

# Co-Curricular Activities Booklet

# Autumn Term 2025

(November update)





#### Welcome to 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Form
- Year 8 U3rd Form
- Year 9 4<sup>th</sup> Form
- Year 10 Divisions
- Year 11 5<sup>th</sup> Form
- Year 12 L6<sup>th</sup> Form
- Year 13 U6<sup>th</sup> 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. If you wish to start up your own club, please speak to Mr Greenaway or Miss Trafford who will be able to help you.

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

#### The Co-Curricular Programme aims to:

- Support the development of well-rounded, interesting pupils and promote honesty, diversity, hard work, confidence, loyalty, leadership, self-esteem, service and enjoyment;
- · Help pupils make memories and forge friendships for life;
- Provide a breadth and balance of activities.



If not specified, the activity is open to ALL year groups.

Academy of Flick Football (Subbuteo)

African Caribbean Society

Alfred Marshall Politics and Economics Society (Years 11-13)

Arkwright Scholars 25/26 (Year 11)

Art Café (Years 7-9)

Art Scholars: Studio 86

Athletic Development

Junior Badminton Club (Years 7-9)

Junior Basketball Club (Years 7-9)

Senior Basketball Club (Years 10-13)

MTS Big Band

Book Boffz (Years 7-8)

Bridge Club

CCF (Combined Cadet Force)

CCF Marching Band (Years 9-13)

Chamber Choir

Chamber Orchestra

Charity Drive (Years 11-13)

Junior Chemistry Club (Years 7-8)

Chess Club

Choir (full)

Choir: Tenors and Basses (Years 9-13)

Choir: Trebles and Altos

**Christian Union** 

Classics Lecture Group

Code Club

**Concert Band** 

**Creative Writing** 

Cricket: High Performance Group

Cricket: Senior Batting (Years 11-13)

Cricket: Senior Fast Bowling Academy (Years 10-13)

Cricket: Senior Open Nets (Years 11-13)

Cricket: Spin Bowling Academy

Cricket: Year 10 & 11 High Performance Group (Years 10-11)

Cricket: Year 7 & 8 Batting (Years 7-8)

Cricket: Year 7 Club (Year 7)

Cricket: Year 7 Performance Team (Year 7)

Cricket: Year 7, 8 & 9 High Performance Team (Years 7-9)

Cricket: Year 8 Club (Year 8)

Cricket: Year 9 & 10 Club (Years 9-10)

Cricket: Year 9 Performance Group (Year 9) Cricket: Years 9 & 10 Batting (Years 9-10)

The Dependent (Years 10-13)

DET Scholars Club
Dissection Club

Dixieland Band (Years 10-13)

DJ Society

Drama Technical Theatre Club (Years 10-13) Drama: Joint Senior Production (Years 10-13)

Drama: Lower School Production, March 2026 (Years 7-9)

Duke of Edinburgh Award (Years 10-12)

Dungeons and Dragons Electronics Club (Year 8)

Fencing

Film-Making Club (Years 7-8)

Finance Society (Years 11-13)

MTS Football Academy (Year 8)

Formula 1 Club

French Department Newsletter

French Film Club

Friday Prayers aka Jummah

Junior Geography Society (Years 7-8)

Senior Geography Society (Years 10-13)

Guitar Ensemble

(The) Herrick: English Literature Society (Years 10-13)

Junior History Club (Years 7-9)

Hockey: Open training

Hockey: Senior Training (Years 11-13)

Hockey: U12 Performance Session (Year 7)

Hockey: U13 Tour Training (Year 8)

Hockey: U14 Pre-Season Training (Year 9) Hockey: U16 Indoor Training (Years 10-11)

JSOC (Jewish Society)

Kayak Rolling Club (Years 9-13) Life Drawing Club (Years 11-13)

Linguachef (Years 7-9)

Literature in Translation (Years 10-13)

Magic: The Gathering Club Junior Maths Club (Years 7-9)

Senior Maths Club

Maths Society (Years 12-13)

Medicine and Dentistry Society

Mind and Motion

Model United Nations (MUN)

Morning Reset

Motorsports Club (Years 11-13)

Music Aural Class

Music Theory Class

Natural History Club

Non-Fiction Reading Club (Years 10-13)

Panglossia (Years 10-13)

Peer Coaching Programme (Years 9, 10 and 12)

Percussion Ensemble

PHAB Club (Years 12-13)

PHAB Week (Years 12-13)

Philosopher's World (Years 7-9)

Philosophy and Debating Society (Years 10-13)

**Physics Forum** 

**Politics Society** 

**Public Speaking Society** 

Reading Group (Years 10-13)

Recorder Consort (Years 11-13)

**Rowing Club** 

Junior Rugby Club (Years 7-8)

Rugby: Forward Factory (Years 11-13)

Rugby: Kicking Kings (Years 10-13)

Rugby: Scrum Half Club

Rugby: Senior Analysis (Years 12-13)

Rugby: Senior Training (Years 12-13)

Rugby: U14 Training (Year 9)

Rugby: U15 Training (Year 10)

Rugby: U16 Training (Year 11)

Run MTS

Saxophone Ensemble

Scholars Book Club (Year 8)

Scholarship Programme (Years 7-10)

Senior Science Society (Year 12)

Sinfonia

Sixth Form Salon (Years 12-13)

Spanish Culture Society (Years 9-13)

Spanish Fun Club (Years 7-8)

Squash Club (Year 9)

Storytelling Club (Years 7-8)

Strategy Board Game Club

Symphony Orchestra

Table Tennis Club

Taylors' Brass

Junior Tennis Club (Years 7-9)

Thomas White Singers (Years 9-13)

Ukulele Club

Vegetarian Society

VEX IQRC (Years 8-9)

VEX V5RC Club (Years 10-13)

Warhammer Club

White Water Kayak Club (Years 10-13)

Wind Band

Young Enterprise (Year 12)

Young Reporter (Years 10 and 12)

# Academic Support Sessions

Art & Design GCSE and A Level Studio Access (Years 10-13)

Biology Academic Support (Years 7-11)

Chemistry Academic Support (Years 7-11)

Chemistry (6th Form) Academic Support (Years 12-13)

Classics Academic Support

DET Open Workshop (Years 10-13)

French Academic Support (Years 7-11)

French (6th Form) Academic Support (Years 12-13)

Maths Academic Support

Music Composition Academic Support (Year 11)

Physics Academic Support

Spanish Academic Support (Years 9-13)

#### ACADEMY OF FLICK FOOTBALL (SUBBUTEO)

Do you love football? Do you enjoy strategy and competition? Then come and try Subbuteo — the exciting table-top game where you flick players, score goals, and challenge your friends in minimatches and tournaments.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA10 or Chapel

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Fothergill



#### AFRICAN CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

Learning about the cultures of people of African and Caribbean heritage through talks and activities.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: MA9 (at the end of the Maths corridor under the stairs)

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Ezomo

## ALFRED MARSHALL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS SOCIETY

A club dedicated to discussing political and economic ideas. The society will look at a mix of contemporary and historical events with a view to deepening your understanding of the world around you. Events can be talks, debates, or guest speakers and are always guaranteed to make you think!

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: EP106 (upstairs in the portacabin)

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Rochow, Mrs Hall and Mr Martin

#### ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARS 25/26

Open to all 5th Form who wish to apply for a national Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, providing support in applying and help preparing for the exam.

Year Group(s): Year 11;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: DS01

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Park

#### ART CAFE

A creative club for enthusiastic Lower School artists. Come along to develop your skills, try out new techniques, and enjoy a relaxed space to make art with others. There may even be biscuits to keep you going! This is an invite-only club, so if you're passionate about art and would like to take part, let your teacher know. Places are limited and will fill quickly—don't miss your chance.

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: AD90

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Cataldo



## ART SCHOLARS: STUDIO 86

Studio 86 is the fortnightly workshop for Art Scholars, where they will explore taught sessions focusing on a wide range of media and techniques. This session is for Scholars to refine practical and contextual skills, creating ambitious statement pieces that become powerful exhibition works displayed across the school community.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: AD86

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Gosden



## ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Part of the pupil health and wellbeing programme aiming to support physicality, health and happiness during the school day.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday MORNING and LUNCH HOUR; Tuesday MORNING, LUNCH HOUR and AFTER SCHOOL; Wednesday MORNING and LUNCH HOUR; Thursday MORNING and LUNCH HOUR; Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: The new gym

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Tod

## JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton Club for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Sports Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Adams (Badminton coach)

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

Junior Basketball Club offers a fun, friendly way to enjoy the game through matches practice, and skill-building games. Open to all levels from complete beginners to experienced players. It is the perfect place to learn, improve, and most importantly enjoy sport.

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Sports Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Richardson

#### SENIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

Practise and be ready for the U18 basketball fixtures!

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Sports Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Oey

#### MTS 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 Big Band performs in the major concerts as well as the annual Jazz Night in the summer term. Open to trumpeters, trombonists, and sax players, with a piano, bass, drum and percussion rhythm section.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday BEFORE SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Gathercole

## **BOOK BOFFZ**

Games, quizzes, activities and recommendations 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: The Library

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Harrison and Mrs South



## BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge is a mind sport, a partnership trick-taking card game of skill, not luck, and each game offers a unique challenge of problems and solutions. Playing Bridge promotes good mental health and well-being and educational advantages include the development of numeracy, team building and strategic thinking skills. More importantly, it's simply good fun to play with your friends! This club is suitable for beginners and more experienced players alike.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML66

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs White





The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) provides a disciplined organisation within the school which enables pupils to develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perserverance. The Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force sections offer a broad range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13

Time: Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Parade Square/Main Quad

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Firestone and Mr Anderson

## CCF MARCHING BAND

The CCF Marching Band is open to musicians Grade 5 and above. Woodwind, brass, and percussion players welcome. You will learn to march and play a variety of military and other popular pieces for public performances, such as Doctors Day and Inspection Day.

Year Group(s): Years 9-13;

Time: Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: CCF Block - Classroom 2

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Firestone

#### CHAMBER CHOIR

An elite chamber choir comprising the very best singers drawn from the School Choir. Repertoire is varied, including both secular and sacred music. In addition to performing in Choral Concerts at School, the Chamber Choir features in the School Carol Service, performs in the annual concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall, and sings two Choral Evensong services each year at external venues, one in a cathedral and one at an Oxbridge College.

The Chamber Choir forms the core of a tour choir every two years, with the next tour taking place in July 2027. Membership is by invitation only.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Crawford

## CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The Sinfonia String Orchestra is the training ground for developing string players who aspire to progress to the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras when they are technically ready. The basis of any orchestra, string players in Sinfonia develop the ensemble of skills of playing in sections, following a conductor, and leading the other musicians around them, as they prepare to perform in the major concerts throughout the school year.

Open to all violinists, viola players, cellists and double bass players up to Grade 5-6 standard.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MU82

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Couldridge

## CHARITY DRIVE

This is a group of 20/30 students from Years 11-13 that meet weekly to discuss and organise events to raise money for a range of different charities. Some of the events include the Non-Uniform days, Sleep Out, 24 hours of Music and Film nights. There is a short application and interview process that every student has to go through.

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: EP104

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Hall



## JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB

Open to Year 7 and Year 8, come along and expand your Chemistry knowledge and carry out new and exciting Chemistry practical experiments! Maximum 24 pupils. It will be open to first come first served each week.

Year Group(s): Years 7-8;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: CH45

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Knight and Mrs Rashid

## CHESS CLUB

We provide a mixture of free play and chess coaching from a grandmaster, with opportunities to make it into the school's team.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR; Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL; Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: EN34

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Robinson

## CHOIR (FULL)

A large-scale choir (over 100 singers) which is open to all – no audition required! The School Choir leads the singing in the School Carol Service and performs a wide range of sacred and secular music in Choral Concerts at school throughout the year. In the Spring Term, we join with parents and pupils from St Helen's, MTS Prep and St John's School to perform a major choral work.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Crawford

#### CHOIR: TENORS AND BASSES

A sectional rehearsal for the Tenors and Basses of the School Choir. Time is spent learning the notes of the music to be sung with the Trebles and Altos, as well as singing bespoke repertoire for Tenors and Basses only. Performances as a distinct Male Voice Choir take place alongside the School Choir performances in termly concerts as well as the Christmas Carol Service. Attendance is mandatory for the Tenors and Basses who sing in the School Choir, to which all are welcome – no audition.

Year Group(s): Years 9-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Music Dept.

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Crawford

## CHOIR: TREBLES AND ALTOS

A sectional rehearsal for the Trebles and Altos of the School Choir. Time is spent learning the notes of the music to be sung with the Tenors and Basses, as well as singing bespoke repertoire for Trebles and Altos only. Attendance is mandatory for the Trebles and Altos who sing in the School Choir, to which all are welcome – no audition.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Crawford

#### CHRISTIAN UNION

All are invited to attend this friendly, welcoming group where staff and students can hang out, share their faith, and support each other. It's a space to have fun, play & pray together and explore what being a Christian means. The Youth Team from Christ Church Chorleywood will be leading this society this term.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA1 - 1st classroom on the Maths corridor

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Hale



#### CLASSICS LECTURE GROUP

Every other week, external speakers and pupils of the Classics department will be giving talks on their favourite Classical subjects. The talks are open to anyone and everyone with an interest in Ancient Greece and Rome.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: CL83

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Goss

## CODE CLUB

Code club is a community of students wishing to become better programmers - all ages and abilities are welcome. Those who regularly attend the club get valuable practice solving code problems, and therefore improve. Furthermore, the club is an ideal place to meet like-minded students and improve together.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Co50

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Feleppa

#### CONCERT BAND

The School's flagship ensemble for wind, brass, and percussion players, which plays 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. All players should be Grade 6 or above.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Tonks



#### CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing is a space for students of all years to explore language, imagination and storytelling beyond the classroom. Each week we write, share and discuss original pieces, from poetry and short fiction to scripts and novels, in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Every Friday LUNCH HOUR; Monday LUNCH HOUR Week A;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: EN43

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Wilson

## CRICKET: HIGH PERFORMANCE GROUP

This is a session for one-to-one cricket practice. Invite only.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

## CRICKET: SENIOR BATTING

Senior batting practice

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Monday MORNING; Wednesday MORNING;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

## CRICKET: SENIOR FAST BOWLING ACADEMY

This is a fast bowlers academy for cricketers in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Friday MORNING;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Evans

## CRICKET: SENIOR OPEN NETS

Open cricket nets for players in Years 11,12 and 13. This is predominantly for boys that might be on a games option currently that is not cricket.

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Shah

#### CRICKET: SPIN BOWLING ACADEMY

Cricket spin bowling academy for all ages.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

## CRICKET: YEAR 10 & 11 HIGH PERFORMANCE GROUP

A and B team practice for Year 10 and some invited Year 11s.

Year Group(s): Years 10-11;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

## CRICKET: YEAR 7 & 8 BATTING

Batting practice for Year 7 and 8 cricketers who are in the A and B teams.

Year Group(s): Years 7-8;

Time: Tuesday MORNING;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr De Weymarn

## CRICKET: YEAR 7 CLUB

Cricket practice for C, D and E team cricketers in Year 7.

Year Group(s): Year 7;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Shah

#### CRICKET: YEAR 7 PERFORMANCE TEAM

Cricket nets for A and B team players in Year 7.

Year Group(s): Year 7;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

## CRICKET: YEAR 7, 8 & 9 HIGH PERFORMANCE GROUP

High Performance cricket group for Years 7, 8 and 9. Invite only.

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Monday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

## CRICKET: YEAR 8 CLUB

Open nets for Year 8 cricketers not involved in the high performance group sessions.

Year Group(s): Year 8;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Galloway

## CRICKET: YEAR 9 & 10 CLUB

Year 9 and 10 cricket club for C, D and E team cricketers.

Year Group(s): Years 9-10;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

## CRICKET: YEAR 9 PERFORMANCE GROUP

Cricket practice for Year 9 A and B team cricketers.

Year Group(s): Year 9;

Time: Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Davies

#### CRICKET: YEARS 9 & 10 BATTING

Batting practice for selected Year 9 and 10 cricketers. Invite only.

Year Group(s): Years 9-10;

Time: Thursday MORNING;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Julian Hill Cricket Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Roots

## THE DEPENDENT

The Dependent is the school's satirical magazine: think Private Eye, the Daily Mash or TV programmes like Have I Got News for You or Mock the Week. Last year's editions featured articles about Demerits, Finance Bros, tangerines in the 6th Form Common Room and St Barnabas Day, to name a few! There is a preliminary meeting towards the end of the first half-term of each term, which then gives you time to write a piece ready for publication near the end of each term. The first meeting this term will be w/c 13th October! Look out for further details in the weekly bulletin or speak to Mrs Shockley or Miss Trafford.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: tbc during The Quarter;

Frequency: Termly;

Location: EN40

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Trafford and Mrs Shockley



## **DET SCHOLARS CLUB**

DET Scholars (only) will have an opportunity to use the workshop to work on a variety of Engineering projects to extend their DET experience.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Workshop 2

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Tang and Mr Omoyeni



#### DISSECTION CLUB

In this academic club you will have the opportunity to learn about the anatomy of a variety of different animals through the lens of dissection, and will have the opportunity to both observe dissections as well as take part in dissecting a specimen yourself.

Year Group(s) All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: BY60

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. Membership of the Dixieland Band is by invitation only.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Martin

## **DJ SOCIETY**

Come and learn the basics of DJing - no prior experience required. For more information, the Teams code is xnhvkyl.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: GY2.3

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Murray-Brown

#### DRAMA TECHNICAL THEATRE CLUB

Lighting, Sound, Set & Stage Management. This term the club is for boys signed up for the Joint Senior Drama Production, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. In January, there will be an opportunity for younger boys to join the club to support the Junior Play, which will be an adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful*.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Studio Theatre

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Clarke and Mr Gimmi

#### DRAMA: JOINT SENIOR PRODUCTION

Rehearsals for The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. This is for boys who were cast at the end of last term. All details are on the rehearsal schedule.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

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

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Studio Theatre

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Clarke

## DRAMA: LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION AUDITIONS

This year, the production will be Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo adapted by Simon Reave.

Auditions are **Tuesday 25th November** 3.40pm – 5.30pm in Studio Theatre. Everyone auditioning will need to stay until the end of the audition.

The audition pieces are in <u>FILES on Lower School Drama Auditions 2025 TEAM</u> – to join the TEAM, use the code **6p48mf1** 

Rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays during The Hour from <u>December to March</u>. You need to be free for all these weekly rehearsal slots in order to take part, so please check availability with parents before auditioning. The performances are scheduled for w/c 2nd March in the Studio Theatre.

This production is only available to students in Years 8 and 9.

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is a progressive programme offered at three levels: Bronze (Divisions), Silver (Fifths) or Gold (L6). There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.

Year Group(s): Years 10-12

Time: Mentor meetings every week, fortnight or half-term plus expeditions;

Frequency: Weekly, fortnightly and half-termly;

Location: Various, according to Mentor

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Firestone and Mr Shirley

#### **DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS**

A lighthearted group of adventurers meet weekly in Design Studio 3.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Design Studio 1

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Willson

## **ELECTRONICS CLUB**

A club for Upper Third Formers wishing to learn about electronics or build simple project kits.

Year Group(s): Year 8;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Workshop 2

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Omoyeni



## **FENCING**

School fencing club (foil) suitable for beginners or the more experienced fencer. Open to all year groups; all equipment provided.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Great Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Spikings

#### FILM-MAKING CLUB

Lights, Camera, Action! Welcome to the world of cinematography! Here at Film-Making Club, we will shoot a film based off an original concept, which will then be edited and finally premiered in our last session. Lots of fun, especially if you like acting and photography.

Year Group(s): Years 7-8;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: RM43

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Richardson

## FINANCE SOCIETY

Curious about the world of finance? Do you want to learn how to build a portfolio fit to battle the stock market? Well, we are pleased to introduce to you the Merchant Taylors' Finance Society. Learn to build a portfolio and test strategies on a paper trading account, whilst developing skills that will help nurture you toward a career in finance. Join us biweekly on a Thursday in Dr Beacham's room in the Economics corridor to begin your journey! We look forward to seeing you there!

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: EP106 (upstairs in the portacabins)

Lead Staff/Contact: Dr Beacham

## MTS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Friday after school club for those keen to hone and improve their football skills.

Year Group(s): Year 8;

Time: Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Top astro

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Robinson and Mr Carroll

### FORMULA 1 CLUB

Whether you're a lifelong fan or just discovering the thrill of motorsports, the Formula 1 Club is the perfect place to fuel your passion. Join us to dive into the world of Formula 1. Discuss teams, drivers, and race strategies, compete on legendary tracks like Silverstone using our state of the art racing simulator, and catch live F1 practice sessions together. No experience needed. Just bring your love for speed, strategy, and the roar of the engines!

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Design Studio 3 - Design, Engineering, &

**Technology Building** 

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Palmer-Reid



## FRENCH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

The French "gazette" calls for budding journalists of all year groups to write articles for the monthly edition.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML67

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Haye

#### FRENCH FILM CLUB

Interested in French culture and language, and eating snacks? Attend to watch a French film with English subtitles - all snacks provided. This is a great way to boost your exposure and understanding of this wonderful language and its culture. It takes 5/6 weeks to finish a film but feel free to attend as and when you would like.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML71

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Wells



#### FRIDAY PRAYERS AKA JUMMAH

Jummah is the weekly Friday prayer for Muslims.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Chapel

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Sa'id

## JUNIOR GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

The Junior Geography Society will be looking to build on and extend students' knowledge and passion of Geography. This will include quizzes, games and discussion of current Geographical issues, topics and trends occurring in the world.

Year Group(s): Years 7-8;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: GY - 2.3

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Brennan

#### SENIOR GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

Come to Senior Geography Society to broaden and deepen your knowledge and understanding. We will be hosting talks from pupils, 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 10-13;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: GY2.2

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Burnham

## **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. Open to classical guitarists of all ages and abilities.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MU82

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Hawkins

#### (THE) HERRICK: ENGLISH LITERATURE SOCIETY

'The Herrick', named after OMT Robert Herrick, the 17th Century metaphysical poet, is a society dedicated to those with an intellectual curiosity for English. Its purpose is to introduce students to the wider world of literature and language in ways that go far beyond the exam syllabus. The Herrick is a meeting point of different disciplines, a place where you will discover writers, texts and ideas that will enlarge your mind, feed the soul, and make you see the world and humanity in a more complex and different light.

Meeting weekly or fortnightly, The Herrick takes the form of an informal presentation, by either a teacher or student, followed by lively discussion. It feels very much like a university seminar and is the perfect preparation for those looking to take a degree English or in the wider arts and humanities.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: EN41

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Hilton-Dennis



## JUNIOR HISTORY CLUB

Junior History Club is a great place to explore your interest in History through all sorts of fun activities. The sessions are based on members' interests and are a great chance to go far beyond what we cover in lessons, so whether you are intrigued by the Ancient world, fascinated by the 20th Century or anything inbetween, there will be lots to discover. We also run an annual Castle building competition in the summer term, giving students the chance to combine historical knowledge and their engineering skills!

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: HY2.91 - top of the History block on the side nearest the main building

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Blatchford Pace

## HOCKEY: OPEN TRAINING

Open hockey session to practise any and all skills.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Every LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Blue Astro Training Area

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Middleton and Mr Haynes

#### HOCKEY: SENIOR TRAINING

Senior hockey pre-season training.

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Astros

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Middleton

## Hockey: U12 Performance Session

Hockey training session for U12 performance group. Selected squad only.

Year Group(s): Year 7;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Astros

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Middleton

## Hockey: U13 Training

Training session for those students who went to Belgium over half-term, as well as anyone else who wants to work on their skills outside of Games lessons.

Year Group(s): Year 8;

Time: Monday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Astros

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Haynes

## HOCKEY: U14 PRE-SEASON TRAINING

U14 hockey training in preparation for the season, which operates fully in the Spring Term.

Year Group(s): Year 9;

Time: Monday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Astros

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Haynes

# Hockey: U16 Indoor Training

Indoor Hockey training for the U16 Hockey squad. This activity is invitation only.

Year Group(s): Years 10-11;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Sports Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Haynes

# JSOC (JEWISH SOCIETY)

Our JSOC is a warm and welcoming community open to everyone, whether you're Jewish or just curious to learn more. We host engaging guest speakers, fun discussions, and inclusive events where you can make friends, share ideas, and explore Jewish culture and traditions. Come along for great conversation and a friendly atmosphere - and pizza!

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: CL81 or Main Quad benches

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Cebon

## KAYAK ROLLING CLUB

Learn to roll a kayak and improve your capsize rolling techniques. These sessions are for paddlers looking to progress from flat water to white water and will take place in the swimming pool.

Year Group(s): Years 9-13;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

**Location**: Swimming Pool

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Firestone

## LIFE DRAWING CLUB

Join us for the opportunity to draw from a live model, looking at anatomy, the language of posture, movement, expression, use of materials, with an emotional/poetic exploration of our response to having a body.

Sessions take place every Tuesday from 23rd September to 2nd December (inclusive).

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Mr Leech's Art Studio FF11

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Leech



#### LINGUACHEF

Learn to cook some dishes from Germany, Spain and France.

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: MLSR

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Castro



#### LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION

Storytelling lies at the heart of what it is that makes us human. In this club, we will explore literature in translation, discovering how other cultures tackle the big questions of life, as well as the smaller questions. Exploring texts in translation will highlight the crucial role that words and stories play in our lives, as well as opening doors to comparative literature and exploring the difficulties of translation. With my background in German literature, we will start with a short story from German and then we will see where the discussion takes us!

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: CL70

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Champness

# MAGIC: THE GATHERING CLUB

Step into a world of strategy, lore and intellectual challenge with our Magic: The Gathering Club. This extracurricular club is dedicated to the sophisticated art of deck-building and strategic gameplay of the world's best collectible card game. Members engage in thought-provoking tabletop matches that test their tactical acumen and creativity. Whether you're a seasoned planeswalker or a curious novice, our club offers a welcoming environment to refine your skills, share insights, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA6

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Gaertig

#### 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 7-9;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA3

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Prashar

### SENIOR MATHS CLUB

Each year MTS participates in UKMT Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Team Maths Challenges, as well as the Hans Woyda maths competition. The focus of the Senior Maths Club is to dedicate time towards the extension of students' mathematical abilities by engaging in UKMT-style problem solving. If you enjoy maths and would like to partake in a weekly activity which will utilise your skills in a challenging environment, then please feel welcome to attend.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA30

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Carroll



## MATHS SOCIETY

Sixth form students present talks on Mathematics outside of the A Level syllabus.

Year Group(s): Years 12-13;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA9

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Ezomo

#### MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY SOCIETY

The MTS Medicine and Dentistry Society offers fun, hands-on activities and real insights into medical and dental careers for all year groups. From suturing bananas and lamb hearts to dexterity games, disclosure tablets and talks from a range of renowned external speakers from a range of healthcare careers, every session is exciting, practical and inspiring for future medics and dentists!

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: BY63

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Pratt



#### MIND AND MOTION

This lunchtime club is open to anyone at MTS who would like to give their mind and body a workout. Each session will focus on a different approach to the mind-body workout, including a mix of the following: Yoga; Pilates; HIIT; Meditation. Use code 'x7buwsa' to join the 'Mind and Motion' Team for updates.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Chaplaincy OR Exam Hall (See Teams page for updates)

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Solomons



## Model United Nations (MUN)

If you have an interest in working together to respond to global issues, then this is the club for you! This year's MUN will also feature workshops to help train delegates become experts on their country. Beginners and younger students are welcome to join the meetings to learn about how MUN works before joining in more fully, with a view to attending an MUN conference later in the year.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Lecture Theatre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Martin



#### MORNING RESET

A calm space to begin the day with prayer or meditation. This is not a taught or led session — simply a time of silence together. Doors open at 8.00 for a friendly chat. At 8.05 the doors will close for 20 minutes of quiet contemplation. Please contact Mr Cataldo or Mr Waterhouse before attending and we will send you some resources.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday MORNING;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Chaplanincy

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Cataldo and Mr Waterhouse



#### MOTORSPORTS CLUB

Build kit car, repair engines, chat all things automotive.

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Monday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: DET Car Room

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Willson



## Music Aural Class

This supports 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 BEFORE SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MU89

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Clark

#### Music Theory Class

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 BEFORE SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Clark

#### NATURAL HISTORY CLUB

Each week we will take a look at and explore the natural world around MTS! Join us weekly for birdwatching, plant and tree identification, pond dipping, and observing organisms under a microscope. Discover biodiversity, learn fascinating facts, and enjoy hands-on activities.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: BY60

Lead Staff/Contact: Dr Komissarova

## NON-FICTION READING CLUB

Want to get your head around something new? Would like to read, but not sure what? Interested in finding out about the world and the people in it? Fancy a change from reading fiction? Biography, history, science, sport, politics, the ecology... There are so many fascinating non-fiction books out there. Come along to help choose some really interesting books, read them and discuss them. Broaden your horizons and make yourself a more interesting person! Middle School boys are particularly encouraged to attend, but Upper School boys welcome to come along too.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: HY2.52

Lead Staff/Contact: Dr Hesketh

#### **PANGLOSSIA**

Panglossia is the MFL Club where our Sixth Form linguists, OMTs and MFL teachers deliver talks on their chosen subject matter, mostly in a target language. Attendance of such talks is a great way to broaden one's cultural awareness of the studied country but is also an opportunity to participate in a Q&A session. It is open to MTS students from Yr10 and above who are considering studying a modern foreign language in the 6th Form.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: ML78

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Kotsuba

#### PEER COACHING PROGRAMME

Peer Coaching is a fortnightly 1:1 conversation, running for two terms. 4th Form and Divisions students who choose to participate will be paired with a trained Sixth Form coach, who will guide and support them through personalised discussions that help them grow, solve problems, and make progress—academically and personally.

Year Group(s): Years 9, 10 and 12;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: Exam Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Wallace

#### 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 major concerts and chamber concerts throughout the year. Open to players of all levels.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday BEFORE SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Lawrence

#### PHAB CLUB

The PHAB Club is a place to belong, a place to thrive, where disabled and non-disabled people come together to socialise, have fun and build lifelong friendships. (It is invitation only.)

Year Group(s): Years 12-13;

Time: Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: Design Studio 1

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Cataldo and Ms Knight

# PHAB WEEK

This is the Phab Meeting Team which discusses fundraising activities and the Phab week at Easter.



Year Group(s): Years 12-13;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA5

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Hazan and Mrs Omert

## PHILOSOPHER'S WORLD

Unlike the philosopher's stone, we cannot promise immortality, but we can continue down the very human path on the search towards wisdom, inspiration and enlightenment. All Lower School students are invited to join us as we explore the big questions in life through a mixture of film, TV, podcasts and good old fashioned debate. Last year's sessions focused upon themes raised in the hit Netflix series, 'The Good Place'. Let us know what you would like to do, read, watch or discuss next!

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: RP18

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Solomons



#### PHILOSOPHY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Philosophy and Debating Society provides a unique forum for student-led debate to tackle some of the most pressing issues of our time. Before the discussion commences, attendees are introduced to a particular thinker or school of thought, after which they are free to explore the nuances of these topical and perhaps controversial subjects. Come along to RP18 during the Hour on Thursdays to engage in demanding conversations, question your preconceptions and challenge everything you thought you already knew.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: RP18

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Solomons



#### PHYSICS FORUM

A club for Physics and Engineering enthusiasts to do hands-on activities and give talks.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: PH12

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Sa'id

## POLITICS SOCIETY

A fortnightly group to discuss the biggest events, political philosophies and current affairs! Just how much power does Keir Starmer have? How has the Trump presidency shaped international diplomacy? Is liberal democracy in decline? This is the place to discuss and debate.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week B;

Location: EP53 (next to the IT office)

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Martin

## PUBLIC SPEAKING SOCIETY

Run by Ashton Brown and Zak Jalisi, Public Speaking Society welcomes speakers of all years and abilities. This is an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, practise and showcase your speaking abilities to your peers.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: EN35

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Shockley

## READING GROUP

Reading and discussing texts, expanding your breadth of knowledge beyond the confines of the public exam Literature syllabus. The pieces we read are entertaining and provoke lots of discussion among our group. You will gain insight into to a wide range of texts beyond the curriculum, giving you invaluable hinterland & cultural capital, and a familiarity with some seminal Literary texts.

Year Group(s): Years 10-12;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: EN32

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Scott



## RECORDER CONSORT

The Recorder Consort is a chamber group of around four players which gives students the opportunity to play the school's range of professional recorders. Repertoire for this instrument is amazingly broad and affords players the chance to explore the finer details of tuning and ensemble playing. The consort will play in a range of concerts throughout the year.

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Friday MORNING;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Mr Tonks's Office

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Tonks

### ROWING CLUB

Whether you are an absolute novice or an experienced oarsman the Rowing Club will enable you to row on our beautiful, convenient lake with coaching. It is great for fitness and lots of fun. It is open to boys in any year group. We are attending the British Rowing Indoor Championships at the start of December so some time will be devoted to land training on the ergos beforehand.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: The Watersports Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Ms Scott



#### JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Additional Rugby training for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils.

Year Group(s): Years 7-8;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Pitches

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Conway and Mr de Weymarn

## RUGBY: FORWARD FACTORY

Scrum and lineout practice for senior rugby players.

Year Group(s): Years 11-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR; Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Flagstaff

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr de Weymarn

# RUGBY: KICKING KINGS

Kicking practice for senior rugby including goal kicking, drop kicks and punting.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Flagstaff

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr de Weymarn

# RUGBY: SCRUM HALF CLUB

Extra skills and technical development for current or aspiring scrum halves.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Sports Hall Balcony

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Conway

# RUGBY: SENIOR ANALYSIS

An opportunity for Senior Rugby players to go through performance analysis from Veo footage.

Year Group(s): Years 12-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: HY 2.02

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Conway

## RUGBY: SENIOR TRAINING

After school training for senior rugby players with a team run ahead of the weekend.

Year Group(s): Years 12-13;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Flagstaff

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Conway

#### RUGBY: U14 TRAINING

After school training for U14 rugby players with a team run ahead of the weekend.

Year Group(s): Year 9;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Headmasters

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Roots

## RUGBY: U15 TRAINING

After school training for U15 rugby players with a team run ahead of the weekend.

Year Group(s): Year 10;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Foals

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Richardson

## RUGBY: U16 TRAINING

After school training for U16 rugby players with a team run ahead of the weekend.

Year Group(s): Year 11;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Colts

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr de Weymarn

## **RUN MTS**

Walk, jog or run. Come along to improve your fitness, hit a PB, get some fresh air or socialise with friends. Start with a mile and build up over time. There will be additional routes around the grounds during good weather, alongside leaderboards of times and attendance, and rewards as you hit milestones.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Start and finish by the Tommy White Statue (by the D&T building) at 13:55.

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Prashar

### 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: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MU65

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Robb

#### SCHOLARS BOOK CLUB

Every year, the Royal Society invites schools and youth groups across the UK to take part in judging the Young People's Book Prize. We will receive a selection of shortlisted books, all designed to spark curiosity and excitement about science among young readers. During our sessions, you will be reading, discussing and sharing fascinating facts from the books. Some titles will hopefully capture your imaginations, inspiring new interests, and may even spark ideas for future university courses. After thoughtful discussions on each book's readability, appeal, design, and inspirational value, you will choose the winning book. We may even win a prize!

Year Group(s): Year 8;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Library

Lead Staff/Contact: Dr Lohr

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Scholars will follow an innovative and engaging programme of scholarship study to broaden and extend their knowledge beyond the curriculum in a comprehensive number of areas. Scholarship sessions will be held weekly, with the area of focus changing each half term, with scholars gaining knowledge of previously unknown ideas and concepts (and hopefully, interest to independently research even further!) The intention of the programme is for our scholars to develop into the characterful leaders of the future underlined by their integrity, hard work and proactivity.

Year Group(s): Years 7-10;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Various

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Miller

## SENIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY

6th Form presentations/talks.

Year Group(s): Year 12;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Fortnightly Week A;

Location: PH13

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Rashid

#### SINFONIA

The Sinfonia String Orchestra is open to all violinists, viola players, cellists and double bass players up to and including Grade 5 standard. Members of Sinfonia develop the skills of playing in sections, following a conductor, and leading the other musicians around them, as they prepare to perform in the major concerts throughout the school year, including the Winter Concert and Summer Serenade. Sinfonia occasionally combines with the Wind Band to form a full orchestra – Winfonia – for special performances!

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Music Dept.

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Crawford

#### SPANISH CULTURE SOCIETY

Come and celebrate Spanish culture every Friday during the Hour by watching Spanish films, hosting and watching Spanish talks, playing games and more!

Year Group(s): Years 9-13;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML74

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Castro

### SPANISH FUN CLUB

Join the Spanish Fun Club for Years 7 and 8! Explore Spanish and South American culture through games, sports, TikToks, films, music, and food. Learn fun Spanish phrases each week with a new theme like footballers, actors, and more. Come along, have fun, and discover something new every session!

Year Group(s): Years 7-8;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML76

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Edwards

#### SQUASH CLUB

Develop your squash under the expert guidance of our professional coach. All ability levels are welcome; all we ask from you is enthusiasm and a weekly commitment. Due to limited capacity, numbers must be capped at 12 boys for each session.

Year Group(s): Year 9;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Squash Courts

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Hilton-Dennis

#### STORYTELLING CLUB

Storytelling Club seeks to revitalise the traditional art of oral storytelling. Taking place once every half-term on a Friday after lessons, everyone is invited from across the school community, either just to listen or, best of all, to tell a story. The stories take all kinds of different forms, including folktales, myths, ghost stories and those you have created yourself. But there is one golden rule: stories must be told from memory and not read; this is what creates the magic between the teller and the listener. So come lose yourself in the world of a story and enjoy the finest in school catering.

Year Group(s): Years 7-8;

Time: Friday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Half-termly;

Location: Library

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Hilton-Dennis

#### STRATEGY BOARD GAME CLUB

Board games such as Coop, Sushi Go, Bang the dice game, King of Tokyo (and many more) are played during the hour. No previous experience needed. All year groups welcome.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR; Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA2

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Rowlands

#### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Symphony Orchestra is a full-size orchestra of approximately 65 players, and performs a mixture of symphonic repertoire from the Classical, Romantic and Modern eras (right up to the present day) at the major concerts each year. There are no auditions, but a minimum level of above Grade 5 is required for string players (Grade 6 for violinists), and usually higher for wind, brass and percussion players.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Couldridge

#### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Join our table tennis club where lightning-fast rallies, epic spins, and the occasional wild miss are all part of the fun! Open to all years and skill levels, it's the perfect spot for enthusiasts and curious beginners alike.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Sports Hall Balcony

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Richardson

#### Taylors' Brass

Taylors' 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 and the Merchant Taylors' Hall Concert) each year; Taylors' Brass also plays at other important School events such as the Carol Service and the Triennial Service.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Friday BEFORE SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Byron

#### JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

For students in Years 7, 8 or 9 who want to improve their tennis skills. Sessions are supported by our coach, Anjan Chowdhury.

Year Group(s): Years 7-9;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Tennis Courts

Lead Staff/Contact: Dr Lohr

## THOMAS WHITE SINGERS

An elite singing group for a small number of senior Tenors and Basses. The Thomas White Singers perform in Chamber Music Concerts and at the Merchant Taylor's Hall. Membership is by invitation only.

Year Group(s): Years 9-13;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Music Dept.

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Crawford

## UKULELE CLUB

This is a club for anyone who fancies having a go at playing the ukulele - you do not have to be 'musical' but come ready to just have a go! Open to all boys and staff.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: GY3.3

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Lemoine and Mrs Buckhaven

## VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

A place to discuss vegetarian ideas and philosophies, watch interesting documentaries and bring in vegetarian and vegan foods!

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: RP19

Lead Staff/Contact: Dr Birtles



#### **VEX IQRC**

Lower School Teams design, build and code robots to take part in an international competition. Teams will compete at regional competitions with the aim of making it through to the UK finals and, beyond, to the World Championships. You will need to apply for selection into the Club as places are in high demand.

Year Group(s): Years 8-9;

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

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Workshops 2 & 3

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Tang



#### VEX V5RC CLUB

Middle and Upper School Teams design, build and code robots to take part in an international competition. Teams will compete at regional competitions with the aim of making it through to the UK finals and, beyond, to the World Championships. Applications for next season will open in the Summer Term.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

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

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Design Centre Foyer & Workshop 1

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Docherty

#### WARHAMMER CLUB

Dive into the exciting world of Warhammer, where you can build and paint your own miniatures and engage in strategic tabletop battles set in a richly detailed sci-fi universe. Choose your faction from a diverse range of options, including terrifying aliens, aggressive orks, elite super soldiers, and ordinary humans fighting for survival in a grimdark, war-torn galaxy. Whether you're a seasoned player or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome! We provide all the models you need. Curious to see what it's all about? Come along and watch a battle unfold!

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: PH14

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Waterhouse



#### WHITE WATER KAYAK CLUB

Paddle the Lee Valley Legacy and Olympic Courses. Advanced white water kayakers only. You must speak with Mr Anderson (CCF SSI) before joining the group.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Lee Valley White Water Centre

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Firestone

## WIND BAND

Do you play a wind, brass, or percussion instrument? Then Wind Band might be the ensemble for you! Wind Band is open to all pupils who play around grade 1-5 standard. It is the preparation group for Concert Band (in which students tackle music around grade 6+) and it is an amazing way to develop as a musician. In rehearsals, we play fun pieces and practise essential skills like sight reading and listening. The Wind Band plays in each of the school's major concerts.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday AFTER SCHOOL;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Recital Hall

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Martin

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

L6th students 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 might choose.

Year Group(s): Year 12;

Time: Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL; Plus one other meeting at a time that suits your team;

Frequency: Twice weekly;

Location: TBC

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Thobhani

#### YOUNG REPORTER

A scheme in association with Newsquest whereby students learn how to write for a real live newspaper. The scheme is structured as if students are working directly for the paper, as they are given deadlines to work to. Every article is published on This is Local London, the online newspaper that covers all areas within the M25.

Year Group(s): Years 10 and 12;

Time: Ad hoc meetings;

Frequency: Ad hoc meetings;

Location: In school, location TBC, and virtually

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Thobhani

# Academic Support Sessions, Autumn Term 2025

#### ART & DESIGN GCSE AND A LEVEL STUDIO ACCESS

Come to Ad86 for support with your GCSE and A Level course work. The studio is open for boys to continue their media exploration and experimentation work. Practical guidance is on offer for all art boys in Divisions to Upper Sixth.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR; Monday AFTER SCHOOL (Week A); Tuesday AFTER SCHOOL; Wednesday LUNCH HOUR; Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL; Thursday LUNCH HOUR; Thursday AFTER SCHOOL; Friday LUNCH;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: AD86

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Gosden

## BIOLOGY ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Drop into our Year 7–11 Biology Academic Support for friendly help with classwork, revision, or tricky topics. No appointment needed—just turn up and get the help you need to boost your confidence and understanding.

Year Group(s): Years 7-11;

Time: Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: BY61

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Stuteley

## CHEMISTRY ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Chemistry Academic Support is a club for pupils in 3rd-5th Form who want support with homework, help understanding concepts, or guidance in preparing for tests.

Year Group(s): Years 7-11;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: CH47

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Vernice and Mr Hughes

#### CHEMISTRY (6TH FORM) ACADEMIC SUPPORT

A drop-in session for anyone studying A Level Chemistry to talk through a specific part of a topic or problem question.

Year Group(s): Years 12-13;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: CH48

Lead Staff/Contact: Dr Lomas

## CLASSICS ACADEMIC SUPPORT

For support and coaching on any Latin, Greek or Classical Civilisation-related matter. Contact me in advance, or just drop in.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: CL82

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Wille

### DET OPEN WORKSHOP

Year 11 and Year 13 students have the opportunity to use the workshops to work on their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) coursework with the support of DET staff. Y10s and Y12s are welcome to come and catch up on their current curriculum projects.

Year Group(s): Years 10-13;

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

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Workshops 2 & 4

Lead Staff/Contact: DET Teachers

#### FRENCH ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Providing one-to-one help for French learners to build up confidence and bridge gaps.

Year Group(s): Years 7-11;

Time: Tuesday LUNCH HOUR; Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML71 (Tuesday) and ML67 (Thursday)

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Wells and Ms Haye

## FRENCH (6TH FORM) ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Providing extra support for our A Level cohort with tailored help to meet their needs.

Year Group(s): Years 12-13;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML69

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Danis

#### MATHS ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Supplementary support for Mathematics. Get help from a Mathematics teacher for classwork, homework or any other mathematical concept you have been grappling with.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR; Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: MA10

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Hardman

## MUSIC COMPOSITION ACADEMIC SUPPORT

An opportunity to spend more time on coursework in the Tom Isaacs Room.

Year Group(s): Year 11;

Time: Monday LUNCH HOUR; Wednesday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Tom Isaacs Room

Lead Staff/Contact: Mr Tonks and Miss Martin

## PHYSICS ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Please bring any Physics work or topic you are struggling with to the Physics office and we will help you with it.

Year Group(s): All;

Time: Thursday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: Come to the Physics Office

Lead Staff/Contact: Mrs Mayadeen and all Physics teachers

## SPANISH ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Struggling with a Spanish lesson? Need some extra help or practice? Been asked to attend by your teacher? Or just want to ask a question to a Spanish specialist? Come along to Spanish Academic Support!

Year Group(s): Years 9-13;

Time: Friday LUNCH HOUR;

Frequency: Weekly;

Location: ML76

Lead Staff/Contact: Miss Rittey