres and students. Students should:

- Never walk away alone!
- Never leave the residence without permission in the evening!
- Always make sure they have understood when and where the meeting point is whilst out on excursions!
- Always wear their identification lanyard and their UKLC wristband! *
  *students found not wearing their lanyard or wristband will be fined £1

# Safety

- Remember that there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband **(0044 1244 567695)** and that the number for the emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) in England is **999**, or the single emergency number for the EU including the UK is **112** or you can call **101** to report a crime where you do not need an emergency response
- The police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance!
- Never respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away!
- Always give your money to the UKLC management team to put in the safe and never to carry large amounts of cash around!
- Be careful crossing the road. Remember that in the UK we drive on the left!
- If you feel unwell, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately.
- Keep all windows closed when not in your bedrooms!

## Insurance and valuables

Although all houses will be accessed via swipe cards, it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it essential that they have sufficient insurance to cover any loss of damage as neither the centre nor the company can be held responsible if anything goes missing. The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

# Teaching

We know how important it is for each individual student to find their own path in language learning. We use a wide range of methods to engage and stimulate our students. This is why we have created a curriculum based on the students' age, level and needs, structured into four different programmes:

**FUN (ages 8-10)**
Engaging lessons that offer a wide range of materials and activities specific for our young learners, making games into lessons and lessons into games. Available in levels A1-B1.

**CONNECTION (ages 10-13)**
Dynamic lessons covering a variety of topics and media, designed to engage students using tools native to the fast-paced world they are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

**ACTION (ages 13-16)**
Lessons tailored for learners stepping into their teenage years. This programme focuses on activating students' knowledge and competencies to balance developing a personal voice while contributing effectively to a team. Available in levels A1-C1.

**PURPOSE (ages 16-18)**
Lessons tailored for our students approaching adulthood, designed to kickstart their lives not only as maturing youths but also as forward-thinking global citizens. Available in levels A1-C2.

The Connection, Action, and Purpose programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

**FOCUS ON LANGUAGE**
These lessons aim to empower our students' linguistic awareness and capabilities by working on all language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) and systems (grammar, phonology, lexis, discourse), as well as using materials relevant to exam preparation (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS, GESE).

**FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP**
This programme is designed to equip students with essential 21st-century skills, focusing on leadership development, communication and teamwork. Students build the confidence and competencies needed to grow into empowered young adults.

**FOCUS ON CULTURE**
These lessons combine CLIL and British culture, allowing students to use English to explore a range of disciplines, including art, literature, natural sciences, as well as the history and geography of the UK

# Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to advanced. Students take a placement test on their first day of classes to ensure they are placed at the correct level.
Once the tests have been marked, students won't be told their score unless they specifically ask for it but will be placed into a class based on these results.
If students are not happy with their level, they can speak with the Course Director who will decide if it is necessary for the student to change levels.
We always try to split groups into different classes to mix nationalities, but this does depend on their levels and the numbers of students that we have on site.
We will provide all course materials including a journal and a pen.
Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

# Programme

All UKLC summer programmes include:

- 15 hours or 21 hours of English lessons per week
- Full board accommodation in residence.
- A full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment.
- 1 free group leader for every 15 students.
- Placement test on arrival and End-of-Course Certificate.

## 15 Hour Programme:

- 15 hours of English lessons
- 6 hours of Activity Sessions
- 6 hours of English Plus Electives

## 21 Hour Programme – Intensive English:

- 21 hours of English lessons
- 6 hours of English Plus Electives

## English Plus Electives – new for 2027

Students can choose from a range of English Plus electives and sign up during their stay. These sessions allow students to personalise their programme, enjoy activities they love and continue developing their English skills.

## English Plus Electives available at this centre

1. **Football Coaching:** Structured football coaching develops technical skills, teamwork and game awareness. Sessions also place importance on preparation and recovery, including appropriate warm-ups, cool-downs and nutrition to support healthy sporting participation.
2. **Dance Classes:** An energetic, inclusive programme introducing a range of dance styles while developing musicality, coordination, confidence and creative expression. No previous dance experience is required, and students can participate at their own pace.
3. **Drama Lessons:** A practical, confidence-building programme exploring storytelling, character, improvisation and communication. Students develop vocal expression, imagination, collaboration and everyday speaking skills, with activities adapted to different ages and English levels.
4. **STEM Workshops:** Four hands-on workshops encourage students to think like scientists and engineers as they investigate, design, build, test and improve ideas. The emphasis is on teamwork, problem-solving, practical discovery and explaining outcomes in English.
5. **AI and Digital Workshops:** Four practical workshops help students explore AI and digital tools creatively and critically. Students develop digital literacy, problem-solving and responsible AI habits, while building or shaping a digital outcome and explaining their ideas.

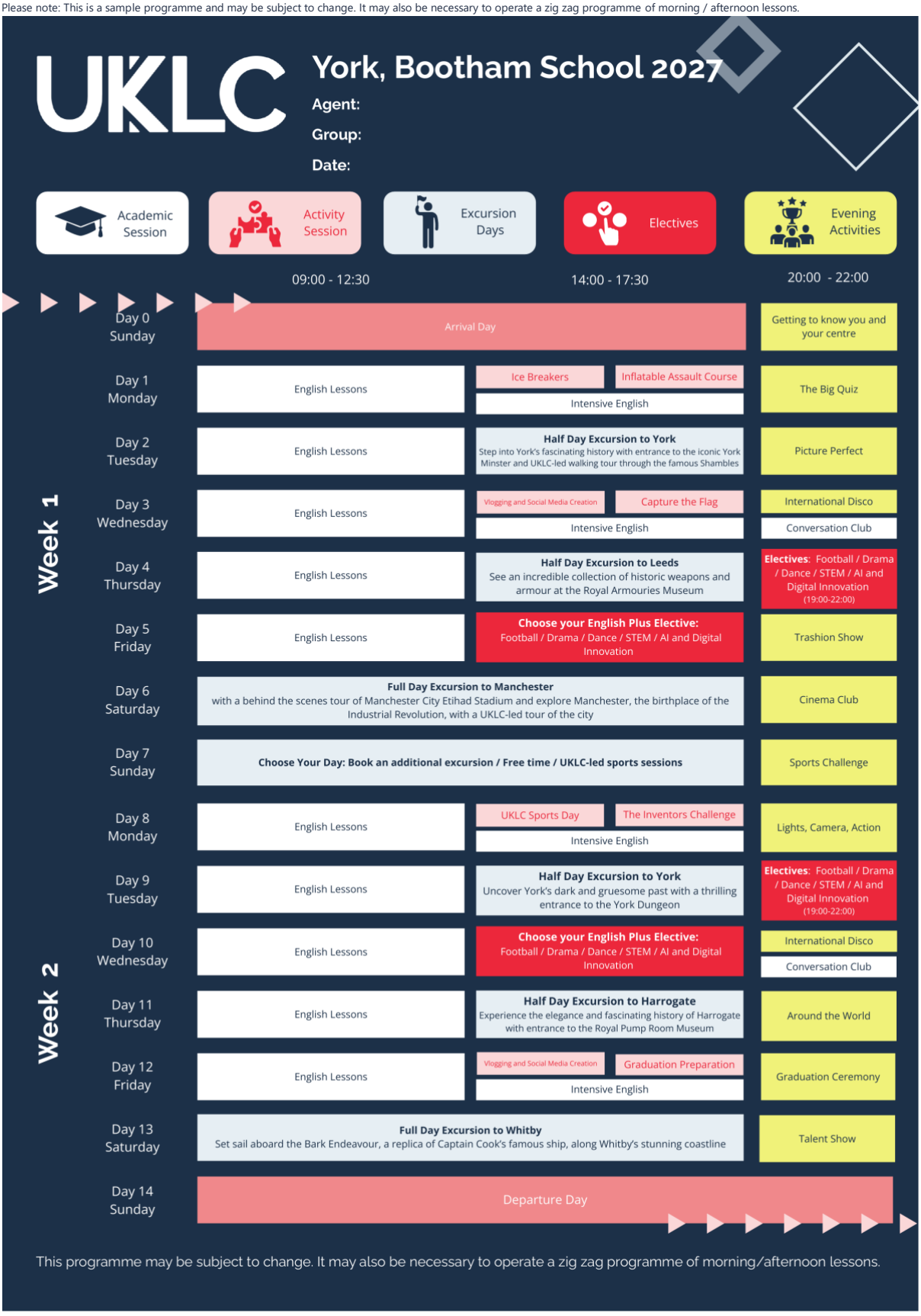
At centres operating a zig-zag programme, lessons may also take place in the afternoon. This is confirmed on the final programme provided before arrival.

# A typical day for students

| | |
|---|---|
| 08:00 – 09:00 | **Breakfast** |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | **Lesson 1** |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | **Break** |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | **Lesson 2** |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | **Break** |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | **Lesson 3** |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | **Lunch** |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Lesson 4 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion** |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | **Break** |
| 15:15 – 16:15 | **Lesson 5 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion** |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | **Break** |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | **Lesson 6 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion** |
| 18:00 – 18:45 | **Dinner** |
| 20:00 – 22:00 | **Evening Activities** |
| 22:30 | **Bedtime** |

# York, Bootham School Sample Programme

Please note: This is a sample programme and may be subject to change. It may also be necessary to operate a zig zag programme of morning / afternoon lessons.



# Facilities

- Outdoor sports fields
- Drama studio
- Dance studios
- Indoor swimming pool
- Indoor sports hall
- Tennis courts
- Netball courts

# Evening entertainment

UKLC Activity Teams deliver fun and engaging evening activities for students to practise their English, make new friends and enjoy their time at the centre.

Students receive their evening activity programme on their first day. Activities can include:

***Lights, Camera, Action*** – students re-enact famous film scenes, create scripts in English and perform for the centre.

***Talent Show*** – students can perform singing, dancing, acting and other talents.

***Trashion Show*** – students create outfits from recycled or unexpected materials and take part in a catwalk.

***International Disco*** – students socialise and dance to music from around the world.

***Around the World*** – teams take part in activities inspired by different countries.

***Picture Perfect*** – a creative team activity designed to encourage collaboration and English communication.

***The Big Quiz*** – students work in teams to test their knowledge across a range of fun topics.

***Conversation Club*** – an opportunity for students to practise speaking English while discussing interesting topics.

New for 2027: ***Evening Electives*** – once a week, students can choose from a range of evening activities, giving them more opportunities to personalise their programme.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Bootham School, York in summer 2027!**