



Exeter Junior School Clubs and activities



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Animation

In animation club, pupils become filmmakers for the session using iPads and the Stop Motion Studio app to create their own short films. They work independently or in small groups and learn to add credits, sound effects and voiceovers to their awesome films.

Art

Our popular art club is aimed at pupils who enjoy being creative through a number of different mediums. We are based in our fully resourced art room and are able to explore a variety of mediums. Pupils enjoy studying artists, such as Van Gogh or Banksy. We participate in art competitions and celebrate key events. Our seasonal crafts are beautifully bright, and we welcome creative minds to join in the fun.

Bandlab

In this exciting club, pupils use the BandLab software to create their own music. This marvellous software allows pupils to create their own songs using pre-existing loops and sound effects, record their own, or collaborate with others within the club to create songs together!



Board Games

Board games club is brand new and was started at the suggestion of a pupil in Upper One. Pupils get to play a variety of board games, from Cluedo to Downfall, allowing some fun competition and strategy.

Chess

Chess players from all year groups are encouraged to attend and test their skills against each other. They are frequently treated to some expert coaching from senior school staff and pupils, who are keen to nurture young talent. The club, which runs for an hour, is a useful addition for some of the pupils, who

also attend the more focussed chess coaching session, run by our external coach (payable option). The only requirement, apart from enthusiasm, is some previous experience of playing the game, and a working knowledge of the basic rules and principles.

Chess Coaching

When our esteemed chess coach, Victor Cross was taught the basic chess moves by his mother at the age of six, he never dreamt his passion would take him over Europe as the national junior squad manager. He can't promise this will happen for all players but he does impart his mastermind of

opening strategies, middle game plans and how to play good endings. After learning how pieces move, players are ready to learn the reasons why certain moves are played. The more you learn, the more fascinating the game is. It also teaches life lessons in personal accountability, logical thinking and coping with both victory and defeat.



Coding

Coding club is an opportunity for pupils who enjoy programming to explore this further. Projects include some exciting machine learning experiments as well as using code club resources to program a range of games and animations programming language.

Comets Club

Comets club provides pupils with further academic enrichment through extra-curricular activities. It is a fun and exciting club, which aims to fire up the imaginations of our Upper Two pupils, providing them with new and challenging experiences, stretching their thinking about ideas that may never have been encountered before!

Cooking

Each week in cookery club, pupils prepare and enjoy a different recipe learning kitchen skills. The club aims to inspire culinary interest by discussing the ingredients and encourages pupils to cook more outside of school.

Drama

In drama club children learn theatre skills through a variety of methods that include improvisation, playing drama games, rehearsing, dance, and performing extracts from poems and plays. We focus on using tone, volume, mood, silence, stillness, and action to add impact to performances. We work in pairs and groups on spontaneous improvisation,



role-play, using space, sustaining a character and learning theatrical conventions. We have lots of fun, and – when the sun is shining – we make good use of the paddock to do plenty of outdoor learning too. In the summer term, drama club is exclusively for the Upper Two children to rehearse their end of year production.

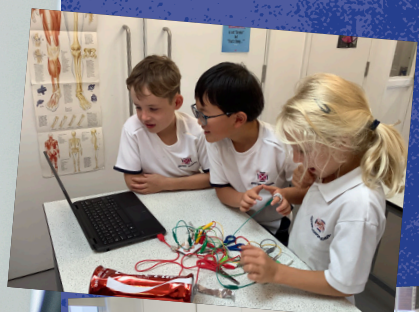
Drumming Troupe

Within the drumming ensemble the children are developing many musical skills, such as rhythm, time-keeping, dynamics, listening skills and creative improvisation. As the rhythms develop, the children are often enthusiastic to show

off their dance moves, and have been known to burst into song. The many benefits of the drumming troupe include stress-relief, social interaction, camaraderie, ensemble playing and performance. Most important is to have some drum fun! Suitable for any junior pupil – no prior experience required.

Electronics

In electronics club, pupils use Crumble controllers, Makey Makeys and Micro:bit controllers to learn more about programming, conductive materials and creating circuits. Using a range of electronic components, pupils explore physical computing. This is where they use sensors to collect data



from the world around them or control outputs such as lights and motors.

Engineering

We love science at Exeter School and engineering club allows us to put the principles we discover and learn into practice. The club includes the building and making of models, appreciating making mistakes and finding ways to make things better using the knowledge learned from those mistakes. It's also fun!





Gardening

Gardening club takes place every fortnight where pupils can delight in growing their own flowers and vegetables, from seed to beautiful fully grown plants. Being able to pick and taste your own produce is a real highlight as is the growing awareness of how we can positively impact our environment through 'growing our own'.

Greenaway

In the Greenaway shadowing club, the children share the stories that have been shortlisted for this year's Kate Greenaway medal, in our lovely school library. We will discuss the books and consider which title we think should win the medal. This is the perfect club for anyone who loves beautifully illustrated picture books.

Junior Singers

For anyone in Form One or Upper One who likes singing and enjoys some musical fun! We sing a variety of light-hearted songs and prepare performances for concerts throughout the year. A career as a pop star starts here!

Junior Choir

This choir is open to any pupils in Lower Two or Upper Two who love to sing and want to develop their vocal skills. The choir performs an anthem in every chapel service and has a leading role in concerts and special school events during the year.



Junior Orchestra

Any pupil learning an orchestral instrument (violin, cello, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, euphonium, horn, percussion) is encouraged to join the orchestra and warmly welcomed - whatever their level. We always have two or three pieces of music on the go, ranging from film theme tunes (e.g. Star Wars) to well known classical pieces and popular tunes.

Kodu

Kodu is a visual programming environment that allows pupils to create their own video games. In Kodu Club, pupils create their games and test them out. Additionally, they can use the Micro:bit as a game controller to develop their skills further.

Library

Our junior school pupil librarians are role models for the rest of the school and promote a love of reading whilst assisting with the management of our school library. Librarians apply for the role at the beginning of the year and stay in post for the full year attending shifts in the library throughout

the week as well as weekly librarian meetings. Librarians issue and return material, tidy the shelves, review books, help others to use the library effectively, create displays, promote books and other book related activities. They also have the privilege of designing the whole school reading initiative, presenting in assemblies, and assisting with the choice of book stock for the library.



Maths

Challenge, perseverance, problem solving and teamwork - just a selection of the skills and attributes that are developed and refined in our maths enrichment club. Our wonderful Upper Fifth pupils, who lead the club, provide opportunities for our pupils to experience maths outside the normal classroom environment through engaging and enjoyable tasks. As well as having a great deal of fun, pupils develop their subject knowledge, improve their understanding and application of mathematical principles and increase their self-confidence with maths.

Maxi Brass

Maxi brass is the only weekly music ensemble that includes pupils from Form One to Upper Sixth. Younger members have easier parts, but still get the excitement of playing great music with a large ensemble and learn so much from the more experienced players.

Mindful Minutes

You can join at any point during this drop-in and chill-out session where pupils share in all important mindful practices as well as painting, colouring and chatting about their week.

Minecraft

In Minecraft club, pupils work through various challenges. In esports club, pupils work in teams in a limited time to complete a different build challenge each week. In Minecraft architects, pupils work on our ongoing project to build Exeter School in the virtual world.



Multi-sports

Pupils in all year groups work alongside specialist sports staff, making use of the school's excellent facilities, taking part in a multitude of activities ranging from hockey and rugby through to frisbee and table tennis. Join for a variety of fabulous sporting activities, where skills are improved, we make friends and have lots of fun.

Podcasting

In podcasting club, pupils use a range of software including Audacity to record their own podcast. They work in groups to plan a topic, write a script and record their podcast based on a topic of their interest.

Sizzling Strings

Sizzling strings is for anyone learning the violin, viola, cello or double bass in the Junior School. The music we play is based on suggestions from the pupils and parts are written for their individual levels. It offers a stepping stone to the junior orchestra and more experienced players are given the chance to take the lead, and the responsibility for their own part as it's a smaller group than a formal orchestra. Minimum level: reading the four open string from notation. Please get in touch if you have any questions.



Squash

Ever fancied giving squash a go? Open to beginners and experienced players alike, squash is a fun, fast-paced and fantastic sport to play. Small groups make great use of the two squash courts that we have in the sports complex and the aim of the club is to improve racquet skills, make friends and enjoy exercise.



Squash Coaching

We have an outstanding external coach, George Aplin, who delivers our after-school squash sessions. These are aimed at pupils with a passion for squash and would like to take their playing to the next level.

Swimming

Pupils thoroughly enjoy building on their water confidence at lunchtimes whilst making use of our excellent facilities and equipment.





Swimming Squad and Development Squad

By invitation, pupils train weekly working on endurance and stroke technique, preparing them for competitive galas against other schools as well as for national competitions.

Tennis Coaching

Open to all children, tennis club offers an opportunity for pupils to learn the basic shots of tennis through fun drills and games. Run by experienced tennis coach Jon Rycroft, the small group setting allows children to progress quickly and have fun on court with their friends.

Textiles

Textiles club is for those who wish to make items and try out new ideas that are a little bit different. This fun lunchtime club provides the opportunity to learn how to stitch, print and weave. We have experimented with Batik, a technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to cloth, and we've also practiced blanket stitch and made felt hearts. We are looking forward to printmaking during the summer term.

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