Frequently Asked Questions

Saturday ACE Programme

Where do I book my activities?
Bookings can be made on the SOCS platform

Who should I contact if I have trouble accessing SOCS?
You can contact ITServices@culford.co.uk for support.

Is the ACE programme compulsory?
The ACE programme on Saturday morning will be compulsory for boarding pupils, ensuring they fully engage with the diverse opportunities available at Culford. Participation will be optional but encouraged for day pupils, allowing flexibility based on individual interests and commitments.

Who can book onto the Saturday ACE Programme?
The programme is open to all Senior School pupils. All boarding pupils must make a selection for the Autumn term. There are a limited number of Prep School sessions available to Prep School boarders, which may be extended to day pupils if space allows.

Am I able to do only a part of a Saturday morning?
Yes, day pupils can attend one or two sessions, unless the activity runs for the full morning. Boarders are expected to attend both sessions.

Can I drop into any session?
You are expected to commit to a full block of Saturday sessions: Autumn 1, Autumn 2, Spring, or Summer. Exceptions will be made for revision clinics during the Spring term. If you are unable to attend due to family circumstances, please provide at least two weeks' notice, in accordance with the school's fixture policy

Will a register be taken for sessions?
Yes, a register will be taken for each activity.

Is the ACE Programme included in my school fees?
Most sessions are included in your fees. However, some will incur an additional charge, clearly indicated on SOCS. Academy sessions for tennis, golf, and football are charged separately as part of a pupil's weekly programme.

Why have I been signed up for a session?
Some sessions, such as the musical, English as an Additional Language (EAL) and sports academies, will be pre-populated, as they are part of a pupil's regular weekly programme. If you wish to make changes following the Autumn One block, please speak to your tutor or Mr Yates.

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Will all activities run regardless of uptake?
If the session does not reach the minimum number, it will not run, and you will be offered the opportunity to sign up for an alternative activity.

What if the session I would like to do is full?
We will increase session capacity where possible. If that is not feasible, you will be placed on a waiting list and offered the opportunity to select an alternative option.

What should I wear on Saturday mornings?
You may wear your own clothes instead of the school uniform, provided they are appropriate for the activity. Our usual guidelines for casual dress still apply.

Are the buses running on Saturday morning?
Yes, buses will still run in the morning as normal. There are no buses on Saturday lunchtime.

Can I stay for lunch on a Saturday?
Yes. However, day pupils who are not involved in sports fixtures should be collected by 13:00.