

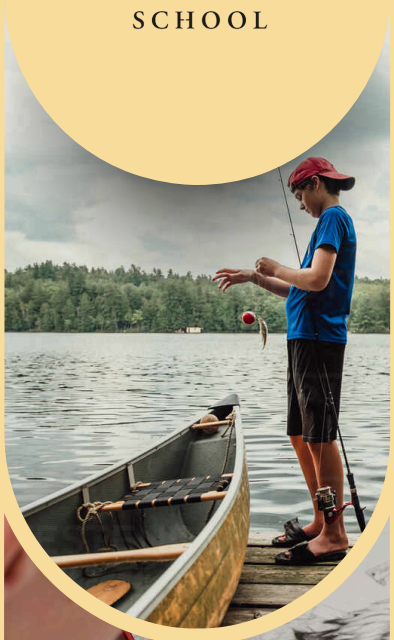
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Angling (Year 8 - 10)

Are you interested in learning how to fish or improving your angling skills? Join the Angling Club, a fun and educational way to enjoy this sport while learning a valuable lifelong hobby. We focus on freshwater angling, and our sessions cover a variety of techniques including float fishing, ledgering, and spinning. **This club has an additional charge.**

Art (Year 7 & 8)

Art Club for Year 7 and 8 offers a creative space for pupils to explore new techniques, experiment with materials, and develop their artistic skills beyond the classroom. Students focus on a different themes or mediums, encouraging imagination, self-expression, and a love for the visual arts.

Art GCSE & A-Level Support

Art GCSE & A-Level Support sessions provide dedicated time for students to refine coursework, receive one-to-one guidance, and explore ideas in greater depth. These sessions help pupils build confidence, strengthen their portfolios, and prepare for assessment with tailored feedback and creative exploration.

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Aura Choir (Year 9 - 13)

Aura Choir is an auditioned vocal group for experienced singers in Years 9 to 13, offering the opportunity to perform challenging and diverse repertoire. With a focus on harmony, technique, and ensemble performance, members develop their vocal skills while representing the school at high-profile events and competitions. **This club is invite only.**

Badminton (Year 7 - 13)

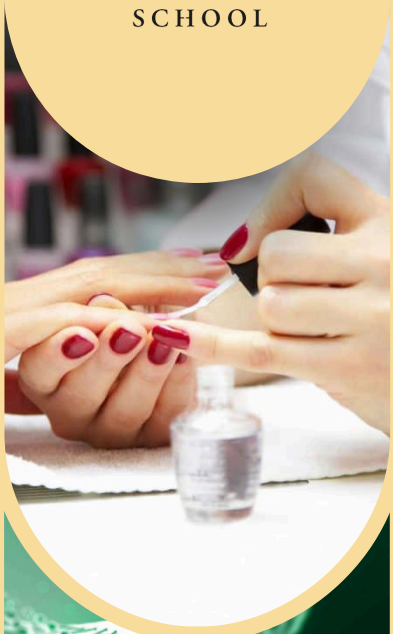
Badminton Club for Years 7 to 13 welcomes players of all abilities to develop their skills, improve fitness, and enjoy friendly competition. Sessions focus on technique, strategy, and match play, with opportunities to represent the school in fixtures and tournaments. Badminton Club runs before and after school.

Badminton Performance Squad Training (Year 7 -13)

Badminton Performance Squad Training is designed for advanced players committed to developing high-level skills and competitive excellence. Sessions are intensive and focused, with tailored coaching to prepare pupils for school, regional, and national competitions.

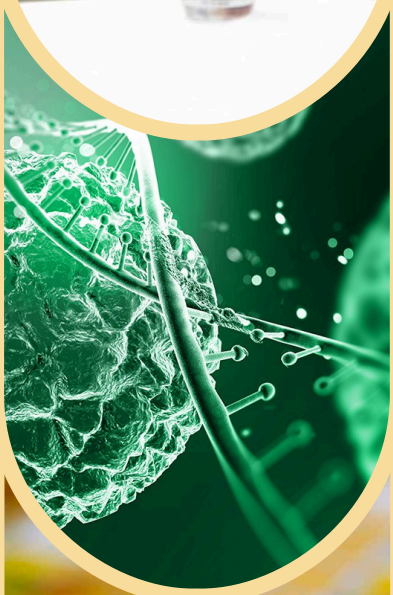
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Beauty Therapy (Year 9 - 13)

An introduction to beauty therapy starting with manicure. You'll learn essential skills including nail shaping and filing, cuticle care, and the art of hand and arm massage. We will also cover polish application and creative nail art. **This club has an additional charge.**



Biology GCSE & A-Level Support

Biology Support sessions offer targeted guidance to help students deepen their understanding of complex topics and refine exam techniques. These sessions provide opportunities for one-to-one support, collaborative learning, and focused revision in a supportive environment.



Board Games (Year 7 - 13)

Roll the dice, draw a card, and join the fun! Whether you're into strategy, teamwork, or just a good laugh, Board Games Club is the perfect place to relax, compete, and make new friends. All levels welcome, just bring your game face!

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Brass Ensemble (Year 5 - 13)

Brass Ensemble for Years 7 to 13 brings together brass players to rehearse and perform a varied repertoire in a dynamic group setting. The group develops ensemble skills, musicality, and confidence, with regular performance opportunities both in school and in the wider community. From beginners, to experienced musicians, everyone is welcome!



British Sign Language (Year 7 - 13)

British Sign Language (BSL) Club introduces students to the fundamentals of sign language in a fun and interactive setting. Open to all year groups, the club promotes inclusive communication, cultural awareness, and the development of a valuable life skill. **This club has an additional charge.**

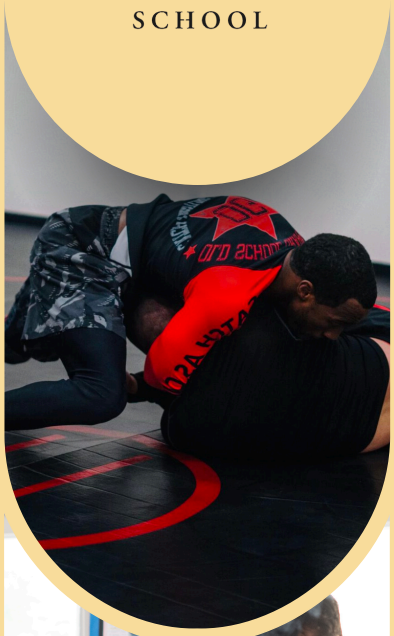


Careers Drop In (Year 10 - 13)

Thinking about your next steps? Come along to our Careers Drop-In sessions for one-to-one advice on college/university options, apprenticeships, CV writing, work experience, and future career paths. Whether you're unsure where to start or just need a bit of guidance, we're here to help. No appointment needed!

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Catch Wrestling (Year 7 - 13)

Catch Wrestling for Years 7 to 13 offers students the chance to learn this dynamic and technical grappling style, focusing on strength, control, and strategy. Sessions build physical fitness, discipline, and confidence, with opportunities for both recreational practice and competitive development. **This club has an additional charge.**



Chemistry GCSE & A-Level Support (Year 10 - Year 13)

Chemistry GCSE & A-Level Support sessions provide focused assistance with challenging concepts, practical skills, and exam preparation. Students benefit from personalised guidance, revision resources, and the opportunity to ask questions in a supportive environment.



Choir (Year 7 - 13)

Do you enjoy singing? Choir welcomes singers of all abilities to come together and enjoy a wide range of music styles in a supportive and social environment. Regular rehearsals focus on vocal technique, harmony, and performance skills, with opportunities to showcase talent at school events.

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Computer Science Revision (Year 10 - Year 13)

Computer Science Revision sessions offer focused support to help students master key concepts, programming skills, and exam techniques. These sessions provide targeted practice, problem-solving activities, and personalized guidance to boost confidence and achievement.

Creative Textiles (Year 7 - Year 9)

Creative Textiles for Years 7 to 9 provides a hands-on opportunity to explore fabric manipulation, design, and stitching techniques. Students develop their creativity and practical skills through exciting projects that encourage self-expression and craftsmanship. **This club has an additional charge.**

Creative Writing (Year 12 - Year 13)

Creative Writing for Years 12 and Year 13 offers a stimulating environment for developing original stories, poems, and scripts. Students refine their voice, experiment with different styles, and receive constrictive feedback to enhance their writing skills.

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D of E (Year 9 - Year 13)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award offers students a valuable opportunity to develop resilience, leadership, and independence through a structured programme of personal challenge. Whether embarking on the Bronze, Silver, or Gold level, participants engage in a range of activities including volunteering, physical pursuits, skill development, and a memorable expedition. The Award is widely recognised and respected, providing a meaningful complement to academic life and helping students grow in confidence and character.

D of E Bronze - Year 9
The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is an exciting opportunity for Year 9 students to develop new skills, build resilience, and challenge themselves. Through activities in volunteering, physical fitness, skill-building, and a team expedition, students will gain confidence, independence, and a sense of achievement.

D of E Silver - Year 10
The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award offers Year 10 students the chance to push themselves further through a longer, more challenging expedition. Building on the Bronze Award (but open to newcomers too), students will strengthen leadership, teamwork, and perseverance—gaining life skills and unforgettable experiences along the way.

D of E Gold - Ages 16+
The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award is the ultimate DofE challenge for students aged 16+. Participants commit to an extended journey of personal development, while building confidence, leadership, and resilience—offering lasting memories and a prestigious achievement recognised by universities and employers alike.

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Debating (Year 7 - 13)

Debating for Years 7 to 13 helps students develop critical thinking, public speaking, and persuasive argument skills in a supportive environment. Participants engage in lively discussions on a variety of topics, building confidence and teamwork while preparing for competitive debates. **This club is invite only.**



Driving Theory (Year 12 & 13)

Driving Theory sessions for Years 12 and 13 provide focused preparation to help students master the rules of the road and hazard perception. These practical workshops build confidence and knowledge, supporting learners as they get ready for their driving theory test.

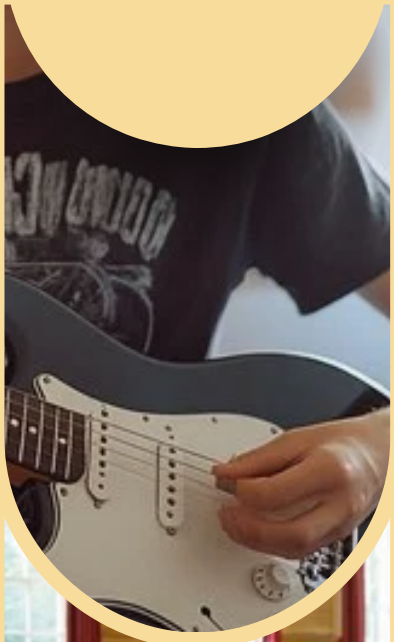


DT GCSE & A Level CAD/CAM & NEA Support

Pupils will be invited and encouraged to attend this NEA session to further develop their CAD/CAM skills on the laser cutter, 3D Printer and plotter to improve their coursework.

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Electric Guitar Ensemble (Year 7 -13)

Electric Guitar Ensemble for Years 7 to 13 brings together electric and bass guitarists to rehearse and perform a diverse repertoire, from rock to contemporary styles. The group focuses on technique, rhythm, and ensemble playing, with regular opportunities to perform at school events.



English Support and Homework Club (Year 7 - 13)

Do you need some help with your English homework or coursework? Or maybe you'd just like to use the computer to type up your English work. Come along to room 25 for help and support.



EPQ/HPQ (Year 10 - 13)

The Extended project and Higher Qualification Support sessions provide tailored guidance to help students plan, research, and complete their independent projects effectively. These sessions focus on developing critical thinking, academic writing, and time management skills to ensure success at every stage of the qualification. The HPQ is equivalent to ½ a GCSE and the EPQ is equivilent to ½ an A-Level. **This club has an additional charge for exam entry.**

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Food & Nutrition NEA Support (Year 11)

Food & Nutrition NEA Support for Year 11 offers focused guidance on planning, research, and practical skills to help students succeed in their Non-Exam Assessment. Sessions provide one-to-one support, feedback, and time to refine dishes and written work in a supportive environment.

Food Science Study Support (Year 10 & Year 11)

Food Science Study Support sessions offer students extra help in understanding key concepts, scientific principles, and practical applications within the subject. These sessions reinforce classroom learning through tailored revision, discussions, and hands-on activities.

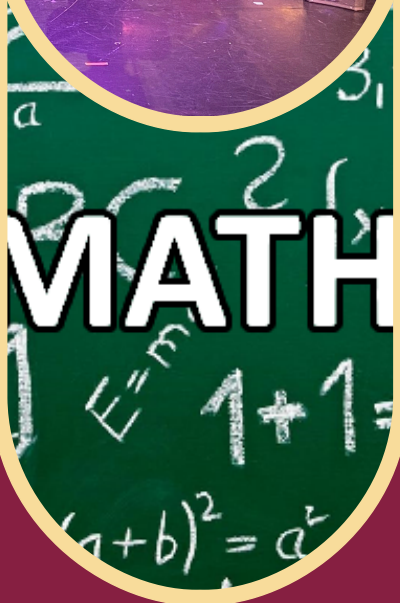
Football Squad Training (Year 7 - 13)

Football Squad Training for Years 7 to 13 is designed for committed players to develop their skills, fitness, and tactical understanding. Sessions focus on teamwork, discipline, and match preparation, with opportunities to represent the school in competitive fixtures.

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French & Spanish GCSE Revision

French & Spanish GCSE Revision sessions support students in strengthening their vocabulary, grammar, and exam techniques across all four language skills. Through interactive activities and targeted practice, pupils build confidence and fluency in preparation for their final assessments.

Funk Band (Year 7 - 13)

Funk Band for Years 7 to 13 brings together talented musicians to rehearse and perform high-energy funk, soul, and groove-based music. The band focuses on rhythm, improvisation, and ensemble playing, with exciting opportunities to perform at school and community events. **This club is invite only.**

Further Maths Level 2 Qualification (Year 10 & 11)

Further Maths Level 2 Qualification for Years 10 and 11 offers high-achieving students the chance to deepen their mathematical understanding beyond the standard GCSE curriculum. The course prepares pupils for A-Level Maths through advanced topics, problem-solving, and analytical thinking. **This club has an additional exam cost.**

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Geography Super Curriculum (Year 10 & 11)

Geography Super Curriculum for Years 10 and 11 extends students' learning through thought-provoking topics, independent projects, and real-world case studies. These sessions nurture curiosity, global awareness, and academic enrichment beyond the standard GCSE syllabus. **This club has an optional GCSE exam fee.**



Guided Homework (Year 7 - 13)

This club is open to all students who access the Learning Support Centre. Guided Homework sessions for Years 7 to 13 provide structured support to help students complete assignments effectively and develop strong study habits. With access to teacher guidance and a focused environment, pupils can clarify doubts and stay on track with their workload.



History A Level Revision (Year 13)

History A-Level Revision sessions offer focused support to deepen understanding of key themes, improve analytical skills, and develop effective exam techniques. Students engage in collaborative discussions and targeted practice to enhance their confidence and performance.

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Hockey Squad Training (Year 7 - 13)

Hockey Squad Training for Years 7 to 13 provides intensive coaching to develop technical skills, tactical awareness, and physical fitness. Players work together to build teamwork and competitive readiness, with opportunities to represent the school in matches and tournaments.



IELTS Extra - EAP (Year 9 - Year 13)

For all students whom English is not their first language, come along and learn more about preparing for the IELTS paper by looking at exam technique and completing past exam papers, receiving constructive feedback each week. Also, have the opportunity to improve your English pronunciation through puzzles, poems and games.



Karate (Year 5 - 13)

In partnership with Halifax Sport Karate, this club for Years 7 to 13 teaches self-discipline, focus, and physical fitness through traditional martial arts techniques. Sessions develop strength, coordination, and confidence in a supportive and family-run environment that welcomes all abilities. **This club has an additional charge.**

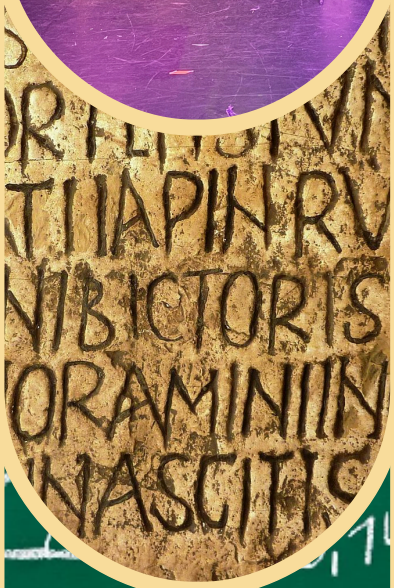
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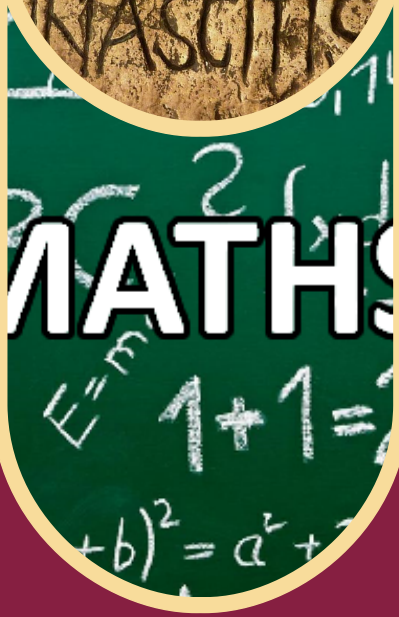
LAMDA (Year 7 - 13)

LAMDA
Wild Things Performing Arts CIC offers co-curricular Drama classes each week during term time. Students follow the prestigious LAMDA Acting curriculum, gaining internationally recognised qualifications while developing key life skills like confidence, teamwork, and self-expression. Wild Things has a 100% LAMDA pass rate since 2010, with most students achieving Merits and Distinctions. **This club has an additional cost. Please see the additional letter further detailing this club.**



Latin (Year 7 - 13)

Latin classes for Years 7 to 13 introduce students to the language, culture, and history of the ancient Romans. Through engaging lessons, pupils develop vocabulary, grammar skills, and an appreciation for classical literature and its influence.



Mathematics GCSE Foundation and Higher Revision

Mathematics GCSE Foundation and Higher Revision sessions provide targeted support tailored to students' individual levels, helping to strengthen core skills and build exam confidence. Through focused practice and clear explanations, pupils consolidate their understanding across key topics.

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Medical Society (Year 11 - 13)

Join Medical Society for UCAT preparation, interview practice, research, debates, and presentations. Suitable for all students considering a career in professional medical healthcare or animal care.



Meditation and Mindfulness

By teaching simple breathing and relaxation techniques, we can give children a life skill - the ability to regulate their emotions. Aimed at children throughout the senior school, we teach mindset work, how to improve focus and managing the anxieties of teenage life in school. This club is taught by an external expert.



Minecraft (Year 7 - 13)

Minecraft Club for Years 7 to 13 offers a fun, safe and creative space where students can collaborate, build, and explore virtual worlds. The club encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and digital creativity in a relaxed, social environment. **This club has an additional charge.**

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Music Support and Music Theory (Year 10 & 13)

Music Support and Music Theory sessions for Years 10 and 11 provide focused help to strengthen practical skills and deepen understanding of musical concepts. Students receive tailored guidance in performance, composition, and theory to prepare confidently for exams.



Netball Training (Before School)

Before-school Netball Training offers dedicated time for players to improve their skills, fitness, and game strategy in a focused setting. These sessions build teamwork and confidence, preparing the squad for upcoming matches and competitions.

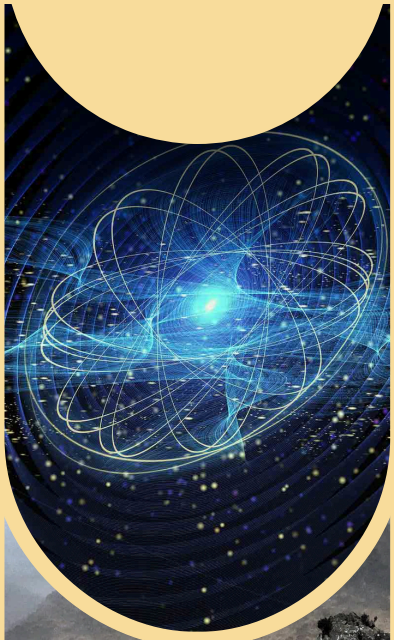


Netball Squad Training (Year 11 - 13)

Netball Squad Training for Years 11 to 13 provides intensive coaching to develop advanced skills, tactical awareness, and physical fitness. Players work together to build teamwork and competitive readiness, with opportunities to represent the school in high-level fixtures and tournaments.

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Physics GCSE Revision

Physics GCSE Revision sessions offer targeted support to help students grasp challenging concepts, improve problem-solving skills, and prepare effectively for exams. Through interactive activities and focused practice, pupils build confidence and deepen their understanding of the subject.



Rambling (Year 7 - 13)

Rambling Club for Years 7 to 13 invites students to explore the outdoors through guided walks and hikes, promoting fitness and appreciation of nature. The club fosters friendship, wellbeing, and adventure in a relaxed, social setting.



Resistance Training (Year 10 & 11)

Resistance Training for Years 10 and 11 focuses on building strength, endurance, and overall fitness through guided weight and resistance exercises. Sessions emphasize safe techniques, progression, and personalized goals to support athletic performance and wellbeing.

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Rounders (Year 7 - 10)

Rounders Club for Years 7 to 13 provides a fun and active environment to develop batting, fielding, and teamwork skills. Sessions focus on building confidence, strategic play, and preparing for friendly matches and competitions.



Rugby Squad Training (Year 7 - 13)

Rugby Squad Training for Years 7 to 13 offers focused coaching to enhance technical skills, physical fitness, and game strategy. Players develop teamwork, resilience, and competitive edge, with opportunities to represent the school in fixtures and tournaments.



Sailing

We are delighted to have formed a partnership with Hollingworth Sailing Club to be able to offer students the opportunity to follow an RYA accredited dingy sailing course. Students will learn how to sail in all directions, including an awareness of launching and recovering. By the end of the course, students will be able to sail independently in light winds under supervision. **This club has an additional charge. Please see seperate letter detailing this club later this year.**

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SCHOOL NEWS

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES NEW RECYCLING INITIATIVE

"EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT," SAID JANE SMITH, CSA PRESIDENT.

Student Government Association at our university has taken a significant step towards environmental sustainability by launching a comprehensive recycling initiative. This initiative is about placing new bins around campus and fostering a culture of responsibility and care for our planet among the student body.

The program kicked off with a campus-wide campaign that included informational posters, social media challenges, and a series of workshops by the Environmental Science Club. The workshops cover topics such as the importance of waste, proper recycling techniques, and practical tips for...

The SGA has also partnered with local recycling companies to ensure that the materials collected are processed efficiently and responsibly.

This partnership will help the university meet its sustainability goals and contribute to the local economy by supporting green businesses.

A testament to the power of student change and... for university leaders and...





School Newspaper (Year 9 - 13)

The School Newspaper for Years 10 to 13 provides students with the chance to develop journalism, writing, and editorial skills. Participants collaborate to research stories, conduct interviews, and produce engaging content for the school community.

School Production (Year 7 - 13)

Love performing? Join our School Production to help bring our next big show to life! Whether you enjoy acting, singing, dancing, or working behind the scenes, this club is the perfect place to develop your talents, make new friends, and have fun on and off the stage. Everyone is welcome!

Supercurricular Club (Year 10- Year 13)

Super-curricular activities extend learning beyond the standard classroom curriculum, enabling students to engage with academic subjects at a deeper and more advanced level. Students participating in super-curricular programmes can explore areas of personal academic interest through a diverse range of enrichment activities, including, though not limited to, academic competitions and university-led online courses.

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Snowsports - Skiing (Year 6 - 13)

Skiing for Years 7 to 13 is designed for intermediate and advanced skiers to improve technique, speed, and control. Sessions focus on skill development, safety, and preparing pupils for competitive and recreational skiing opportunities. **This club has an additional charge.**



String Ensemble (Year 7 - 13)

String Ensemble for Years 7 to 13 brings together violin, viola, cello, and double bass players to rehearse and perform a diverse repertoire. The group develops ensemble skills, musicality, and confidence, with regular opportunities to perform at school events.



Swim Squad Training (Year 7 - 13)

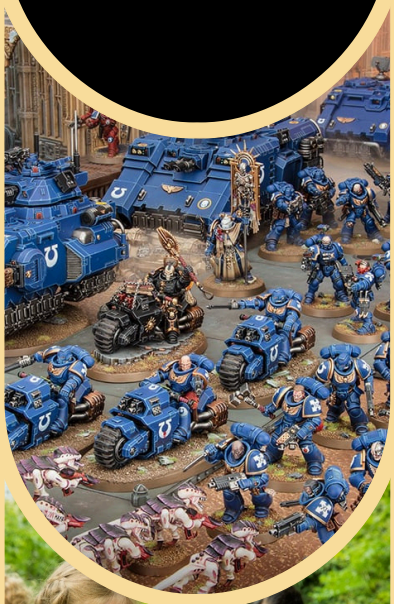
Swim Squad Training for Years 7 to 13 offers structured sessions to improve technique, endurance, and speed across all strokes. Swimmers work towards personal goals and competitive readiness, with coaching tailored to individual skill levels.

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TEDx (Year 12 & 13)

New for 2025, TEDx Club for Years 12 and 13 provides a platform for students to develop public speaking, critical thinking, and presentation skills. Participants research inspiring ideas, craft compelling talks, and have opportunities to share their messages with the school community. Rishworth School is the only licensed facility for TEDx in all of West Yorkshire.



Warhammer and D&D (Year 7 - 13)

Warhammer and Dungeons & Dragons Club for Years 7 to 13 offers a creative and social space for fans to immerse themselves in strategic gameplay and storytelling. Members develop teamwork, problem-solving, and imagination through collaborative campaigns and battles.

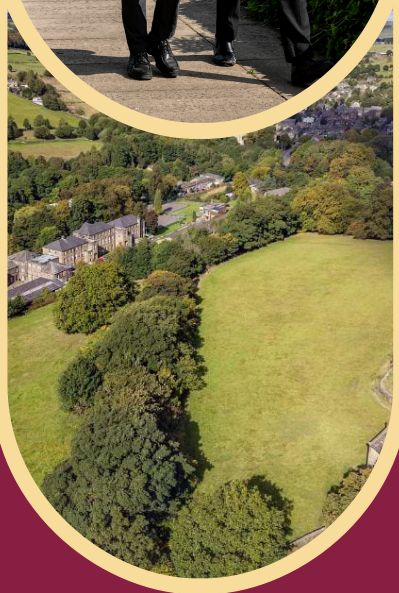


Woodwind Ensemble (Year 7 - 13)

A small woodwind ensemble for woodwind players of all abilities, led by our woodwind teacher Mr Smith.

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Young Enterprise (Year 10 - 13)

Young Enterprise for Years 10 to 13 empowers students to develop entrepreneurial skills by creating and running their own businesses. The programme fosters teamwork, financial literacy, and real-world experience through practical challenges and competitions.

Young Farmers (Year 7 - 13)

Young Farmers for Years 7 to 13 offers students hands-on experience in agriculture, animal care, and environmental stewardship. The club encourages responsibility, practical skills, and a connection to rural life through engaging activities and projects.