



MERCHANT TAYLORS'
School

Activities, Clubs & Societies at Merchant Taylors' School 2018-19

This booklet is produced annually as a guide to give an idea of the range of activities available at the start of the academic year.

The important thing is to join in, and if you are keen on something which is not represented here, there is nothing to stop you starting your own group. To do so you will need to find a member of staff willing to sponsor you and then arrange a place and time to meet. See Mr Evans-Evans for further details.

Clubs and Societies

Amnesty International (RS2)

The Amnesty group works on behalf of those imprisoned by governments because of non-violent expressions of their religious or political beliefs. The chief activities of the group are raising awareness about a range of human rights issues and fund raising. Amnesty meets on Tuesday's at 1.50pm

Book Boffz

Book Boffz is the MTS book club for 3rds and U3rds. If you enjoy reading and want to take part in reading related games and activities, talk about books and eat lots of biscuits then come and join us. We meet fortnightly, starting on Friday 9th November in the Library Meetings Room, 3:45pm to 4:45pm. For more information contact Mrs South or Mr Tyler.

Book Discussion Club

Want a chance to share thoughts on the best books around? This new club will meet fortnightly to chat about a book selected by its members. Copies of the books chosen will be provided, along with a friendly atmosphere and plenty biscuits. Meetings will be held on Thursday (Week A) from 3:45pm - 4:45pm in the Library, starting in Reading Week on Thursday 4th October. All year groups welcome! For more information contact Mrs South or Mrs Cox.

Charity Drive

Charity Drive is a group of approximately 10-12 boys from Divs to L6th who organise events throughout the year to raise funds for nominated charities. Each year MTS supports one local and one international charity and the students are involved in and vote on their selection. Students propose, organise and deliver the events and anyone who wishes to become involved should contact Mrs Omert.

Chess Club

Come along to practise and improve your chess skills. All ages can come along every Thursday at 1.45pm. There is a House Competition in the Winter Term. There is an ongoing chess rating system within school - if you are interested in joining this please email ncleaver@mtsn.org.uk.

Classics reading group - concordia parvae res crescunt

Classics reading group, Monday's at 1.50pm.

Clubs and Societies

Debating Society

Sixth Formers are usually chosen to represent the school in the Oxford, Cambridge and ESU Debating competitions held throughout the academic year. Anyone with an interest in current affairs, public speaking, developing analytical and argument forming skills should seriously consider coming along and debating! House Debating takes place in the Spring Term and is a particular highlight of the Society. There will also be some opportunities for younger pupils to debate throughout the year.

Dissection Club

Dissection club runs on a Thursday lunchtime in BY60 and is open to Lower School pupils. Each week, 6th form students will help boys learn about different types of organism, working up in complexity as they move through the year. BY60 (ALK's room) runs on Thursday at 1.45 (fortnightly and starts after October half term)

English literary discussion society

'The Herrick' - which will take place in En37 on Thursday lunchtimes, running from 1.45 - 2.25. It will be taken by a different teacher each week, who will introduce boys to extracts from literature that they may not have come across before. All quite informal discussion, possibly over tasty treats, open to all comers from 5ths and above and compulsory for those wishing to read English at university.

Strategy Board Game Club

A variety of board games and card games are played and we aim to play games that can be completed in forty minutes - Thursday and Friday lunch time in MA9. For example: Memoir' 44, Carcassonne, Sabateour, Coup, Nations the Dice Game and Bang. Although we are always open to suggestions. We also play longer games that start during the lunch break and are completed after school (again Thursday and Friday but these are organised in advance so people know what is being played). These are games such as Vikings, Brugges, La Isla, Concordia and Colt Express.

Mr Rowlands.

Geek Club

A club which is open to boys from 4ths and above, each week we will be looking at various aspects of the tech world – exploring hardware and gadgets, and getting hands on with tech. Monday lunchtime, IT Room.. Mr Macleod

Clubs and Societies

Junior Chemistry Club

Junior Chemistry Club is open to 3rds and U3rds. If you've enjoyed practical work and demonstrations in lessons then come and join us on Tuesday lunchtimes in Ch44 from 1:45-2:25. Want to coat things in solid silver or write with fire? Contact Mr Talboys or Mr Hughes.

Junior Geography Society (JGS)

Want to know more about the world we live in? Discover our fascinating planet, seek explanations about how our world works, investigate the diversity of our cultures and suggest creative solutions for the issues we face today. This year, we are recruiting a Committee to help run JGS. We are welcoming applications from (4ths and below) for the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary Publicity & Social Media and General Committee Members by Friday 26th September. If the Committee is not your thing, Lower School boys can just turn up on Tuesdays (Week A) at 1.45pm to take part in a wide range of fun games, quizzes, debates and role plays linked to Geography.

Senior Geography Society (SGS)

The Senior Geography Society will be open to all 5th, L6th and U6th year groups. There are a range of positions of responsibility open to senior students who can demonstrate they will be active in contributing to the society. It will meet once every two weeks on a Thursday lunch time, at 1.50pm. These meetings will include the following:

- Student led discussions and presentations on topical geographical issues
- Debates over controversial geographical issues

Geographical Magazine

Divisions and Fifths meet on a Monday lunchtime to edit, design and publish the Geographical Magazine. Please see Mrs Lemoine for details. Submissions are welcome from any age.

Junior History Club

This is open to all students from 3rd form, U3 form and 4th form. It aims to explore History in a variety of fun ways - from quizzes, films and video making to making models. Students get the chance to examine areas they don't usually study and you set the agenda of what we do and how we do it, creative ideas welcomed. We meet on Mondays at 1.50pm in HY2.91 (Top of the History Block, nearside to Physics corridor), first meeting Monday 24th September on the History . Mrs Blatchford Pace.

Miscellaneous

Confirmation

Classes begin in Lent in preparation for the School Confirmation, which takes place early in the Summer Term.

The Eucharist

Merchant Taylors' is an Anglican foundation and is conscious of its strong Christian roots. A service of Holy Communion is celebrated at 8.00am on Fridays. Terms begin and end with Corporate Communion. All ages. The Chapel.

ICHTHUS

ICHTHUS provides an opportunity for Christians from all backgrounds and anyone who is interested to meet informally to discuss and share their faith. All are welcome and food is part of the package. All ages.

Christian Forum

Christian Forum provides an opportunity for Christians from all backgrounds and anyone who is interested to meet informally to discuss and share their faith. All are welcome and food is part of the package. All ages. Tuesday Hour.

Jewish Society

The Jewish Society meets regularly for social events to discuss current issues, hear outside speakers and hold discussions. In the past, we have done Krav Maga, Israeli Dancing and celebrated Purim with a reading of the Book of Esther. There are inter-school functions and events in which members can participate. All are welcome and delicious food is provided! Mondays at 1.40pm

The Islamic Society

The Islamic Society meets every Friday to very importantly provide the opportunity to offer Friday Prayer (Jummah). This is also a forum to discuss current issues affecting young Muslims and a time to get to know one another. The Society has arranged Eid events for all to enjoy and celebrate. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Rashid.

Clubs and Societies

Mythology Club - Tuesdays 2pm EN42 - Mr Gibbons

This is, first and foremost, a story-telling club. We tell myths that we know, in our own way, and from any culture. The stories we tell concerned universal human feelings, motivations, and paradoxes and in this way myth is a way of speaking with the dead. Held on Tuesday lunchtimes it gives students the opportunity to both hear and recite myths. Mythology Club does not exclusively focus on Greek or Roman myths although these predominate. We have heard Celtic, Egyptian, and Norse myths recounted too. The age range of students is diverse - from Upper thirds to Upper Sixths. With such diversity of ages at a time in life where every year counts the wonder is what binds such a group together. Perhaps in a world with a shrinking common ground myth's potential for binding people together is being realised once again.

Panglossia, The Modern Languages Society.

This is an academic society which invites visiting speakers, to talk to Sixth-Form Modern Linguists on a variety of scholarly, cultural and topical themes. Miss Kotsuba

Puzzle Club

Join your friends or make new ones, while you improve your creative thinking through award winning puzzles, challenging games and constructions. Autumn Term, Library Meeting Room, 3rds and U3rds, Thursdays, 1.40 - 2.15pm. Mr Macleod

Russian Club

The objective of the Russian Club is to offer first-hand information about Russia, its culture, history or a way of life. Held weekly in ML74 on Mondays from 2.00pm and open to all year groups. Miss Kotsuba

Senior Science Society

Talks are given by members of the Society on scientific issues and subjects that are of particular interest to them, or that they have read about recently. The Society is specifically aimed at members of the 5th and 6th form with a view towards preparation for university application, but members from other years are also welcome. Meets fortnightly during the hour. Mrs Rashid / Senior Science Society Committee.

Clubs and Societies

Live Storytelling

On three occasions each term - see termly calendar for details. In the Autumn Term: Friday 29 September, Friday 3rd November (Halloween), Friday 8th December (Christmas). Each storytelling begins at 3.40pm and will finish by 5pm in the Library. All kinds of stories welcome, true or fictional, from fairy tales and horror stories to real life stories that you have heard. Stories should take no longer than 10 minutes to tell and should be well prepared and rehearsed in advance. The golden rule is that stories have to be told and not read. Everyone is welcome and tasty treats will be provided. See Mr Hilton-Dennis for more details.

Studio 72'

Studio 72', the Film Society, produces trailers for events at school, films interviews for the OMTs and helps the boys to develop, prepare, film and edit their short films. On Thursdays- 2.00pm - ML72 Mr Vignal.

Sustainability Committee

Do you want to be more eco-friendly & sustainable? The sustainability committee is a group of about boys and staff whose aim is to promote more environmentally friendly practices in school and at home. We have chickens, 2 bee hives and a vegetable patch. The committee is looking for boys keen to write a magazine, or help construct an outdoor classroom down in the wild area! The boys are involved in the upkeep of the veg patch, harvesting fruit & veg as well as organizing fund raising and other events such as Green Day, Switch off Fortnight & many more! Meet Mrs Pruden-Lawson & Mr Willson on MONDAY lunchtimes in RS1, every week at 1.45pm.

Unity Club

This Computer club runs on Thursday after school in C52A. Boys learn to develop and programme Computer Games and Apps with help from teachers and older boys. C52A with Mr Macleod.

Miscellaneous

Phab WEEK

An annual residential holiday for 20 physically disabled children, which takes place at MTS in the first week of the Easter holidays. The week is run jointly with St. Helen's and fund raising events take place throughout the year to finance it. L6th and U6th.

Easter holidays. Mr Gibbons

Primary School Reading Scheme

Boys from all year groups are invited to volunteer to help with Primary School Children's reading. The activity takes place every Tuesday lunchtime during term. Volunteers are driven by minibus to local Primary Schools and are returned in time for period 5. There is no compulsion to come every Tuesday but most boys who volunteer enjoy it so much they usually return the next week!

Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise consists of up to 5 trading companies run by the Lower Sixth with managing directors, finance directors, sales and marketing etc., making up boards of directors of approx. 12 boys. Capital is raised by selling shares. The aim is to gain an insight into business management and to make profits in the period September to April. For more information look on the Careers section of Firefly or contact Mrs Armstrong in the Careers Centre.

Miscellaneous

Art & Design

The Department does not currently run an 'Art Club' as such, but the studios are open to all serious users before school 7.30 - 8.30, during the Hour and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3.35 - 6.00. Life Drawing is on Tuesday evenings and a permission slip signed by parents is needed to attend. Boys can continue with their current projects or take the opportunity to produce self-motivated work. Staff and senior boys may be on hand to provide assistance and the department has an open-door policy. All are welcome. Ms Lumsden.

Design And Technology

The Department is usually open to GCSE and A level pupils for them to continue with their coursework. However there will be occasions when the Department is open to 4th form pupils during the Hour. D&T Block.

Drama

Interested in acting, in helping backstage or putting together your own piece? There are many ways in which you can become involved with School Drama at MTS.

This year, there will be a Main School Play, Duologues Competition and a Junior Play. Look out for notices about auditions in the relevant school bulletins and on screens around school.

Rehearsals generally run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at lunchtime and after school, with some weekend rehearsals.

There is plenty of scope to develop not only acting skills but also technical skills (e.g. lighting, sound, props) as part of the MTS Technical Theatre Team. Any questions and for further information, do come over to the Drama Department.

Sport

Athletics

Summer games option for 4th form and above. Special permission is required to opt for this instead of cricket. Most track and field events available to boys on this option. Mr Manley.

Badminton

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Boys are asked to bring their own racquet and shuttle.
3rd Form upwards. Thursday at Sports Hall 1.45pm.

Basketball

Open to all boys in Divs and above. A Senior MTS squad is selected and a number of fixtures with other schools in the local area are played on Wednesday afternoons during the Spring Term.

Cricket

This is a major game at MTS. The school has long been renowned for the quality of its cricketers. The school maintains twelve cricket squares; we also use indoor nets with a bowling machine. The outdoor facilities are also used by Middlesex County Cricket Club and more recently the Indian cricket team before the England Test series. The u14s tour Spain every year and there is a Senior Tour every 3 years.

Monday Juniors (3rds and U3rds);

Tuesday: Performance Cricket (u12 & u13);

Thursday: Performance cricket (u14) ;

Friday Spin Bowling Academy.

Cricket club will start after October Half Term. All sessions run from 1.45 - 2.30pm. on the cricket balcony. Mr McGowan.

Croquet

Mainly for older boys, but keen younger ones admitted if they show sufficient interest. Summer term only, Inner Quad 6th Form Games Option and Hour.

Cross Country

Training and races, cross-country and on road. Spring term option for Divs and above. Mr Manley

Sport

Fives

A game rather like squash, except that the ball is hit with padded gloves. Very well established and successful game at MTS. There is a full programme of school matches and National championships for all age groups. Fives runs in the squash courts on Monday lunchtimes and after school on Tuesdays. Mr Hardman.

Football

A very popular Sixth Form Games option with 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI matches against other schools. There is also a Quad soccer tournament for boys of all ages at lunch times and a Lower School House Football Competition on Fridays after School. Monday 3.45pm and Wednesday 2.30pm. Sixth Form and Fourth Form Friday afternoon option during Autumn and Spring Terms. School Field, Mr Fothergill.

Golf

Selected boys play at Sandy Lodge Golf Club and there is a charge for lessons and the use of the course. Open to Divisions and above. September - July 3.45pm. Mr Rowlands.

Hockey

A major school field sport. Autumn Term, 3rds and U3rds have hockey on Mondays 3.45 - 5.00pm and Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.30pm. Matches are arranged from October onwards for both U13 and U12 Groups. All sessions are coached by current or ex-international coaches and School staff. After half-term there will be an introductory training course for 4th Form on the all weather; Fridays 4.00 - 5.00pm. as part of the 4th Form Options. Spring Term, 4th Form and above play hockey on Mondays and Wednesdays with team practices taking place at other times of the week. Fixtures are arranged throughout the term for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U16 A+B, U15 A+B+C, U14 A+B+C. Mr Alexander.

Music

The Chamber Choir

Members of the Chamber Choir are drawn from the main School Choir. In addition to singing at the School Carol Service in December, the Chamber Choir performs at the Merchant Taylors' Hall Concert in the Spring Term, and also performs as a guest choir for Evensong services at venues such as Southwark Cathedral, and St Martin in the Fields in Trafalgar Square. Please see Mrs Stubbs for further information.

The Vocal Group

A small group of keen and expert singers, most of whom study singing at school, the Vocal Group performs at the Autumn Concert and the Merchant Taylors' Hall Concert, and the Summer Serenade, as well as at other school events during the year. Please see Mrs Stubbs if you would like to be considered. Wednesday 1.30 - 2.15pm. Recital Hall. Mr Saunderson.

The Thomas White Singers

The Thomas White Singers was established some years ago as a small vocal ensemble for part-singing that is run by a senior singer in the sixth form. TWS performs at a number of concerts and events at school. Rehearsals are arranged around the fixed times of the others music ensembles.

Please see Mrs Stubbs for further information.

Music

The Merchants of Groove

Merchant Taylors' School's modern jazz ensemble plays a mixed menu of groove-based jazz and cool jazz. Membership is by invitation. MOG plays in the Jazz evening in the summer term, as well as at other school events.

Monday 1.45 – 2.25pm. Recital Hall. Mrs Manington.

The Guitar Ensemble

An ensemble for classical guitarists who range from Grade 3 to Grade 8 in technical ability. A variety of guitar music is covered, including classical, Latin, and pop hits. The Guitar Ensemble regularly performs at Informal Concerts and other school events.

Tuesday 8.20 - 8.55 am. Keyboard room. Ms Hawkins.

Chamber Music

A variety of chamber music groups receive weekly coaching, including two String Quartets, a Wind Quintet, a Piano Trio, a Clarinet Quartet, and Taylors' Brass. If you already play an instrument you may be asked to join one of these groups. Some of these groups perform at the Merchant Taylors' Hall Concert in the City in the Spring Term, and some participate in the South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition each year. There is a special Chamber Music Concert at school for all chamber groups in the Spring Term, and these groups will also play at other school events.

Please see the noticeboard in the Music School for further information.

The Merchant Taylors' School Choir

A large choir which sings at the Autumn Concert and the School Carol Service in the Autumn Term. Music is sung in parts (TATB) and in the Spring term the School Choir combines forces with Parents' Choir and singers from other schools to perform a large scale choral work with a professional orchestra and soloists in the Spring Concert.

Monday 1.45 - 2.15pm, altos. Music Classroom, Mrs Stubbs.

Wednesday, 8.20-8.55am, tenors / basses. Music Classroom, Dr Couchman.

Thursday 3.45 - 4.45pm, trebles. Recital Hall, Mrs Stubbs/Dr Couchman

Friday 1.45 - 2.25pm, full choir. Recital Hall, Mrs Stubbs/Dr Couchman.

Sport

Judo

Our Friday session takes place in the Squash court dojo. The session is open to any member of 4ths and above but participants must check with first if it is ok to train. We meet at 3.45pm and train techniques and competing practice until 5.00pm. We will be covering tactics, strength and conditioning and we will do a lot of fighting. 4ths and above.

Outdoor Education:

Mountain Biking

A Games option for 10 boys, offered throughout the year. You will use the school's mountain bikes and safety equipment, including helmet. The rides are a combination of rides around the school grounds and off-site in the local area: Moor Park, Croxley Moor, Whippendell Woods, Rickmansworth Aquadrome.

There are also mountain bike trips for boys in all years running throughout the year on Sundays.

Watersports

All boys will have an opportunity to participate in Watersports at some point throughout the year. The following activities are available as part of the Games options: Watersports activities will either be on the school lake or at one of our local Centres (HOAC and Datchet Sailing Club). We offer a range of activities such as Windsurfing, Dinghy Sailing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing and Stand-Up Paddle boarding (SUP). The Yardarms parents' committee support trips and activity days. During the year we will run weekend surfing, wakeboarding and power kiting trips to a number of different venues such as West Wittering, Camber Sands, and Liquid Leisure.

Climbing

Climbing will be offered as a Games option, every Term. Boys will go to Harrow Wall Climbing Centre and work towards their NIBAS awards. There will also be climbing trips to other centres, for boys in all years, on Sundays.

Sport

Ski Racing

There will be a ski club every Thursday afternoon, after October half-term, going to The Snow Centre at Hemel Hempstead. This will give boys an opportunity to improve their general skiing ability and learn the techniques in order to start racing and improve. Boys need to have at least 2 weeks' ski experience. There will also be opportunities to compete at Hemel Hempstead twice a year, as well as going out to France in December for the Independent School Ski Championships.

Scuba Diving Club

Scuba Diving Club is offered to anyone over the age of 13. There is an annual "Try Dive" in the Autumn term to give you an opportunity to attempt using scuba equipment. In the Spring Term there is an opportunity to complete the PADI accredited "Open Water" certificate. This opens up opportunities to join some of the Scuba Diving Holidays offered by the school. Anyone who already scuba dives has every opportunity to gain greater qualifications with our Scuba Diving partners- In Depth Dive Club See the Scuba Diving pages on Firefly for more details: <https://firefly.mtsn.org.uk/games/scuba-diving>. Miss Blowes

Rugby

A major school sport with an impressive fixture list. Much of the 250 acres given over to playing fields. Strong parents' support group. All ages. Monday 3.45pm, Wednesday 2.15pm, Thursday 3.45pm (Team Practice Only). Sports Hall and playing fields.

Junior Rugby club will run every Tuesday & Thursday for all 3rds/upper 3rds thought-out the year. 1.30pm till 2.15pm on the training grounds next to the first XV pitch. Fun based games to develop your skills. We will be building up to our first match in Rugby Week under lights on the first XV pitch. Bring your boots and gum shield

Shooting Club (Games Option)

The shooting club is run by the Shooting Master WO1 SSI Kev Sharrock under the governance of the National Small-bore Rifle Association. Typically members of the CCF join the club which provides the opportunity to access and fire weapons on the schools indoor .22 range. Shooting requires discipline accuracy and skill and good upper body strength.

Music

The Merchant Taylors' St Helen's Joint Ensemble

For the Spring Concert at MTS the Music Department runs a joint ensemble with St Helen's. This may be in the form of an orchestra, jazz band, or concert band. A high standard is essential as the best players of each school are brought together to form a super-group. Spring Term as required. Tuesday 4.30 - 6.00pm at St Helen's School. Mr Couldridge.

The Concert Band

The senior band for wind, brass and percussion players who play at Grade 5 standard and above. The Concert Band covers a wide range of music from Holst, Vaughan Williams and Sousa to the latest movie themes, and performs at the Autumn Concert and Summer Serenade. Tuesday 1.45 - 2.25pm. Recital Hall. Mrs Stubbs.

The Wind Band

The training band for wind, brass and percussion players of about Grade 2 to Grade 4 standard. Popular tunes and classical arrangements are performed at the Autumn Concert and Summer Serenade. Thursday 1.45 - 2.25pm. Recital Hall. Dr Couchman.

The Swing Band

A classic Big Band that plays Swing, Big Band Jazz and Fusion grooves, for more advanced saxophonists, trumpeters and trombonists. Drum kit, bass and piano make up the rhythm section. The Swing Band performs at several concerts during the year including the Autumn Concert, the Summer Serenade and, towards the end of the summer term, the Jazz Evening. Please see Mr Couldridge if you are interested. Tuesday 8.20am. Recital Hall. Mr Francis.

The Dixieland Band

The Dixieland Band is a small jazz band which plays traditional jazz with one player to each part. Trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, trombone, piano, bass and drums are needed. The Dixieland Band performs at the Autumn Concert, the Summer Serenade and, towards the end of the summer term, the Jazz Evening, as well as at other Merchant Taylors' occasions. Membership is by invitation. Monday 8.20am. Recital Hall. Mr Francis.

Music

There is a full and varied programme of orchestras, bands, choirs and chamber music groups to cater for all boys who play an instrument or sing. Enquiries from boys interested in joining music groups are welcome at any time - please come and see one of the Music staff. All references to Grade standards in the details below are approximate and do not mean that you have to have passed the relevant examination: they are merely a guide for you in choosing the right group. All orchestras, choirs and bands play in school concerts at some time during the year, and some additionally perform at external venues outside school and for official Merchant Taylors' occasions. Music tours to Europe traditionally take place every two years.

If you would like to arrange individual instrumental or singing lessons please see Mrs Taylor (Music Administrator) in the Music School for an application form.

The Symphony Orchestra

A full symphony orchestra which rehearses in the Autumn and Spring Terms for the Autumn Concert and Summer Serenade. Advanced woodwind, brass and percussion players are joined by string players of at least Grade 5 standard. Membership is by invitation, and there are limited places for wind, brass and percussion players.

Tuesday 3.45 - 5.00pm. Recital Hall. Mr Couldridge.

The Chamber Orchestra

A string orchestra comprised of the very best string players at the school. An exclusive group featuring some of the school's top musicians, the Chamber Orchestra performs in the Autumn Concert, the Summer Serenade, and in the Spring Term, at the Merchant Taylors' Hall in the City. Membership by invitation.

Thursday 1.45 - 2.25pm. Music Class Room. Mr Couldridge.

Sinfonia

For string players with Grade 2-5. This is a training orchestra for string players who may progress to Symphony Orchestra when vacancies occur if they have reached the required standard. Sinfonia performs in the Autumn Concert and the Summer Serenade.

Tuesday 1.45 - 2.25pm. Exam Hall. Dr Couchman.

Sport

Squash

Two excellent squash courts are available. Squash club takes place on Tuesday lunchtime and is open to all ages. There will be a coach for those who want to improve and learn more seriously or you can simply turn up and play with friends.

Swimming/Water Polo

Swimming and water polo are offered together to boys from the Divisions as a Games option on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. A separate squad trains on Thursday lunchtimes from 1.45 to 2.20pm and regularly enters galas during the autumn and spring terms. Mr Pacey.

Tennis

A Summer term option for Divs+ although the courts can be used by anyone during the Hour and after school. Teams are organized for matches with other schools. The 1st IV and U15 IV play in the prestigious ISTA Championships at Eton College in July. A small performance squad runs after school on Tuesdays in the summer term with players eligible to be selected from ALL year groups. Mr. Rippier

Fitness Suite

The gymnasium is very well equipped with specialist machines. Individual programmes are designed to improve and build up muscle and general conditioning. 6th Form.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (6th form only) 1.40pm - 2.20pm.

After school Tuesday and Thursday. Weights Room.

Gym induction required for Divs, 5ths through PE lessons.

Wallball

Similar to fives but with only one wall, wallball is incredibly easy to pick up and fun to play. The head coach of UK Wallball will be there to help you pick the game up and improve. Wallball runs during lunchtimes on Fridays in the sports hall.

Friday Afternoon/After School Activities

Combined Cadet Force

Our CCF Contingent is one of the oldest and largest in the country and has a proud history. The aim is to provide a disciplined organisation in a school so that boys and girls may develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance and a sense of service to the community.

There are currently over 300 cadets in the Contingent including well over 100 girls from St Helen's, our partner school.

We parade on Fridays from 4.00 - 5.45pm..

Lt Cdr Firestone Contingent Commander

School Staff Instructor - WO1 Kevin Sharrock

Royal Navy (RN) - Lt Cdr Firestone

Afloat training and leadership are the defining activities for Royal Naval cadets. The RN syllabus bases its training emphasis on water sports activities such as sailing, kayaking and canoeing, as well as adventurous training. Leadership and command tasks play an important part too.

There are over fifty national camps and courses to choose from throughout the year, many leading to nationally-recognised qualifications. As well as the afloat activities, cadets can scuba dive, mountaineer, mountain bike, rock climb, leadership, and attend first-aid, NPLQ courses or band camp. All courses are sponsored by the Navy and therefore cost a fraction of the civilian equivalent..

Army - Lt Harratt

The Army section is led by a team of committed and talented senior cadets, who are supported in turn by staff keen to give you a range of interesting, imaginative and purposeful training experiences. Activities include drill, fieldcraft, skill at arms, first-aid and navigation. The two field days and annual summer camp provide you with opportunities to further develop your leadership and military skills, taking part in range days, and blank-firing section attacks. You will also be able to take part in adventurous training days or camp. If you show potential, you will be promoted and given responsibility for delivering training and leading younger cadets.

Friday Afternoon/After School Activities

Royal Air Force (RAF) - Plt Off Ryan

The RAF Section aims to offer an exciting and challenging cadet experience, based around flying and aviation as well as inspiring cadets to learn and develop new skills. On Field Days you will often visit an RAF base. During the year there will be opportunities to fly in either gliders or twin-seat Grob Tutors. In the holidays you could also go to a national camp on an RAF base for a week where there will be further opportunities to fly.

Volunteering and Community Service

This service provides an opportunity for pupils to meet and have the chance to work with people from all walks of life in the surrounding community. Much of our focus will be spent helping to create and maintain a wonderful wild area for local children to visit.

If you chose this option, you will be working with children from the community during Field Days. You will be in charge of organising an exciting and inspiring day for children from local primary schools and children with severe learning difficulties.

This is a highly rewarding opportunity to help other people, develop your confidence and widen your horizons by interacting with local people who are often less fortunate than yourself. Community Service is offered from Divisions up to Upper Sixth. Thursday 1.45pm, Field Days and occasional other days. Mrs Omert

Outdoor Education:

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

There are three levels of programme you can do which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The main differences between them are the minimum length of time they take to complete, how challenging they are and the age you can start. Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around academic study, hobbies and social lives. The sections include Volunteering, a Physical activity and developing a Skill. At Gold level there is also a Residential element. Divisions to Upper Sixth., Tuesdays or Fridays 3.45 - 5.00pm (approx). Mr Firestone.