

KH/EBG/TM/SummerOpportunities

15th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer Opportunities



Barr Beacon School

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As we approach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

The summer holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for young people to relax, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy new experiences. However, we also recognise that the six-week break can present challenges, particularly for teenagers who have more independence and free time.

To help keep our students safe, active and engaged throughout the summer, Walsall Council offers a range of free activities and support for children and young people.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme provides free holiday activities for eligible children and young people during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

Your child may be eligible if they:

- Are aged 5–16 years old.
- Receive benefit-related Free School Meals.

The programme offers a wide variety of activities, including:

- Sports and football
- Swimming
- Music and performing arts
- Arts and crafts
- Outdoor activities
- Coding and digital activities
- Cooking sessions

Each activity session also includes a free healthy meal, helping young people stay active, healthy and connected throughout the holidays.

To find out more about the programme, check your eligibility and register for activities, please visit:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf>



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Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below



Healthy Spaces Summer Events

The Healthy Spaces Team offers a fantastic programme of free activities throughout the summer, encouraging families to enjoy Walsall's parks and green spaces while improving their physical and mental wellbeing.

Activities include:

- Guided health and nature walks
- Outdoor fitness sessions
- Family games and park activities
- Gardening and growing projects
- Wildlife and nature experiences
- Mindfulness and wellbeing sessions
- Creative outdoor activities
- School holiday play sessions for children and families

Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday 29 July	Palfrey Park	12:00pm–5:00pm
Wednesday 5 August	King's Hill Park	12:00pm–5:00pm
Wednesday 12 August	Holland Park	12:00pm–5:00pm
Wednesday 19 August	Reedwood Park	12:00pm–5:00pm

For further information, please contact:

healthy.spaces@walsall.gov.uk

Walsall Safe Spaces

Walsall Safe Spaces are designated locations across the borough where children and young people can go if they feel lost, worried or unsafe.

Staff at Safe Spaces can:

- Provide reassurance and support.
- Help young people contact home.
- Offer a safe place to wait.
- Assist in accessing further help if needed.



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Flagship Walsall – Safe Space

Address:

Unit 39, Park Place Shopping Centre
Park Street
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Opening Times

Term Time

- Monday to Friday: **3:00pm – 6:00pm**

School Holidays

- Opening hours vary, but are usually **12:00pm – 3:00pm**.

We encourage all families to discuss these Safe Spaces with their children before the summer holidays begin.

We hope you find this information useful and encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available this summer. These activities provide a great way for young people to remain active, develop new skills and enjoy a safe and positive holiday.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish all of our students and families a safe, enjoyable and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,



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