



# Clubs and Societies

2022-2023

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Exeter School believes that the curriculum in the widest sense includes far more than the timetabled taught lessons in examination subjects. Sport, music, art and drama play a considerable part in the lives of very many pupils. Outside of the academic week, there are a large number of additional opportunities for curriculum enrichment. These include clubs, activities and societies, as detailed in this programme, as well as lectures, masterclasses, trips (day and residential), performances, revision classes, study skills lectures and leadership training. Pupils are encouraged to join in and try whichever activities interest them.

## ART CLUB

The art department is open after school until 5pm on Mondays and Tuesdays for GCSE and A Level art pupils to continue with their coursework. The department also offers life drawing classes on one evening after school in the art studio for sixth form artists alternating each half term on either a Monday or a Tuesday. On Monday lunchtimes, there is a digital drawing club. On Thursday lunchtime there is a Middle Fifth continued creativity club and on Thursday after school there is a Lower Fifth photography club.

## ASTRONOMY

Are you interested in finding out more about the Universe? Astronomy Club will involve practical sessions about observing the night sky, including using our telescopes and also more theoretical astrophysics. If there is interest, we can also make use of remote access professional telescopes and online astronomical data. Most sessions will run from October to February.

**Mr Tuohey**

## BASE CHALLENGE

Lower Sixth pupils look at ethical issues facing businesses in the modern world from a financial perspective. In association



with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, meetings are held virtually and in person with an external business adviser. Pupils debate issues, culminating in a regional and national competition which debates business ethics. Room 92 Friday 1:30.

**Mr Mackintosh**

## BOARD GAME CLUB

This club will run on Thursday lunchtimes in Room 9 and is aimed at anyone who would like to play a game in a relaxed, friendly classroom. There is a huge choice of games including Jenga, Chess, Monopoly and Mouse Trap.



Pupils can choose their own game. There are sixth form helpers present who will help organise games or play with pupils who arrive on their own. The games are available on a request

basis to any pupils who can't come on Thursdays but have free time during another lunch time. Room 9, Thursday lunchtime.

**Mrs Sail**



## CARNEGIE SHADOWING GROUP

This group is open to the very keenest readers from Third Form through to Upper Fifth and takes place weekly in the summer term to shadow the judging of the Carnegie Medal. It will culminate in a celebration event towards the end of June. Library.

## CATALYST CLUB

The Catalyst Club is open to all pupils in the Third Form, Fourth Form and Lower Fifth Form. It is very much hoped that our most academically gifted pupils will attend regularly. Events take place through the year, with



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at least three events during the autumn and spring terms and one event during the summer term. Each event is based on a specific academic subject but is designed to excite, challenge and inspire pupils beyond the material they encounter in class. This club feeds into Crossing Club in the Middle Fifth Form and subsequently into our specialist university group. The Catalyst Club is an ideal forum in which to build up a breadth of knowledge and a willingness to think across a range of subjects, broadening their understanding beyond the curriculum.

**Dr Keane**

## CHESS

Whether you want to learn more about chess or just play some friendly games, beginners and experienced players are all welcome to come along. There is also a school team and opportunities to play in online and in-person tournaments through the year. Coaching may also be offered this year. The club meets on Monday lunchtime from 12.45pm to 1.45pm in P3. **Mr Tuohey**

## CHRISTIAN UNION

Exeter School's Christian Union meets in the chapel on one lunchtime a week between 1.10-1.50pm. This involves a Bible study, discussion groups and prayer, with plenty of biscuits and cake. All pupils from any year group are welcome to attend. The group will meet on one lunchtime (to be confirmed) a week between 1.10-1.50pm.

**Reverend Nightingale, Dr Keane, Mr Reynolds, Mrs Wilson and Mr Boddington**

## CIPHER CLUB

Cipher Club is open to pupils of any age who want to learn about different encryption methods. We will be working towards the National Cipher Challenge during the autumn term and the Alan Turing Cryptography Competition during the spring term. You can enter as a team or an individual – no previous experience is necessary. This club runs on Thursdays from 4-5pm in the Wolfson Suite.

**Ms Pinches**



## CLASSICS SOCIETY

Classics Society gives pupils with a passion for the ancient world a chance to explore areas not covered by the exam syllabus. The meeting are very much

driven by the interests of the members and can range from looking at the plays of Euripides to considering cult worship in Athens and Rome to ancient philosophy and politics. It is primarily

for sixth form pupils, but is open to anyone interested. It is held on Friday's from 1.15pm to 1.50pm in Room 39.

**Mrs Dunlop**

## CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

The lower school creative writing club (3F to L5) is a place where pupils can experiment with different writing forms and styles, and showcase their own writing. It is held on a Thursday lunchtime at 1.20pm and runs for 25 minutes in Room 11.

**Mrs Ridler-Murray**



## CROCHET CLUB

Crochet can offer a mindful way to create unique projects from yarn whilst improving dexterity and spatial reasoning. Pupils are very welcome to bring along their current work-in-progress and chat while it takes shape. Complete beginners are also welcome to come and learn techniques like granny squares and crochet in the round. Achievable projects include everything from environmentally friendly reusable face wipes, hats, bags, fingerless gloves or amigurumi figures. The club runs on Friday's from 1.15pm, Room 41.

**Ms Pinches**

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## CROSSING CLUB

The school's academic society for the Middle Fifth and above. Discussions, presentations and workshops on a wide range of cross-curricular topics take place on a regular basis either during lunchtimes or after school. All pupils in the Middle Fifth through to the Upper Sixth are welcome to join in. Events include talks on academic subjects from visiting speakers, a quiz, debates and a trip to a Gifted and Talented Conference. The annual Mock Trial is a highlight in the Crossing Club calendar and the InspEXE series of inspirational talks from Exeter School pupils

and staff have been very successful.

**Dr Smale**

## EAST AND SOUTH EAST ASIA SOCIETY

East and South East Asia Society is a student-led group open to all ages. We meet weekly to explore a wide range of topics, from popular culture such as anime and KPop, to the languages and literature of East Asia, to traditional music and history. Meetings last year included a talk on Vietnam, an introduction to Japanese by a visiting speaker from the University of Plymouth, a performance of the guzheng, a New Year celebration, demonstrations



of judo and tae kwon do as well as lots of food tasting and anime watching. The society runs on a Monday from 1.15pm to 1.50pm in Room 39.

**Mrs Dunlop and Mr McGrath**

## ECO SOC

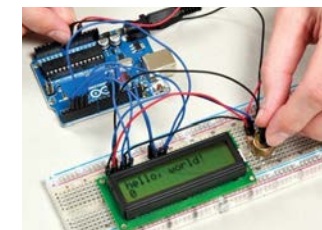
EcoSoc is a group which aims to raise awareness of

environmental issues and seeks to make Exeter School a greener community. We meet to hear talks and share ideas about how to make our school more environmentally friendly throughout the year. Several pupil-led projects are carried out in conjunction with departments across the school; these vary and can be anything from biodiversity surveys to making infographics or producing shampoo bars. Anyone is welcome to join.

**Mrs Montagu**

## ELECTRONICS CLUB

There are two clubs available. For the Third Form we offer the chance to learn



the art of soldering and build mini electronics projects such as a simple burglar alarm, an electronic musical instrument or an amplifier to enable your mobile phone audio output to drive speakers. This will be held on Monday lunchtime from 1.15pm. We also run a more advanced Electronics Club for Fourth Form and above at 1.15pm on Thursday lunchtimes. This will extend the skills developed in the Third Form and focus more on the use and programming of microcontrollers such as Arduinos.

**Mr Schramm**



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## THE EXONIAN EDITORIAL TEAM

The Exonian Editorial Team is a small group of sixth formers who write and edit the annual school magazine, *The Exonian*. They work throughout the school year gathering stories about school events, trips and activities, writing and editing them and selecting accompanying photographs. They also have the opportunity to participate in trips and activities related to the fields of journalism, design and publishing. Meeting at 3.15pm every Friday afternoon, membership is by written application to Mr Seaton-Burn.

**Mr Seaton-Burn**

## GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

The Geography Society provides opportunities for pupils to attend exciting lectures and presentations provided by the local Geographical Association, Royal Geographical Society and visiting guest speakers. Most events are aimed at for those studying geography at A Level and GCSE. There is also an annual WorldWise quiz event, with teams competing with other SW



schools on geographical general knowledge. Inter-House WorldWise quiz events also take place during the school year.

**Mr Mundy**

## HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society is open to all and we look at a variety of topics not covered by the history syllabi in school. It offers pupils and visiting speakers the opportunity to present and discuss areas of interest and the topic changes weekly.

The society meets on a Monday, at 1.15pm in Room 83.

**Mrs Culley**

## THE I AM ME CLUB

The I am Me Club is a wellbeing group for Third Form to Upper Sixth pupils that meets weekly in Room 83. We give pupils a platform to discuss topics relevant at their stage in life, celebrating individuality, developing wellbeing and



providing a good support network. We use the I Am Me app as a basis for this and pupils are given the opportunity to get actively involved with the app in a

variety of ways. The club runs on different days for different year groups. Room 83.

**Mrs Culley**

## IFS PROSHARE

Middle Fifth to Upper Sixth can take part in the IFS Proshare Competition, where pupils invest a fantasy £100,000 in a share portfolio, that directly tracks the London Stock Exchange. It is a national competition, and meetings are held on Tuesdays at 1.15pm to discuss share movements.

**Mr Mackintosh**

## ITALIAN CLUB

We are delighted to be able to offer pupils in Lower Fifth and above the opportunity to pick up another language. Italian Club will take place once a week during a lunchtime – the day will be confirmed in September.



You will learn a range of key vocabulary on a variety of useful topics, you'll be able to put the words into sentences and then begin to engage in conversations, right from week one.

The focus will be on communicating in Italian and you will be amazed at how quickly you can pick it up. Having previous knowledge of French, Spanish or German will make learning yet another language really easy for you. Ci vediamo presto! Thursday lunchtime.

**Signora Trotman**

## LIBRARY LUNCHTIME CLUBS

The library is always open for everyone at lunchtime, but there is also a weekly Third Form book club where we talk about books, have quizzes and bookish crafts. We also have reading groups for Fourth Form to Upper Fifth that meet half-termly to discuss a book with tea and biscuits.

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## LITSOC

Aimed at sixth form pupils, primarily, but not exclusively, those who study A Level English literature, LitSoc is aimed at pupils who wish to further their experience and knowledge of English literature with a focus very much on the literary canon, from Geoffrey Chaucer to E M Forster and Virginia Woolf, by way of John Milton and Edmund Spenser, among others. It meets weekly.

**Mr Dobson**



## LOWER SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

Lower School Drama Club allows pupils from the Third Form to Lower Fifth to get together and participate in workshops covering multiple dramatic discipline from improvisation skills to lighting design, duologues to puppetry. Drama club provides opportunities to develop creativity and teamwork, as well as increasing pupils' overall theatrical awareness and understanding in a fun and relaxed environment. It provides an excellent opportunity to make friends and build confidence. Prior

experience is not necessary, but commitment and enthusiasm are encouraged! The club meets on Thursday lunchtimes at 12:45pm in the drama studio, throughout the year.

**Mr Harknett**

## LOWER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

Lower School Science Club is for members of the Third Form, starting after the autumn half-term break. Pupils get the chance to carry out a series of extended, fun and exciting biology, chemistry and physics experiments that they wouldn't usually have the opportunity to do in class. The club runs



over nine weeks to include three sessions of biology, chemistry and physics. It runs at 1.15pm on a day to be confirmed.

**Mrs Metcalf**

## MARVEL APPRECIATION SOCIETY

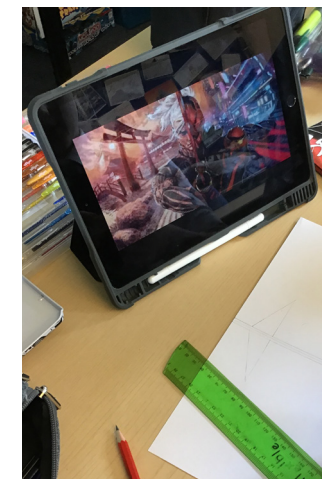
Members of the society can help to shape meetings but there is discussion, talks by pupils, learning to

draw superheroes and film watching on all things to do with Marvel. Open to all pupils on a Wednesday lunchtime at 1.15pm in Room 10.

**Mrs Sail and Mrs Murrin**

## MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM SOLVING CLUB

The Mathematical Problem Solving Club is open to all A Level mathematics pupils who are interested in developing advanced problem solving skills. With the increased emphasis from exam boards on problem solving and being able to tackle unfamiliar problems this is an important skill. This club is



strongly recommended for those with elite university aspirations and further mathematicians but it is not exclusively for them. It is also useful for enthusiastic mathematicians who enjoy problem solving and challenges and want to develop mathematical and academic resilience. We look at challenging open questions and how to approach them as well as pushing your mathematical skills even further. The club runs on Tuesday 12.45pm-1.15pm in Room 75.

**Mr Bowler**



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## MEDICAL SOCIETY

Medical Society is a group of people with a common interest in the art of medicine. The group meets every few weeks and is open to anyone in the school; new members are always welcome. The society interest in biology, then you are sure to benefit from coming along.

**Mr Boddington**

## MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The Model Railway Club meets once a week during the autumn and spring terms on a lunchtime to be decided by mutual consent that suits most members. Primarily for Third to Lower Fifth formers, but open to all, the aim is to use the school's layout in the history office. We have a good collection of both steam and diesel "00" gauge locomotives and rolling stock.

**Mr Trelawny**

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Model UN conferences aim to replicate the real United Nations. Delegates are assigned to a country

and a committee and are required to play the roles of diplomats whose aim is to bring consensus on challenging global issues of the day. Delegates meet regularly to prepare for these conferences and to discuss or debate topics of interest. We attend MUN conferences at other schools in the Southwest.

**Mr Hancock**

## MUSIC

With more than 30 ensembles rehearsing and over 350 pupils involved in at least one music ensemble every week, music plays an important part in the extra-curricular life of Exeter School. There are orchestras, choirs and ensembles for pupils from Form One up to the sixth form, and for many, their time at Exeter School is defined by the friends and memories made making music.

## CHOIRS

For our younger pupils, Junior Singers and Junior Choir provide the chance to perform in concerts and Chapel throughout the year, whilst in the senior



school, Middle School Choir continues to offer choral opportunities to pupils in Third, Fourth and Lower Fifth years. Boys' Barbershop, Chamber Choir, Belles Canto, Senior Choir,

Choral Society and Vocal Ensemble provide further opportunities for our older pupils to sing with groups large and small and cover a wide range of choral genres.

## ORCHESTRAS

With so many Exeter School pupils learning orchestral instruments, it is unsurprising that the orchestras across the school are thriving. Many junior instrumentalists are members of Junior Orchestra within weeks of starting an instrument, with parts adapted to enable all players to have fun and develop their ensemble-playing skills. Symphony Orchestra is the largest instrumental ensemble, featuring pupils from across the senior school, whilst Chamber Orchestra is the senior specialist orchestra.



## JAZZ, BANDS AND SPECIALIST INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Along with the two senior Big Bands and a newly established Concert Band, there are a number of smaller jazz, funk and rock bands, including sixth form group Swunk. In addition, there are ensembles for specific instrument families, including Maxi and Senior Brass, Saxophone Quartet and Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir several String Quartets and Ensembles, including Sizzling Strings for juniors, two Drumming Troupes and a Harp Ensemble.



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## OECONOMIA

An Economics Society that is open to sixth form pupils. This is a bi-weekly club where the pupils discuss economics and topical issues with visits from guest speakers. The society produces a termly newspaper looking at key economic issues. Pupils meet in Room 92 on Thursday lunchtimes from 1.15-1.50pm.

**Mr Mackintosh**



## PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY

Psychology Society is open to Upper Fifth, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth pupils who are studying psychology or have an interest in related topics. Topics covered will include those on the syllabus such as aggression, eating disorders and biopsychology and non-syllabus related areas such as forensic psychology. The club runs on a Wednesday lunchtime at 12.45pm in Room 93. All are warmly welcome.

**Mrs Godfroy**

## OXBRIDGE/TUESDAY FORUM

This group meets from January of the Lower Sixth year through into the Upper Sixth as part of the school's sixth form Futures Programme. After a few weeks, it typically splits into three groups: Oxbridge, medical/vet and other highly selective Russell Group although there is a clear overlap between these three. Meetings cover interview advice and techniques, information about universities and colleges and the application process, including requirements for aptitude and subject tests and samples of written work. Guest speakers are invited in



to talk to both year groups. Mr Commin and Mrs Keane look after the Oxbridge group, Mr Boddington the medics and vets, and Mrs Cheesman the Russell Group.

## POLITICS SOCIETY

A weekly club where the pupils discuss current affairs and topical issues with visits from guest speakers. This group is open to Third Form to Upper Sixth and is held

on Friday lunchtimes, 1.15-1.50pm in Room 84.

**Mr Baker**

## PYTHON GAMES PROGRAMMING CLUB

Open to everyone, Python Games Programming Club allows pupils to develop their own computer game on the PCs. Novice programmers can be guided through tutorials to produce games like hangman, battleships and connect four. More experienced programmers might choose to use the PyGame library to provide graphics for games like snake, sudoku or tennis. Suggestions for new games are welcomed and pupils enjoy testing and



debugging games together. The club runs on Fridays from 4-5pm in the Wolfson Suite.

**Mr McGrath**

## Q&A

This is a safe space for allies and members of the LGBTQ+ community to meet, talk, learn, listen, and simply be, and is open to all Exeter School pupils and staff. We often use an item of current news, or something that has happened in school, as a springboard for what is always energetic discussion, and in the past we have had conversations about queer representation in the arts and sport, Pride, coming



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out and issues faced by non-binary and transgender pupils. The club runs on a Tuesday from 1pm, taking up most of the lunch break. Email [qanda@exeterschool.org.uk](mailto:qanda@exeterschool.org.uk) for more information.

**Mr Latimer and the EDI prefect**

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

Aimed mainly at Middle Fifth to sixth form, this new society is for anyone interested in exploring scientific topics beyond IGCSE and A Level courses. Look out for talks from pupils and visiting speakers through the year. Ask Sophia Bosch, Lauren Cornfield, Emily O'Connor or Phoebe Jerreat for more information.

**Mr Tuohey**

## THE SKYLARK SOCIETY

Run jointly by the English department and the Library, The Skylark Society is a reading group for Middle Fifth and Upper Fifth pupils who wish to broaden their literary horizons and who enjoy experiencing all kinds of literature from the quirky to the classic to the downright strange. It will meet once a half-term.

**Mr Hancock and Mr Halpin**



## SOFTWARE SURGERY

Open to pupils in Middle Fifth and above, software surgery is a chance to work on programming projects outside lessons. Help is on hand to overcome difficulties and opportunities are available for individuals to work on their own choice of programming skills. The club is on Wednesdays from 1.15pm in the Wolfson Suite.

**Mr McGrath**

## SPORT

Sport plays an important role in the life of Exeter School and all pupils have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a wealth of social and competitive sport. All pupils have a games



session for their age group. From Form One to Middle Fifth, this follows the main sport of the term. For boys this is rugby, hockey and cricket and for girls this is hockey, netball, cricket and

tennis. From Upper Fifth to Upper Sixth, there are 12 different activities available on a termly basis. These include the major sports but also include shooting, cross country, squash and table

tennis. There are also a wide range of extra-curricular sporting opportunities during the lunch hour and after school from 4-5pm. Clubs are fully inclusive and pupils can select what they attend on a weekly basis. These clubs allow pupils access to new activities such as spin classes, boxercise, table tennis and shooting. We are also pleased to introduce academies to allow our gifted athletes a chance to refine and develop their skills.

## SWIMMING AND AQUATICS

The swimming clubs cater for a range of abilities in our indoor four lane 25m

pool. Abilities range from Learning to Train to Training to Compete and the club meets in the autumn and spring terms on Monday 16:00 to 17:15, Wednesday 16:00 to 17:15 and Thursday 07:00 to 08:00. The pupils have an opportunity to swim in both friendly galas and higher level regional/national events as well as open water events and the overnight channel challenge. Other aquatic disciplines are catered for including Middle Fifth lifesaving club, water polo and lunchtime free swims.

## FACILITIES

Exeter School's 25-acre site is well equipped with a range of six rugby pitches which convert into two cricket squares as well as two astro turf wickets in the summer term. There is a full size astro turf, two tarmac netball courts, and two smaller training astro turf surfaces. One of these surfaces converts into six artificial cricket nets during the cricket season. Tennis players can enjoy the 17 astro turf/tarmac courts available in the summer. There is also a designated athletics area with a long



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jump and high jump area, a shot putt circle, javelin throwing area and 300m grass athletics track. The sports department building includes the main sports hall, squash courts, a climbing wall, dance studio, shooting range and fully equipped fitness suite including a free weights area.

## SUCSESSES

In recent years, the U19 squash team has won the national plate and the U15 team has taken third place in the national competition. Girls' and boys' hockey teams regularly make the Devon finals. Our netballers regularly represent the school in district and national competitions. Our 1st and 2nd team footballers take part in the Isca League. Tennis players represent the school in the national Aegon competitions. Rugby players take part in Devon competitions and in recent years the 1st XV squad reached the quarter finals of the national vase and the 1st VII reached the semi-finals of the national Rosslyn Park sevens.

In 2021, the U15 and U12 cricketers both won the Devon Cup. The U15 and



U13 girls' teams both made their finals.

## SPORTS CLUBS

The following sports clubs and activities are on offer during the academic year: rugby, hockey, netball, squash, swimming, boxercise, spinning, indoor football, indoor hockey, lifesaving, water polo, tennis, touch rugby, boys' cricket and girls' cricket. Pro coaches come into school to teach squash and tennis.

**Mr Gibson**

## TARGET SHOOTING CLUB

Target Shooting Club meets every Wednesday in the rifle range from 4-5pm. All ages



are welcome, once approved to shoot.

**Mr Smith**

## WARHAMMER

This club is suitable for beginners or for more experienced players and meets in Room 10 on Thursday from 4-5pm. There are experienced players around to advise to how to play and we have paints and glue available for people who wish to make

their own models. We have a large stock of scenery to make games more authentic. We ask pupils not to bring really expensive/prized models into school and if they do bring their own pieces they must be kept locked in lockers during the day. Room 10, Thursday 4-5pm.

**Mrs Sail**

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Lower Sixth pupils set up and run their own company under the umbrella of the Young Enterprise scheme. Board meetings are held weekly after school with Mr Mackintosh and an external business adviser. Pupils are encouraged to sell their products to the public at weekend markets and they are entered into regional and national competitions to find the best company. Young Enterprise meets on Monday and Tuesday after school in Room 92.

**Mr Mackintosh**



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