



MERCHANT TAYLORS'  
School

## Clubs & Societies 2021-2022



Innovation - Bravery - Confidence - Inspiration - Joy



## Welcome to the Merchant Taylors' School Co-curricular Activities Booklet!

In this booklet, you will find information on all the co-curricular activities on offer for the Autumn Term at MTS. They are listed alphabetically but the index page also lets you know which activities are available to which year groups – if it is not specified, the activity is available to ALL students. The year groups are labelled as Years 7 to 13, which in MTS 'language' is as follows:

- Year 7 – 3rd Form
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- Year 12 – L6th Form
- Year 13 – U6th Form

There are always so many things going on at MTS – we want you all to find your niche and get involved in a variety of activities during your time here. Not only is there sport on Saturdays and Outdoor Education on Fridays and Sundays, but there are also activities happening every lunchtime of the week and most days after school as well.

If you have any queries about any of the activities, please contact the staff member who is listed as the 'Lead Staff/Contact' in the booklet and they will be happy to give you more information.

Most importantly, get involved! You will learn new things, make new friends and have new, interesting and exciting experiences along the way!

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## AFRO CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

Learn about the diverse cultures that come together to comprise the Afro Caribbean community. This club provides a space for discussion and education for everyone who might be interested to know more about Afro Caribbean cultures.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Ma9, Maths classroom, next door to the Maths office in the main building.

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Ezomo



## AIRFIX MODEL CLUB

We assemble and paint Airfix models of aeroplanes, tanks, cars, ships. We also look at their historical importance and maybe simulate some aeroplane dog fights. We make dioramas to create typical and realistic landscapes for our models.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** CH45

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Dr Lohr



## ARKWRIGHT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP & DESIGN COMPETITIONS

Coaching and information for applying for an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, and ongoing support for those in 6th Form with a scholarship. Administration for entry into national design and engineering competitions.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11- 13;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Half-termly;

**Location:** DT DS01

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Park

## ART GCSE AND A LEVEL SUPPORT



Open studio for GCSE and A level students so they can use the materials and receive extra one-to-one support.

**Year Group(s):** Years 10-13;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH; Tuesday LUNCH; Thursday LUNCH; Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Art classrooms

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Leech, Ms Lumsden

## ASTROPHYSICS CLUB



Come along to explore the farthest reaches of the universe. We will discuss lots of out-of-this-world topics and hopefully do some activities related to your interests in all things outer space.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-12;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** PH11

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Hull

## ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT



Train with your peers in a challenging and inclusive environment to develop your strength, fitness and well-being. Daily, supervised, developmentally appropriate athletic development and strength and conditioning.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Every MORNING; Every LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** School Gym

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Bruce

## BADMINTON CLUB



Badminton is for any ability and any age groups. You will need to be in games kit and have indoor trainers.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-13;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Sports Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Foot

## BOOK BOFFZ



Games, quizzes and activities all connected to books and reading. You don't have to be a record-breaking reader to join in; just enjoy having fun with like-minded people, sharing views and ideas. And eating biscuits!

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-8;

**Time:** Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Library

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Millard; Mrs South

## CAREERS 'DROP IN' AND INSIGHTS



The Careers team will be available to provide support on a range of careers topics including work experience, volunteering, careers, universities, apprenticeships, CV writing and work applications. There will also be careers talks with people from business and other presentations - watch out for announcements to sign up for these.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Every LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Careers Office/Careers Library

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Grice



## CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



Chamber Orchestra is for the most advanced orchestral string players at School, occasionally augmented by senior wind or brass players as required. Chamber concertos, suites, serenades and string orchestra repertoire from a huge canon of works composed over the last 300 years is performed at major concerts, including the Autumn Concert, the Taylors' Hall Concert, and the Spring Spectacular.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MU82 (the 'Music Classroom') in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Couldridge

## CHARITY DRIVE



We meet weekly to discuss and arrange charity events.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Ma4

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Omert

## CHEMISTRY CLINIC



Drop-in clinic for those pupils needing a little extra assistance with their study of Chemistry.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-11;

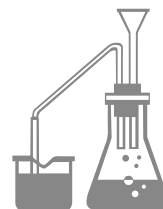
**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** CH48

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Talboys

## CHEMISTRY DROP-IN (6TH FORM)



An informal drop-in clinic for L6 and U6 students to seek support with their studies or additional practice of topics. It is also an opportunity to meet to discuss enriching topics beyond the specification. It is on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Year Group(s):** Years 12-13;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** CH48

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Powell

## CHESS CLUB



There will be opportunities to play friendlies, play competitively, try chess puzzles and learn tactics.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Monday LUNCH; Tuesday LUNCH; Thursday LUNCH; Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MA1

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Cleaver

## CHOIR - TENORS AND BASSES



A choir for singers of each voice type - treble, alto, tenor and bass. We perform at concerts each term, plus the Christmas Carol service. No audition required - all welcome!

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Wednesday MORNING; Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Stubbs

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**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL; Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Stubbs

## CHRISTIAN UNION



All students are invited to explore Christian faith together. We meet together to discuss topics relevant to making our faith active in our lives, and to explore the Bible. We host occasional talks and discussions especially aimed at the whole-school community, but all students are welcome to attend all meetings.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** RS17

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Dr King

## CONCERT BAND



The School's flagship ensemble for wind, brass, and percussion players. Varied repertoire for intermediate to advanced musicians. We will develop our playing on a weekly basis through listening and tuning exercises, as well as practising key skills like sight-reading. A must for anyone aiming to take a higher grade on their instrument.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Tonks

## COOKING CLUB



Come along to cooking club to develop your culinary skills and have fun with food.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** Cricket Pavillion

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Hazan; Mrs Omert

## CRICKET CLUB: YEAR 7 LUNCH TIME



Cricket practice based in the indoor nets above the Sports Hall.

**Year Group(s):** Year 7;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Indoor Cricket Nets

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr McGowan

## CRICKET PRACTICE: YEAR 8 INDOOR



Cricket practice throughout the winter in our indoor cricket nets, located above the Sports Hall.

**Year Group(s):** Year 8;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Indoor Cricket Nets

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr McGowan

## CRICKET PRACTICE: YEAR 7A



Cricket practice throughout the winter in our indoor cricket nets, and Sports Hall.

**Year Group(s):** Year 7;

**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Indoor Cricket Nets

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Evans-Evans

## CRICKET: FAST AND SPIN BOWLING CLUB



Specific session for spin and fast bowlers bi-weekly.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Indoor Cricket Nets/ Sports Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr McGowan and Mr Davies

## CRICKET: YEAR 10 PERFORMANCE CRICKET



Cricket practice throughout the winter in our indoor cricket nets.

**Year Group(s):** Year 10;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Indoor Cricket Nets

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Davies

## CRICKET: YEAR 8A INDOOR PRACTICE



Cricket practice throughout the winter in our indoor cricket nets.

**Year Group(s):** Year 8;

**Time:** Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Indoor Cricket Nets/ Sports Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr McGowan

## DEBATING SOCIETY



The Merchant Taylors' Debating Society hosts internal debates once a week as well as entering national competitions.

**Year Group(s):** All;

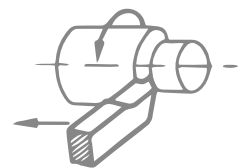
**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Hy2.52

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Hoyle

## DET SCHOLARS



DET Scholars have half-termly workshops with subject specialists in various design and manufacturing skills that lie outside of the traditional taught areas such as; Milling, Turning, CNC work, Welding, Plasma Cutting, Electronic Circuit Building, Casting and many more options are available. Opportunities to design and develop a product for entry into national competitions are strongly welcome.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-11;

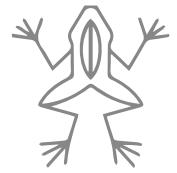
**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** DET Workshop

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Willson

## DISSECTION CLUB



If you've ever wondered what is below the surface and what organs really look like, then come along. Dr Komissarova and our L6th students will guide you through the anatomy of a variety of animals and there will be an opportunity to try your hand at dissecting! (Starts after half-term.)

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** BY60 Biology Department Room

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Dr Komissarova

## DIXIELAND BAND



The Dixieland Band is one of the School's three jazz bands, specialising in early jazz styles, with a focus on learning to improvise. The players are amongst the best in the school, and represent the School and the Department throughout the year at Open Mornings, Jazz Night, and Quiz Evenings in addition to the main school Concerts.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Tuesday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Couldridge

## DRAMA TECHNICAL THEATRE CLUB - BEGINNERS



An introduction to Lighting/Sound/Stage Management with a view to becoming part of the MTS Drama Technical Team.

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-10;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Studio Theatre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Savio Gimmi; Miss Clarke

## DRAMA TECHNICAL THEATRE CLUB - SENIOR



Technical Theatre Team working on Drama productions and projects e.g. Lighting, Sound, Stage Management.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-12;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL (according to a rehearsal schedule);

**Frequency:** Tech Club will be called to rehearsals as and when;

**Location:** Studio Theatre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Savio Gimmi; Miss Clarke

## DRONE CLUB



Design, 3D print and fly a drone!

**Year Group(s):** Years 8-9;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Design Studio 1 & CAD/CAM Hub

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Reid

## EQUESTRIAN/RIDING CLUB



Go to riding lessons and be coached by highly qualified instructors at our well-established riding centre. You will learn how to walk, trot and canter as well as doing some jumps. A life skill to have!

**Year Group(s):** Years 8-10;

**Time:** Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** We go by minibus to Littlebourne Equestrian Centre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Udell



## FILM CLUB



We will take turns to suggest a film to watch in the coming week, then gather to discuss the film. All welcome, from film experts (who categorise their films by director) to popcorn-lovers (who know their films by the name of the lead actor).

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** En35

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Shockley

## FRENCH CULTURE



If you have chosen French at GCSE or PreU and you would like to reinforce your cultural knowledge about Francophonie, do join! We will talk about politics, art, literature, sport, music or any other topic you are interested in.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** ML69

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Troletti

## FRIDAY PRAYER (ISLAMIC SOCIETY)



Prayers on Friday.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Prayer Room/Exam hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Rashid

## FUTURE LEADERS PROJECT



The aim is to equip our students with the skills they need to thrive in a very different workplace. An incredible project providing the missing link between education and adult life, it brings together a collaboration of changemakers from education and business to support students aged 15-18 to flourish – in work and life.

**Year Group(s):** Years 10-12;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** tbc

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Pruden-Lawson (Mr Hull & Miss Maxfield)

## GUITAR ENSEMBLE



The Guitar Ensemble gives classical guitarists the opportunity to develop ensemble skills, explore ensemble repertoire and perform with other guitarists in Informal and Chamber Concerts throughout the year.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Friday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MU82 (the 'Music Classroom') in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Hawkins (supported by Mr Couldridge)

## HANSARD SOCIETY



Activities, debates and opportunities related to modern British politics for the Lower School.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-9;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** EP54A

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Pearson

## (THE) HERRICK



'The Herrick', named after OMT Robert Herrick, the 17th Century metaphysical poet, is a society dedicated to lovers of English Literature and Language. Its purpose is to introduce students to the wider world of literature, and language, that both enriches and goes far beyond the exam syllabus. Here you will discover writers, texts and ideas that will enlarge your mind, feed the soul, and make you see things differently. Meeting fortnightly, The Herrick takes the form of an informal presentation, by either a teacher or student, followed by discussion. It feels very like a seminar and is the perfect preparation for those looking to take a degree in the arts and humanities.

**Year Group(s):** Years 10-13;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** EN42

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Hilton-Dennis

## ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS



If you like Italy and Italian culture (cuisine, football...), or would like to know more about the culture (how to cook authentic pizza or spaghetti carbonara) but also to discover the Italian language, do come and join.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-9;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** ML69

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Troletti

## ITALIAN: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED



If you are already familiar with both Italian language and Italian culture, and you would like to develop your knowledge, do join. We will talk about Italian art, food, sport, literature and any other topic you would like to reinforce and/or discover. No need to say that we will also speak Italian!

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-13;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** ML69

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Troletti

## JEWISH SOCIETY



We host weekly speakers on a variety of topics relating to Judaism. No prior knowledge is required and everyone is welcome. Food is provided!

**Year Group(s):** All;

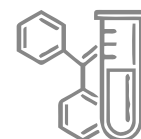
**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Chaplaincy Centre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Gedalla

## JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB



An opportunity for 3rds and U3rds to investigate new and interesting experiments, with plenty of colours, flames, explosions and fun!

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-8;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** CH44

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Hughes

## JUNIOR CLASSICS CLUB



Exploration of some of the world's most famous cultures and characters, through stories, films, and games.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-8;

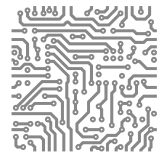
**Time:** Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Half-termly;

**Location:** Classics Dept

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Gazeley

## JUNIOR ELECTRONICS



Learn about basic electronic components and how to build circuits. Programme microcontrollers to do useful things. Start off by building an electronic dice!

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-8;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** DET Department Electronics Room

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Kyriacou

## JUNIOR GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY



Junior Geography Society is for any boy in the Lower School who wishes to deepen their understanding of geographic topics and ideas. Through a wide range of fun and exciting activities, you will explore a wide range of geographic topics and get to use the department's VR and AR equipment.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-9;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** Gy2.2 (Geography Resource room)

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Murray

## JUNIOR HISTORY SOCIETY



Junior History Society is your chance to explore all sorts of fascinating parts of History in a variety of fun ways - from quizzes, films and video-making to making models. Students set the agenda of what we do and how we do it; creative ideas welcomed.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-9;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** HY2.91

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Blatchford Pace

## JUNIOR MATHS CLUB



A chance to spend some time tackling different types of problems and puzzles. From Sudokus to Futoshiki to the Junior Maths Olympiad, this is a great opportunity to stretch and challenge your mathematical ability.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-8;

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MA6

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Coren

## JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB



Rugby Club for boys in the 3rds and U3rds.

**Year Group(s):** Year Years 7-8;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Flagstaff Pitch

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Conway

## KAYAK CLUB



Kayak club runs for boys in any year group. September until October half-term will be on the lake. Sessions will be focussed on paddling skills. After half-term sessions will take place in the swimming pool and the focus will switch to eskimo rolling.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Watersports Centre before half-term. Swimming pool after half-term.

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Firestone

## LAW SOCIETY



A chance to learn about the law for those considering applying to read the subject at university, work in the legal profession or who think they might need to know a bit in the future (for whatever reason...).

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-13;

**Time:** tbc (contact Mr Herring);

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** Hy2.92

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Herring

## LGBTQMTS



Regular meeting of LGBTQ+ students, staff and their allies.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Last Monday of the month or half-term;

**Location:** ML78

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Pacey

## LIFE DRAWING



A wide-ranging and experimental drawing course working from a nude model. Compulsory for A Level Art students, optional for GCSE students and open to any interested staff.

**Year Group(s):** Year 10-13;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL (4.30-6.30pm);

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Mr Leech's room

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Leech

## LINGUACHEF



Learn some simple cooking recipes whilst learning a little French, German, Spanish, Italian vocabulary and general culture. All Lower and Middle School welcome.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-10;

**Time:** Friday LUNCH (week A);

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** MLSR

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Bailey

## LOWER SCHOOL SCHOLARS (YEARS 7 AND 8)



Sessions for academic scholars - talks on a range of topics from different teachers.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-8;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Several times each term - will be publicised to scholars in advance;

**Location:** Various

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Harrison

## MATHS SOCIETY



The Maths society will host a weekly lecture given by one of the L6 mathematicians. Maths transcends emotions, continents, conspiracy theories, and underpins the very essence of existence itself. It's your golden ticket to the Wonka Factory of the Universe. The Maths Society welcomes anyone who would like to watch these talks in MA10.

**Year Group(s):** Year 12;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** MA10

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Cleaver



## MEDITATION CLUB



We will follow a course of guided meditations and learn techniques to strengthen our faculties of concentration and mindfulness in everyday life. No previous experience is required. This will lead to discussions of the theory behind the techniques in addition to topics such as free will and the nature of self.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** PH14

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Waterhouse

## MERCHANT TAYLORS' BIG BAND



The Merchant Taylors' Big Band is a 17-piece jazz band which performs big-band charts in a variety of styles including jazz standards, swing, bop, fusions, and arrangements of popular music for jazz band. Coached by one of the Visiting Music Teachers who is a vastly experienced jazz performer and recording artist himself, the MT Big Band combines with the St Helen's Jazz Band for the Joint Concert, and performs in the Autumn Concert, the Spring Spectacular and at Jazz Night. Open to trumpeters, trombonists, and sax players, with a piano, bass and drum rhythm section.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Monday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Gathercole (Mr Couldridge in Support)

## MERCHANTS OF GROOVE



Merchants of Groove is one of the three jazz bands at School, specialising in modern jazz styles and jazz fusions. Coached by one of the Visiting Music Teachers who is a vastly experienced jazz performer and recording artist herself, repertoire is tailored to the members of the group, which performs throughout the year, notably in Jazz Night, the Joint Concert, and at Informal Concerts.

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-13;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Manington (Mr Couldridge in support)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK GROUP



A society for all those in the 4ths, Divs and 5ths to share their ideas about a wide range of stimulating and thought-provoking reading. You will discover new authors, new genres, and new ways of thinking, ranging far more widely than in the English curriculum - because reading is for life and not just for lessons.

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-11;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** En36

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Dr Hetherington; Mr Robinson; Ms Scott

## MOTORSPORTS KIT CAR BUILD



For those interested in building an MEV Exocet kit car from a Mazda MX5 base car. The plan is to take this to a racetrack, when it is completed, with a racing instructor. The club is suitable for budding engineers and car enthusiasts. This project will provide excellent evidence for your portfolio and UCAS applications. Numbers limited: DET students priority.

**Year Group(s):** Years 12;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** DET Dudley Cox Car Workshop

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Wilson

## MTS M1LE



A weekly chance to get some fresh air and a bit of exercise. You can compete with your friends, walk with your tutor or simply use it as a time to give yourself a bit of peace and quiet at the end of the working week.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Start and finish: Tommy White Statue (by the D&T building)

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Greenaway

## MUSIC THEORY CLUB



The weekly Music Theory Club is designed to support all boys who are preparing to sit an ABRSM Music Theory exam - particularly Grade 5, which is required before being able to enter for a Grade 6 practical exam. Miss Clark, one of our Visiting Music Teachers, is herself an ABRSM examiner, and has published an excellent book which you will use in these sessions. Also essential for those who need to brush up their knowledge for GCSE Music!

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MU82 (the 'Music Classroom') in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Miss Clark (Mr Couldridge in support)

## MUSIC: AURAL TRAINING CLUB



The weekly Music: Aural Training Club is designed to support all boys who are preparing to sit a higher ABRSM Music practical exam - that is, Grades 6, 7 or 8. This is a free class in addition to the instrumental lessons in which Miss Clark, herself an ABRSM examiner, will coach pupils through the Aural tests for these grades.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Friday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MU89 (the 'Keyboard Room') in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Miss Clark (Mr Couldridge in support)

## PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE



Percussion Ensemble caters for all boys who play percussion - both untuned (such as a drum kit) and tuned (such as a xylophone). If you are a pianist and fancy trying your hand at playing in an ensemble, you can join this group to play tuned percussion straight away! The Percussion Ensemble also trains percussionists for larger ensembles such as the Symphony Orchestra, Concert band or Wind Band, and performs in two major concerts - the Autumn Concert and Spring Spectacular - each year. Open to players of all levels.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Lawrence (Mr Couldridge in support)

## PHAB CLUB



Fortnightly youth club for young people with physical and mental disabilities.

**Year Group(s):** Years 10;

**Time:** Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** HY2.1 or St Helen's

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Flower; Mr Coles

## PHAB WEEK



Weekly meeting to help organise Phab Week.

**Year Group(s):** Years 10;

**Time:** Friday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** HY2.1

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Flower; Mr Coles

## PHILOSOPHY JOURNAL - '42'



Students create the yearly journal with Philosophy-related articles, essay competitions and artwork. Knowledge or interest in the subject is crucial, along with students who want to share their views and challenge accepted wisdom in print. Editors and designers welcome!

**Year Group(s):** 12-13;

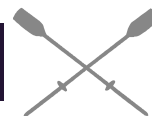
**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly or half-termly;

**Location:** RS19

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Charman

## ROWING CLUB



Whether you're an absolute novice or an experienced oarsman the Rowing Club will enable you to row on our beautiful, convenient lake with coaching. It's great for fitness & lots of fun! It is open to boys in any year group from September until October half-term on the lake.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Watersports Centre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Ms Scott; Mr Gazeley

## SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE



A Chamber Music ensemble that caters exclusively for saxophonists. This is another of the groups representing MTS at the annual South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition, and in addition to performing at the Chamber Music Concert and other school concerts throughout the year, features in Jazz Night during Music Week in the Summer term.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Friday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** BY65

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Robb (Mr Couldridge in support)

## SCHOLARS (YEARS 9, 10, 11)



Sessions delivered by various teachers on a range of topics.

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-11;

**Time:** Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** A couple of times each half term - will be publicised in advance;

**Location:** Various

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Harrison

## SCHOLARS ART CLUB



This will be a wonderful opportunity for the scholars to extend their skills.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-9;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** FF08 (Mr Cataldo's room)

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Cataldo

## SCHOOL COUNCIL



The School Council comprises 14 elected pupils and is chaired by a Monitor. It has three working sub-committees - Academic, Wellbeing and Co-curricular - that discuss and act as focus groups for School-wide initiatives. There are regular meetings of these working groups, the whole School Council and open meetings where anyone from the pupil body can attend. Elections to the Council will take place across Year-Group Assemblies and Form Periods in the first half of the Autumn Term.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** tbc;

**Lead Staff/Contact:** SLT (Mr Husbands)

## SCHOOLS CHALLENGE (SENIOR)



Fingers on buzzers! Schools Challenge is an academic and general knowledge quiz modelled on University Challenge. Come along to try for your place on the squad that will compete in the nationwide tournament. You don't have to be the cleverest (quick recall is important here!), and there's always more to learn.

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-13;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** RS17

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Dr King

## SENIOR GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY



Come to Senior Geography Society to broaden and deepen your knowledge and understanding. We will be hosting talks from students, staff and external academics, as well as getting involved in a range of activities connected to various topics from Human and Physical Geography. All are welcome; however this club is compulsory for A Level students applying for Geography at university.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Gy2.2 (Geography Resource Room)

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Murray

## SENIOR PLAY

Rehearsals for Senior Play. Auditions will be held in early September. In the Autumn Term, participants will need to commit to Tuesdays and Thursdays, lunchtimes and after-school, according to a rehearsal schedule. This term, we'll be producing an abridged version of Shakespeare's Macbeth – a live performance in the Studio Theatre and professionally filmed for a YouTube production. To find out more & access audition material, join the Macbeth Auditions Team with code okdz160.

**Year Group(s):** Years 10-13;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH; Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL; Thursday LUNCH; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Studio Theatre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Miss Clarke; Mr Richardson

## SENIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY



Science Talks and presentations and the publication of Science Insight Magazine.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH or Tuesday LUNCH (tbc);

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** PH13

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Rashid

# SINFONIA



Sinfonia is a string orchestra for players up to Grade 5+ standard. Orchestral training is learned in preparation for progression to the Symphony Orchestra (at the discretion of Mr Couldridge). Sinfonia performs a mixture of classical repertoire and arrangements of popular music in the Autumn Concert, the Spring Spectacular and during Music Week at the end of the academic year.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-11;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Exam Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Miss Walsh

# SKI BEGINNERS CLUB



Ski Beginners Club is for boys who would like to learn to ski.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Snow Centre, Hemel or Gosling Ski Centre, Welwyn. School transport from OMT Car Park.

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Miss Caulfield

# SKI RACE CLUB



Ski Race Club is for advanced skiers to learn downhill and slalom ski racing techniques.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Snow Centre, Hemel or Gosling Ski Centre, Welwyn. School transport from OMT Car Park.

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Miss Caulfield



## SQUAD SWIMMING TRAINING



Training session for squad swimmers in Autumn and Spring terms.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Swimming Pool

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Pacey

## STRATEGY BOARD GAME CLUB



Learn to play strategy games such as Bang and Celestia (shorter lunch time games) and longer games such as Scythe and Kingdom Builder after school.

**Year Group(s):** Years 9-13;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MA2

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Rowlands

## String Chamber Music (Wednesday)



One of several Chamber Music ensembles that cater for advanced players who receive expert coaching from experienced professional chamber music performers. Usually a String Quartet, this groups represents MTS at the annual South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition, and performs at the Chamber Music Concerts and other school concerts throughout the year. Chamber musicians are also encouraged to attend the Leading Notes Chamber Music holiday courses at MTS.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Wednesday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** BY65

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Tait (Mr Couldridge in support)

## STRING CHAMBER ENSEMBLE (THURSDAY)



Another one of several Chamber Music ensembles that cater for advanced players who receive expert coaching from experienced professional chamber music performers. Most recently a Piano Trio, this group represents MTS at the annual South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition, and performs at the Chamber Music Concerts and other school concerts throughout the year. Chamber musicians are also encouraged to attend the Leading Notes Chamber Music holiday courses at MTS.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Exam Hall - or MU82 (the 'Music Classroom') in the Music Department when the EH is unavailable (e.g. for exams)

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Couldridge

## SUP CLUB



Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) club will run for boys in any year group from September until October half-term on the lake. Boys will complete the Ready to Ride course, and be introduced to SUP touring and SUP racing.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Watersports Centre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Miss Caulfield; Mr Firestone

## SUSTAINABILITY



This club is a mixture of hands-on sustainable activities to a more cerebral discussion to enable all staff, pupils and parents to learn more about how to help our planet. Pupils can help plant vegetables, build bug houses, run assemblies and develop schemes in school to reduce our Carbon Footprint and help wildlife!

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Fortnightly;

**Location:** BY58

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Pruden-Lawson

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



The Symphony Orchestra is a full-size orchestra of approximately 70 players, and performs a mixture of symphonic repertoire from the Classical, Romantic and Modern eras (right up to the present day) at two of the major concerts each year. There are no auditions, but a minimum level of at least Grade 5 is required for string players, and usually higher for wind, brass and percussion players.

**Year Group(s):** All

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Couldridge

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Table Tennis is for all abilities and age groups and does not require you to be in kit.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Sports Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Foot

## TAYLORS' BRASS



Taylor's Brass is the School's brass ensemble for more advanced brass players, including trumpets, cornets, trombones, euphoniums, tenor horns, French horns and tubas. A mixture of brass band and smaller brass ensemble repertoire is performed in major concerts (including the Autumn Concert, the Merchant Taylor's Hall Concert and the Spring Spectacular) each year; Taylor's Brass also plays at other important School events such as the Carol Service and the Triennial Service.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Friday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall in the Music Department

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Byron (Mr Couldridge in support)

## TAYLORS' MILERS



A mixture of speed endurance training and stamina runs to prepare for cross country in the winter and track in the summer.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Ideally, twice weekly!

**Location:** Athletics Track

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Manley

## TENNIS CLUB (Y7-10)



For all abilities in years 7-10. This requires you to be in kit with proper trainers, with your own tennis racket.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-10;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Tennis Courts

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Foot & External Coach

## TENNIS CLUB (Y11-13)



Tennis for all abilities in years 11-13. You will need to be in kit, have the correct trainers and you will need your own tennis racket.

**Year Group(s):** Years 11-13;

**Time:** Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Tennis Courts

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Foot & External Coach

## THE MERCHANTS' TALE

A student-led creative writing and non-fiction magazine which is published once a term.



**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Half-termly;

**Location:** En34

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Robinson

## THOMAS WHITE SINGERS



An elite singing group for a small number of tenors and basses of the 6th Form.

**Year Group(s):** Years 12-13;

**Time:** Thursday MORNING;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** MU82

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Stubbs

## TRIENNIAL CHOIR UNTIL HALF TERM. CHAMBER CHOIR THEREAFTER.



A choir made up of the best - and keenest - singers from the main School Choir. As well as singing at school concerts, we also sing at venues in London and there are plans to sing Evensong at a Cathedral in 2022. As soon as we are able, we will resume our biennial Choir tours - the next one will be to Barcelona and Montpellier.

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Stubbs

## UNITY CLUB



Computer Games, Virtual Reality and more.

**Year Group(s):** Years 7-11;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** CO51

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Macleod

## VEX EDR - COMPETITIVE ROBOTICS



Teams of students design, build and code robotics to take part in engineering challenges against other schools locally, nationally and internationally.

**Year Group(s):** Years 10-13;

**Time:** Tuesday LUNCH; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Design Centre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Duffey

## VEX IQ - COMPETITIVE ROBOTICS



Teams of students design, build and code robotics to take part in engineering challenges against other schools locally, nationally and internationally.

**Year Group(s):** Years 8-9;

**Time:** Monday LUNCH; Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Design Centre

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Duffey

## WIND BAND



An all-comers group for wind, brass, and percussion players. We will play fun pieces and perform them at a number of concerts throughout the year. Taking part in an ensemble is a really great way to make faster progress on your instrument!

**Year Group(s):** All;

**Time:** Thursday LUNCH;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Recital Hall

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mr Tonks

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Offered to L6 boys whereby they learn how to run a real business under the guidance of a Business Advisor. It helps build skills that will equip them for the next stage of their lives - university and the world of work. These are highly transferrable skills for any career they choose.

**Year Group(s):** Year 12;

**Time:** Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

**Frequency:** Weekly;

**Location:** Combination of in school and virtual meetings.

**Lead Staff/Contact:** Mrs Thobhani

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