

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES 2023-2024

A School of Great Character



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Exeter School places a strong emphasis on character education, firmly believing that the curriculum extends far beyond the timetabled academic subjects. While academic excellence is essential, we recognize the vital role that sport, music, art, and drama play in shaping the lives of our pupils. These enriching activities foster essential values such as teamwork, creativity, discipline, and perseverance. In addition to the scheduled academic week, we offer a plethora of opportunities for character development through clubs, activities, and societies detailed in this comprehensive guide. Our pupils can also engage in lectures, masterclasses, day and residential trips, performances, revision classes, study skills lectures, and leadership training, all of which contribute to their holistic growth.

We strongly encourage our pupils to explore and participate in these activities, enabling them to discover their passions and develop valuable life skills. Our commitment to character education ensures that Exeter School nurtures well-rounded individuals who are not only academically proficient but also equipped with the virtues and qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Airfix Club

An opportunity to make an Airfix model with supervision of DT staff. You are welcome to bring in your own projects or use a model provided here. DT, Wednesday 1.15pm.

Mr Collard

Amnesty International

The group will provide pupils with the opportunity to stand up for human rights by writing letters of solidarity.

Room 84, Thursday lunchtime.

Mrs Sheehan

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.



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 1.30pm.
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

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

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.

Mr Halpin

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 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.

P3, Monday 12.45-1.45pm.

Mr Tuohy

Christian Union (all year groups)

Exeter School's Christian Union meets in the chapel on one lunchtime a week (day to be confirmed). Activities include games, Bible study, discussion groups and prayer, with plenty of biscuits and cake. All pupils from any year group are welcome to attend. Whether you have a Christian faith or are just interested in finding out more, please come along.

Chapel, day TBC 1.10-1.50pm

Reverend Close

Mr Reynolds

Christian Union (Sixth Form)

A CU specifically for all sixth form pupils addressing questions such as: 'Who is God?' 'What difference could God make in your life?' and 'How do you view the Church?' There is an emphasis on creating an environment where everyone feels happy and confident sharing



their ideas and opinions. Feel free to come along and try it out.

Room 41, Wednesday 1.10-1.45pm.

**Ben Palmer-Challen (U6),
Elizabeth Doherty (U6),
Reverend Close, Mr Reynolds.**



Creative Writing Club

The lower school creative writing club (Third Form to Lower Fifth) is a place where pupils can experiment with different writing forms and styles and showcase their own writing. Room 11, Thursday 1.20-1.45pm.
Mrs Ridler-Murray.



Competition during the spring term. You can enter as a team or an individual – no previous experience is necessary. Wolfson Suite, Thursdays 4-5pm.

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 is 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. Room 39, Friday 1.15-1.50pm.
Mrs Dunlop.

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. Room 41, Friday 1.15pm.
Ms Pinches.

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



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

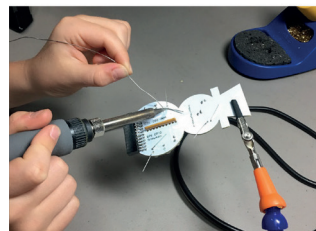
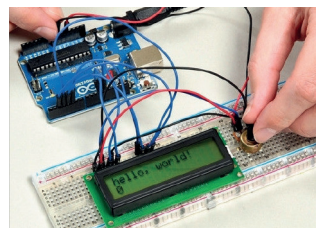
East and South East Asia society is a pupil-led group open to all ages. We meet weekly to explore a wide range of topics, from popular culture such as anime and KPop, to the languages and literature of East Asia, to traditional music and history. Pupil run meetings last year included introductions to Sun Tzu's The Art of War, the terracotta army, traditional Chinese gods, beginner's Korean and Asian ecology (mainly pandas!) as well as watching a range of anime, Korean and Chinese drama. We also managed to taste a wide range of Asian snacks and eat considerable quantities of dumplings. Members of the society also gave a well-received assembly to the sixth form on



Hong Kong.
Room 39, Monday 1.15-1.50pm.
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. We also run a more advanced Electronics Club for Fourth Form and above. This will extend the skills developed in the Third Form and focus more on the use and programming of microcontrollers such as Arduinos.

Electronics Lab, Monday 1.15pm for Third Form, Thursday 1.15pm, Fourth Form and above.

Mr Schramm

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 can also participate in trips and activities related to the fields of journalism, design, and publishing. Membership is by written application to Mr Seaton-Burn.

Venue TBC, Friday 3.15pm

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 Southwest 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.

Room 83, Monday 1.15pm.

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. 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, day and time to be confirmed.

Mrs Culley

IFS Proshare

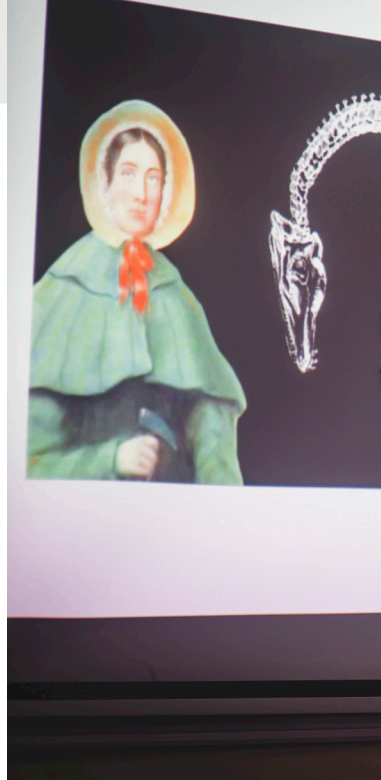
Middle Fifth to Upper Sixth pupils can take part in the IFS Proshare competition, where pupils invest a fantasy £100,000 in a share portfolio, that directly tracks the London Stock Exchange. It is a national competition, and meetings are held to discuss share movements.

Room TBC, Tuesday 1.15pm

Mr Mackintosh

Italian Club

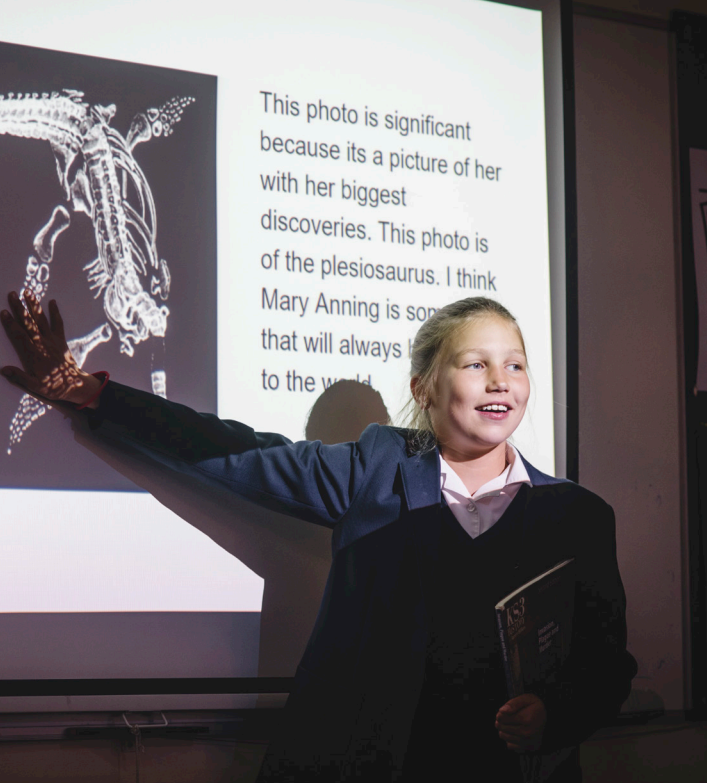
We are delighted to be able to offer pupils in Lower Fifth and above the opportunity to pick up another language. Italian club will take place once a week during a lunchtime. You will learn a range of key vocabulary on a variety of useful topics, you'll be able to put the words into sentences and then 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!

Room TBC, 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. Library.

Mr Halpin.

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.

Venue and day TBC.

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 disciplines 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! Drama studio, Thursday 12.45pm.

Mr Harknett.



Lower School Stem Club

Lower school STEM club is for members of the Third Form, starting in September. In the first half term, there will be a series of individual experiments to inspire and challenge, activities that pupils wouldn't usually have the chance to do in class. In the second half term, there will be an opportunity for pupils to work collaboratively on their own investigation as a longer-term project.

Science labs, Tuesday 1.15pm.

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.

Room 10, Wednesday 1.15pm.

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.

Room 75, Friday 1.15-1.45pm.

Mr Bowler

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. If you have an interest in biology, then you are sure to

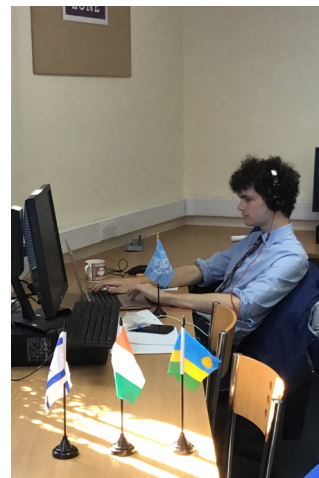


benefit from coming along.

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.



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, there continues to be 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.

Primarily for Third to Lower Fifth pupils, 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





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 concert band, there are several 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, wind ensemble, flute choir, several string quartets and ensembles, including Sizzling Strings for juniors and two drumming troupes.

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. Room 92, Thursday 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. All are warmly welcome.
Room 93, Wednesday 12.45pm.
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 universities, 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. Dr Commin and Mrs Keane look after the Oxbridge group, Mr Boddington the medics and vets, and the careers advisor 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. Room 84, Friday 1.15-1.50pm.

Mr Baker





Python games programming club

Open to everyone, Python games programming club allows pupils to develop their own computer game on a PC. 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.
Wolfson Suite, Friday 4-5pm.
Mr McGrath.

Q&A

This is a safe space for allies and members of the LGBTQ+

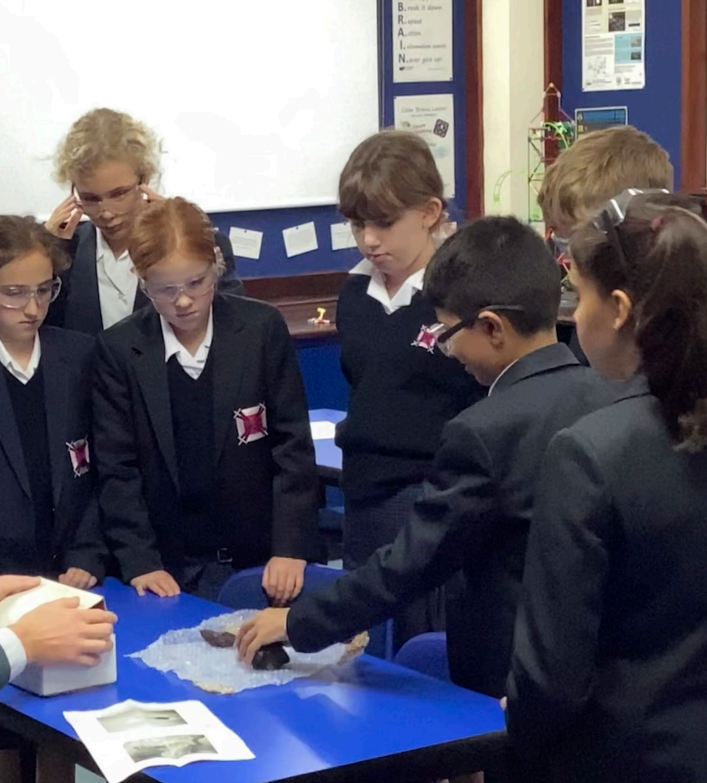
community to meet, talk, learn, listen, and simply be, and is open to all Exeter School pupils and staff. We often use an item of current news, or something that has happened in school, as a springboard for what is always energetic discussion, and in the past, we have had conversations about queer representation in the arts and sport, Pride, coming out and issues faced by non-binary and transgender pupils. Email qanda@exeterschool.org.uk for more information.
Venue TBC, Tuesday from 1pm.
Mr Latimer and the EDI prefect.

Schools Challenge Quiz Club

Schools challenge quiz club meets one lunchtime each week and is open to pupils in all years. The format follows that of the popular quiz programme



“University Challenge” and there are questions on a wide variety of topics including history, literature, culture, geography, sport and many, many others. There is normally a national competition and, in the past, the school has occasionally won



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 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 to work on their own choice of programming skills. Wolfson Suite, Wednesdays 1.15pm.

Mr McGrath

the regional heat. Everyone is welcome.

Venue and day TBC

Mr Goody

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.

Mr Tuohey.



Soroptimist Society

The soroptimist society is a pupil-led group linked to Soroptimist International, a global volunteer movement that aims to transform the lives of women and girls across the world. Members of the society organise initiatives throughout the year to raise awareness around school and take part in fundraising. All are very welcome to attend!

Sport

What is our aim?

Physical education, sport and physical activity are all integral parts of every Exeter School pupil's school experience and weekly routine. With this in mind we run a large range of extra-curricular activities to supplement the pupils' curriculum physical education and games lessons. These take

a variety of forms and run at lunchtime and after school. Our aim is that all our pupils find a sport or activity that they are passionate about and one they will continue to participate in when they leave school. With the exception of some pre-selected sessions in the gym and specific sports, these clubs and practices are inclusive, and pupils can select what they attend on a weekly basis. There is no need to sign up for these sessions.

When do these take place?

Extra-curricular clubs and practices take place either at lunchtime from 12.45-13.45pm or after school, when most sessions run from 16.00-17.15pm.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

At lunchtime, pupils have access



to the schools' excellent sports facilities with the gym and fitness suite available for pupils in Lower Fifth to sixth form, the 25m swimming pool for all year groups and the squash courts and table tennis tables available for use. The astro is also open



for lunchtime activities three times a week. The sessions are overseen by staff and sixth form prefects with the aim of allowing pupils to have fun with their friends. The PE department also run lunchtime coaching clinics for selected groups of sports

scholars and senior sportsmen and women. These sessions will be communicated to individuals who are playing at representative level.

AFTER-SCHOOL
Each sports team has an

additional team practice once a week. These focus on the school's major sport of the term but will also include squad training for swimming, squash (autumn and spring term) and tennis and athletics (summer term). Most of these sessions are ►



run by the PE department or team coaches, however, some are run by external specialists. Although these additional practices are not compulsory, pupils wishing to be selected to represent the school are encouraged to attend each week and communicate with their team coach when they are unable to attend. If pupils have a clash with other co-curricular activities such as music or drama, then departments will try and enable them to rotate every other week and will support them in participating in both. For those who are not involved in school teams and searching for a new sport, there are also after-school clubs in basketball, football, girls' multi-sports (football and rugby), lifesaving (M5 only), spinning, water polo and gym. The gym is always

the most popular venue after school and therefore specific year groups are given priority sessions each day. Pupils who are following programmes or just wanting to work hard on the aerobic machines are welcome. The schools' two athletic development coaches run the lunchtime and after school sessions.

Where and when will we find out what is on each week? The timetable of sports clubs and practices is published at the end of the previous term (summer holidays) and available on My School Portal.

Star Wars Club

Anyone with an interest in Star Wars is welcome to come along to talk, design quizzes, compete, draw, and generally indulge in all





things Star Wars.
Room 8, Friday lunchtime.
Mrs Roff.

Warhammer

This club is suitable for beginners or for more experienced players. 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 expensive/prized models into school and if they do bring their own pieces they must be kept in their locker 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.
Room 92, Monday and Tuesday 3.50pm.


Mr Mackintosh

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