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The introduction of LEX is an exciting moment for Clayesmore Prep School.

For our pupils, LEX represents a chance to choose from an enormous range of experiences that will be memorable, meaningful and positive.

For our families, whilst LEX provides incredible choice, it also offers a far more flexible approach to a family weekend.

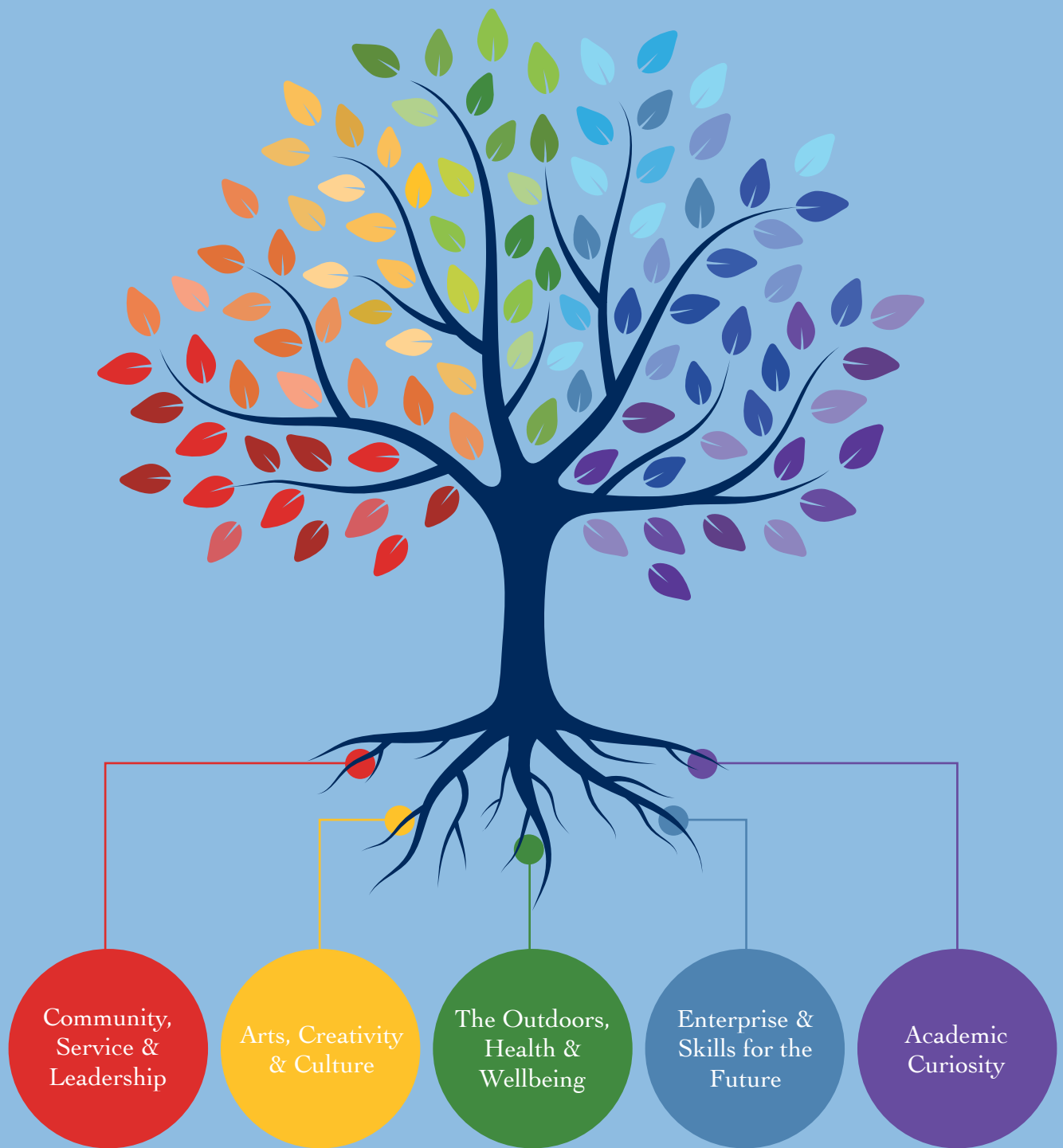
For us as a school, LEX is the manifestation of the holistic Clayesmore approach - an unfettered commitment to the development of the whole person, in the fresh air as much as in the classroom, enhancing the already excellent weekday provision.

The following information will provide you with a clearer picture of LEX, from its broad and ambitious aims, to the more practical details of how it will function.

What is already clear is that LEX will continue to evolve, to reflect changes in the wider world as much as the tastes and feedback of our pupils. As such, it is and will be a key component of a modern, outward looking and adaptable education that allows well-rounded characters to flourish, now and in the years to come.

Jonathon Anderson

Head of Prep



LEX Provides Strong Roots From Which To Grow

The five roots of the LEX programme enable each pupil to develop into a knowledgeable, confident, capable and resilient young person, able to succeed in an ever changing and increasingly challenging global landscape.



Bringing LEX To Life

Adventures of
all kinds, at school
and out in the
wider world

Adventurous
opportunities to
flourish as an individual,
a team, a leader and
a community

Insightful
experiences inside
and outside the
classroom

Opportunities
to learn new skills
and develop existing
interests

Challenging and
thought-provoking
experiences to extend
our comfort zone

Hands-on
opportunities to
design, create
and present

Practical life
lessons with an eye
on the future

The chance to
have a positive
impact on the wider
community

Greater freedom
to choose with
flexibility that fits
modern family life





Variety and Flexibility on Saturdays



More choice on how to spend Saturdays:
engaging in LEX or spending time together as a family.

School sports fixtures will take place on four Saturday afternoons each term. We will aim to include everyone in Years 5-8 in these occasions and attendance will be required if selected for a team. On Saturdays without fixtures, opportunities to play and practise the core sports and others will be available.



Occasional attendance
at an Open Morning or a House Match
morning may be required but these events will
be clear in our calendar.

Exeats will continue but the school will remain open for
overseas boarders to stay in if they cannot reach a guardian.

LEX will be available to book online, a term in advance, with
booking for the Autumn Term 2021 available from mid August.

Some LEX choices will be available as one-off experiences
whilst others will require a period of commitment to
make them worthwhile. This will be made
clear before booking.

No Uniform Saturdays

School tracksuits, games kit or home clothes will be worn, depending on the LEX experience you have chosen.

Uniform will only be worn occasionally on Saturdays for events such as Open Morning.





Later Weekend Starts

LEX will begin later on Saturdays, with a 9am start, allowing day pupils and boarders a more gentle start to the day. Generally, LEX will finish at 12.30pm unless you are on a longer trip or expedition.

A morning of LEX could be split into a first session from 9am - 10.30am and a second session from 11am - 12.30pm, or one long session from 9am - 12.30pm.

Pupils can attend one or both sessions - it is totally flexible.

As is currently the case, the minibus service will run on Saturday mornings but not Saturday afternoons.



Delicious Food

Lunch will follow the last session on Saturday for all those who would like to stay on to eat.

Morning refreshments will be served between sessions.





Sport

Our commitment to a comprehensive sporting calendar continues throughout the year. Fixtures will continue to take place for Years 3 & 4 on Tuesday afternoons. Fixtures for Years 5-8 will be on Wednesday afternoons and a selection of Saturdays.

Clayesmore Senior and Prep School will coordinate Saturday fixture days to help parents with children in both schools.

It will be compulsory to attend fixtures if pupils are picked for a team as well as to participate in House Matches and Sports Days.

Afternoons without school fixtures will allow for optional specialist sports training and coaching. These sessions will either focus on the core sport for that term or act as closed season training (e.g winter cricket nets).





Our famous match teas will be served at 'home' games - with plenty of opportunities for parents to socialise.





Boarding

For our boarders, Saturdays will be a chance to pick from the exciting options available through LEX. After a busy morning and lunch, the afternoons will be about sports fixtures or other activities and trips.

Saturday evenings and Sundays will remain a precious time for our boarding 'family' to have fun and relax together. Sunday trips will continue as well as visits from the ice cream van or the pizza trailer.



There will be flexible boarding options from one to five nights for those who would like a regular space in our busy boarding house. These will be available for families who may like to look, for example, at joining our 'Fun Fridays' before taking part in LEX the following morning.



Pack the bags!

An overnight adventure will be on offer every term, in addition to our existing residential trips.

A wide and interesting range of other day trips will be offered.

Monday to Friday Changes

All academic lessons will now take place Monday to Friday

Monday - Friday timings for Year 1-8 will remain very similar to those currently in place:

Year 1 - 2: Days will begin at 8:10am and finish at 3:30pm, Monday to Friday, with inclusive, optional after school LEX activities until 5:00pm. Supper will follow at 5:15pm for those who have signed up.

Year 3 - 8: Days will begin at 8:10am and finish at 5:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will finish at 3:30pm or after matches.



Minibuses

Minibuses will depart at the slightly later time of 5.45pm but this will enable Prep pupils using this service to complete their prep or have supper at school before departure. This will be included in their minibus fare.



Our family Chapel services will take place 4:25-5:00pm on specified Fridays throughout each term. Parents and wider family will be warmly welcome to join us for these occasions - please consult the calendar for dates.

Something for Everyone

LEX lessons and LEX @ Lunch Club are also part of our Monday to Friday timetable for prep pupils.

Year 1 and 2 will have optional LEX sessions at the end of the school day, linked with the arts, DT, sport, music and wellbeing.

LEX is available on Saturdays for all our boarders and our day pupils from Year 5 to Year 8. Day pupils from Year 4 and below are not expected in school on Saturdays.

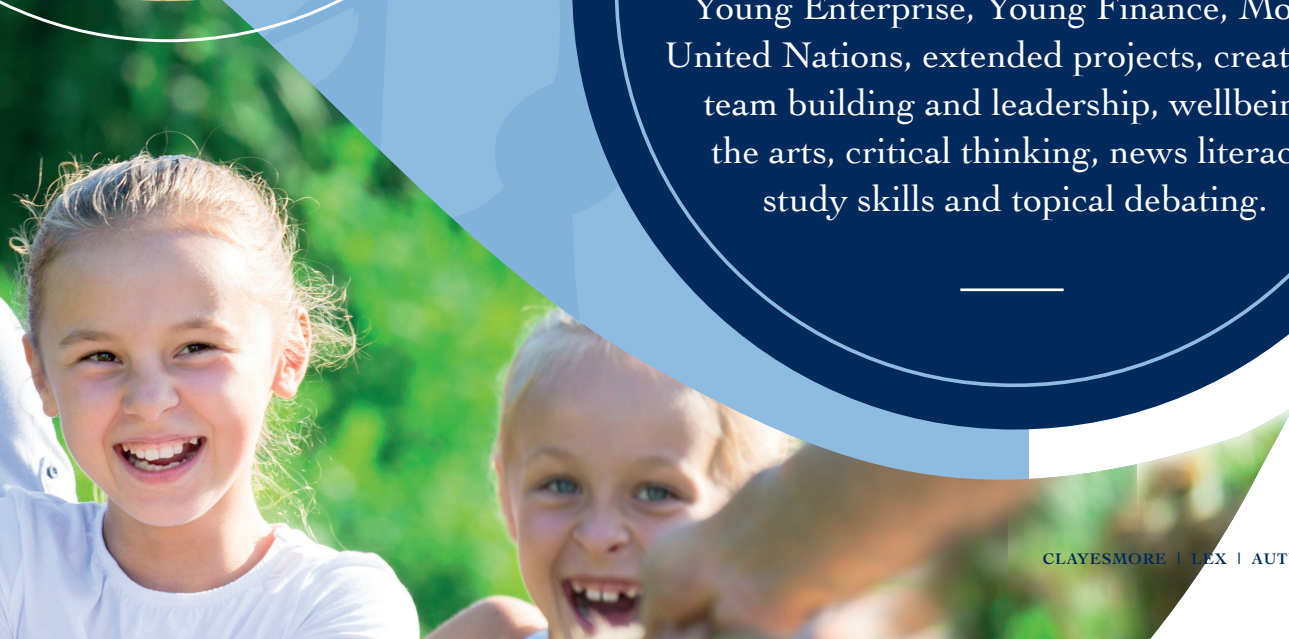
Many LEX experiences will be open to a range of age groups, some including senior school pupils.



Saturday LEX will also offer parents the chance to get involved so you can try something new or revisit an activity that you might not have done for a while! These opportunities will be advertised separately.



Pupils in Year 3 to 8 will have a designated weekly LEX lesson, as well as opportunities to attend LEX @ Lunch Clubs. Depending on the age group, LEX lessons may include ATOM Learning (developing reasoning skills), Young Enterprise, Young Finance, Model United Nations, extended projects, creativity, team building and leadership, wellbeing, the arts, critical thinking, news literacy, study skills and topical debating.





Freedom to Choose and Progress

Pupils can choose a breadth of experiences or pursue a particular specialism.

The school will accommodate requests for pupils to train or participate in their own area of passion on a Saturday.

We want our pupils to have the opportunity and time to fulfil their passions.



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Our systems for recognition and reward that are already in place will run through LEX too. Team points might reward effort or accomplishment, Head's Commendations will be available for exceptional moments and our Attitudes to Learning (consideration, communication, courage and creativity) will dovetail with our aims for LEX to reinforce the positive behaviours we hope to nurture and encourage.

A photograph of three young girls of diverse backgrounds looking intently at marshmallows on sticks. The girl on the left has long brown hair and is wearing a blue shirt. The girl in the middle has dark skin and is wearing a light blue hoodie. The girl on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a purple watch. They are outdoors with trees in the background. A large blue circle with a white border is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing text.

Does LEX cost anything?

Most activities will be free but there will be additional costs for some trips or if external coaching is required. These costs will always be made clear.

Saturday

September 11

- LEX Open Day
- Nature Art
- F1 Design Club
- Plastic Bottle Greenhouse Project
- Forest School Masterchef
- Triathlon
- Mum's & Dad's Netball Tournament
- Hog Roast and Hay Bales

Sunday

September 12

- Brew Room Breakfast - Croissants
- Craft Club
- Fun Swim
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- Boarders - Dorset Waterpark
- The Great British Roast



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We have put together a sample timetable for LEX so that you can get a flavour of all the wonderful experiences, excursions and trips which will be on offer. A final Autumn timetable will be sent over the summer holidays.

Saturday

September 18



Sunday

September 19



KEY

-  Arts, Creativity & Culture
-  The Great Outdoors
-  Service & Leadership
-  Academic Extension
-  Expeditions
-  Trips & Tours
-  Parental Participation
-  Exeat or Half Term
-  Weekend Arrangements
-  Whole School

Saturday

September 25

- Green Fingers - Kitchen Garden (2/8)
- External Coaching - Golf, Martial Arts and Horse riding
- Water Sports - Kayaking (2/4)
- Exploration Society - Wall Climbing
- Music - Bands & Songwriting 2/4 (Arts Award)
- Arts - Web Design (2/4)
- Drama - Clayesmore Players (2/3)
- Languages & Culture - German (2/4)
- Open Morning
- Fixtures

Sunday

September 26

- Brew Room Breakfast - smoothies
- Fun Swim
- Craft Club
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- Weymouth Harbour
- The Salt Path (1/3)
- The Great British Roast

Saturday
October 2

Sunday
October 3

1st Exeat

1st Exeat



Saturday

October 9

- Green Fingers - Kitchen Garden (3/8)
- External Coaching - Golf, Martial Arts and Horse riding
- Water Sports - Kayaking (3/4)
- Exploration Society - Wall Climbing
- Music - Bands & Songwriting 3/4 (Arts Award)
- Arts - Web design (3/4)
- Drama - Claysmore Players (3/3)
- Languages & Culture - German (3/4)
- Parental Pottery Throw Down!
- Fixtures

Sunday

October 10

- Brew Room Breakfast - Granola Bar
- Fun Swim
- Craft Club
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- The Salt Path (2/3)
- Clip'n'Climb
- The Great British Roast



Saturday

October 16

- Green Fingers - Kitchen Garden (4/8)
- External Coaching - Golf, Martial Arts and Horse riding
- Water Sports - Kayaking (4/4)
- Exploration Society - Bushcraft
- Music - Bands & songwriting 4/4 (Arts Award)
- Arts - Web Design (4/4)
- Languages & Culture - German (4/4)
- Saving the World weekend
- Eden Project (overnight)
- Afternoon Team Sports - 5-a-side football

Sunday

October 17

- Brew Room Breakfast - Croissants
- Fun Swim
- Craft Club
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- Saving the World weekend
- Moors Valley
- The Great British Roast
- Eden Project (overnight)

Saturday
October 23

Half Term

Sunday
October 24

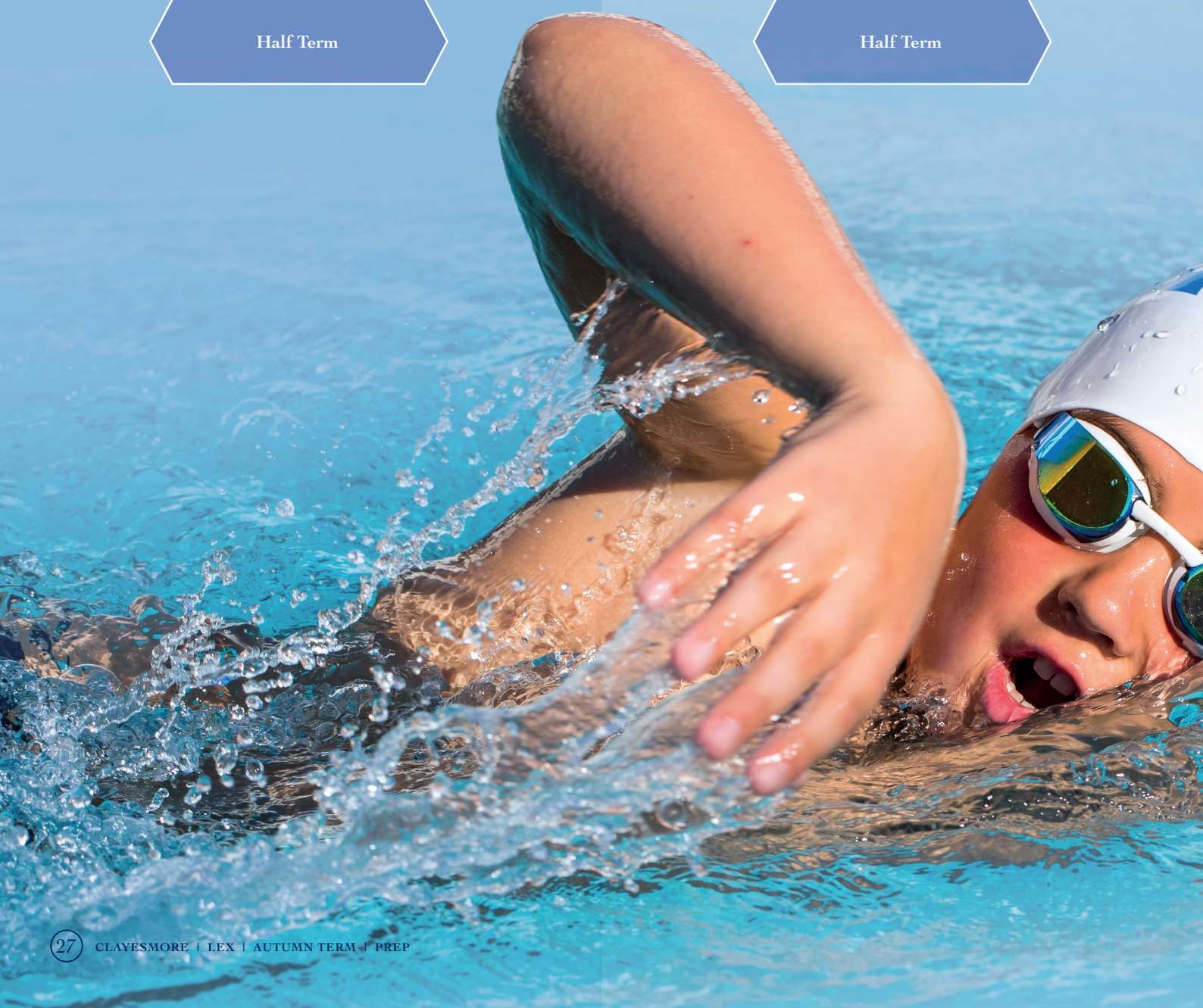
Half Term

Saturday
October 30

Half Term

Sunday
October 31

Half Term



Saturday

November 6

- Green Fingers - Kitchen Garden (5/8)
- External Coaching - Golf, Martial Arts and Horse riding
- Exploration Society - Mountain biking
- Arts - Theatre Group (1/4)
- DT - Building, Engineering, Upcycling & Construction
- Drama - Clayesmore Players (1/3)
- Languages & Culture - Spanish (1/4)
- Afternoon Team Sports - Netball

Sunday

November 7

- Brew Room Breakfast - Pancakes
- Fun Swim
- Craft Club
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- The Salt Path (3/3)
- Pyjama Day & Bake-Off
- The Great British Roast



Saturday

November 13

- Green Fingers - Kitchen Garden (6/8)
- External Coaching - Golf, Martial Arts and Horse riding
- Exploration Society - Mountain biking
- Arts - Theatre Group (2/4)
- DT - Building, Engineering, Upcycling & Construction
- Drama - Claysmore Players (2/3)
- Parents Make a Christmas Pudding
- Fixtures
- Languages & Culture - Spanish (2/4)

Sunday

November 14

- Brew Room Breakfast - Smoothies
- Fun Swim
- Craft Club
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- Ice Skating
- The Great British Roast



Saturday

November 20

- Green Fingers -
Kitchen Garden
(7/8)
- External Coaching -
Golf, Martial Arts and
Horse riding
- Exploration Society -
Geocaching
- Arts - Theatre Group
(3/4)
- DT - Building, Engineering,
Upcycling & Construction
- Drama - Clayesmore Players
(3/3)
- Languages & Culture -
Spanish
(3/4)
- Afternoon Team Sports -
Netball

Sunday

November 21

- Brew Room Breakfast -
Granola Bar
- Fun Swim
- Craft Club
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- Cinema
- The Great British Roast

Saturday
November 27

2nd Exeat

Sunday
November 28

2nd Exeat



Saturday

December 4

- Green Fingers - Kitchen Garden (8/8)
- External Coaching - Golf, Martial Arts and Horse riding
- Exploration Society - Geocaching
- Arts - Theatre Group (4/4)
- DT - Building, Engineering, Upcycling & Construction
- Languages & Culture - Spanish (4/4)
- Fixtures

Sunday

December 5

- Brew Room Breakfast - Croissants
- Fun Swim
- Craft Club
- Pet Patrol
- The Big Brunch
- Christmas Market
- The Great British Roast

Saturday

December 11

Christmas event

House Matches, morning

Sunday

December 12

Brew Room Breakfast -
Pancakes

Fun Swim

Craft Club

Pet Patrol

The Big Brunch

Splashdown!

The Great British Roast







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