

Implemented: June 2019

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Introduction

STAR Exeter ensures that students have appropriate information about and access to social, cultural and sporting events and activities which enhance their experience of studying in the UK.

Every Monday social activities are posted in the common area and on the social programme notice board which highlights free or inexpensive events happening in or around Exeter. These events fall into the following categories:

- Theatre and Music
- Exhibitions
- Sports
- Shopping
- Talks and Classes

Each week separate posters are hung on the social programme notice board and around the school to provide more detailed information about each activity (i.e. meeting time/place, cost, description of the event). Social activities and free events are also posted on the Students' WhatsApp group.

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Frequency of Events

The social activities programme has at least:

- 1 booked or suggested evening activity per week and 1 full-day excursion once a month during offpeak times, and
- 1 booked evening activity or 1 suggested evening activity, and 1 full-day excursion every week during peak times (June, July, and August)

Learning Links

STAR Exeter aims to provide social activities that offer real world opportunities and context for the students to practise structures, lexis and functional language that has been presented and practised in a more formal classroom environment.

During classes, teachers endeavour to help learners participate more fully in social activities by developing their understanding of cultural-linguistic aspects to English, such as ways to seek clarification and to interrupt others effectively and politely, as well as greater understanding of lexical groups that link to upcoming activities, such as architecture theme to a lesson preceding a walking tour of Bath.

Developing study skills that encourage students to notice and use language in social activities is also an important part of lessons. The school possesses activities and worksheets, developed in-house, that are used to assist students with more specific out of school social activities such as trips to castles in the area and Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum.