



DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM

Dean Close Preparatory School

5 TIME

A fun-packed, Saturday morning programme,
developing **FIVE** exciting new skills for the future.

#DistinctlyDeanClose



Introduction

Five Time, which launched in September 2023, has made Saturday mornings at Dean Close Prep look very different. Our wide-ranging programme of stimulating skills-based activities, enrich the curriculum on offer and provide an exciting alternative for both our day and boarding pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8. As a result of this initiative, less curriculum time is lost, a skills-building programme has been introduced and families have been given greater flexibility.

In our ever-changing world, we have an increasing focus on the skills required to flourish in the workplace of the future. We aim to develop these skills through a range of interdisciplinary activities on a Saturday morning. These activities are distinctly different from the regular academic routine of weekday lessons.

Where necessary, our incredible team of staff have been given appropriate training, meaning we can offer most of our programme at no extra cost. However, some activities will require an external provider in which case there may be a small charge. This will always be noted in the programme when making choices.



Skills for the Future

Dean Close Foundation is focusing on five skills for the future, which we call the '5Cs'. These will enable our pupils to have the flexibility, resilience and confidence to enter the world of work, knowing that the jobs they will do in 10, 15 or 20 years are, in many cases, ones we cannot currently describe or imagine. The 5Cs are:

Compassion - to teach empathy, encouraging pupils to show respect, care and understanding towards others. To promote an ethical approach to work and civic responsibility.

Collaboration - learning to understand their own strengths and weaknesses as well as those of other team members, working together towards shared goals and employing the skills of each to enhance the success of the group.

Critical Thinking - to develop problem-solving and analytical abilities, to learn what makes a good argument and develop the capacity to make good decisions.

Communication - to practise articulating their ideas and sharing information in a variety of contexts, learning the importance of context, audience and purpose.

Creativity - to develop a mindset that looks for new and innovative approaches in a variety of contexts, including, but not limited to, the creative, expressive and performing arts.

These specific skills have been chosen because we believe they will help our pupils to flourish in the widest sense of the word; careers and future employability are vital, but we also want to enable them to show courage and love, and to contribute to their communities, long after they have moved on from Dean Close.



Attendance

It is our hope that our Year 6 to 8 pupils will be excited by the range of courses on offer and choose to attend regularly. We expect that pupils are available for fixtures and training sessions if selected. All boarders in Years 6, 7 and 8 will be involved in the exciting programme of activities on a Saturday morning, before taking part in fixtures or training sessions, as usual.

Saturday Morning Timings

8.30am	Day Houses open
8.45am	Registration
9.00am	Activity begins
10.30am	Activity ends
10.30am	Break
10.45am	Training/Sports Fixtures
12.00pm	Pick up (unless fixture finishes later)

Pupils should wear sports kit or non-uniform depending on their activity or fixtures.

The Modules		
Module 1	4 weeks	Sept/October
Module 2	4 weeks	November
Module 3	3 weeks	January
Module 4	2 weeks	February
Module 5	4 weeks	April

Each module will have ten different options to choose from, two for each of our 5C strands, meaning there is something for everyone.



Example Modules

Compassion

Help the school community or make a difference to the lives of others.

Homebaking for others

Gardening

Help Cheltenham

Parkrun

First Aid

Collaboration

Exciting outdoor activities which encourage teamwork.

Bouldering

Murder Mystery

Nature Watch

Bushcraft

Dance for Boys

Critical Thinking

With a cognitive and intellectually stimulating focus.

Puzzles

Ancient Civilisation

Philosophy

Famous Battles

Gladiators

Communication

Develop communication skills through fun.

Languages

American Football

Drama

Recording

Harry Potter Quidditch

Creativity

A chance to get creative juices flowing.

Pottery

Stop Animation

Plastic Bag Fusing

Chocolate Lab

Gel Plate Printing





DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM

Five Time Awards

It is important that pupils have their efforts and achievements recognised and rewarded. The Award Scheme is specifically designed to allow pupils to link the skills learnt during Five Time. All pupils can strive to achieve these awards each year and, for those pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8, their success will be enhanced by their involvement in the courses provided on a Saturday morning.

Different awards will be available to pupils depending on the number of modules they complete in one academic year:

Platinum:

for completing 5 modules,
one from each 5C strand,
or for showing exceptional
commitment to one
particular 5C strand

Gold:

for completing
5 modules

Silver:

for completing
4 modules

Bronze:

for completing
3 modules

Signing Up

Signing up for Five Time is straightforward, using the SOCS portal in just the same way it is used for after school activities. To help us plan and ensure we have sufficient resources, we ask families to sign up by the end of the term before the option is due to take place.

We will ask pupils to put down their first, second and third choices. Whilst we want to give every pupil their first choice, this may not always be feasible if particular activities are oversubscribed. Any pupil who misses out on their first choice will be given priority when that activity is rescheduled in the future.

How to sign up:

- Choose 3 out of the 10 options
- Log in to SOCS
- Put your 3 choices in order
- Choose 'end of list'





DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM