

SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

AUTUMN TERM 2026

We are pleased to share with you the following Autumn Term Co-Curricular Programme summary, designed to give you and your child an overview of the activities on offer each week in the upcoming Term.

Our usual Co-Curricular Fair will be held on Thursday 10 September 2026 to enable pupils to find out more about the activities. They will then opt into their preferred sessions, either at the Fair or with the help of their Form Tutor.

If needed, you as parents can also sign your child up within the sign-up window which is open from 4pm on Friday 4 September until 6pm on Sunday 13 September.

After school co-curricular clubs run from 4pm – 5.15pm. Please note that some activities are very popular, and pupils will be asked to sign up as an 'expression of interest' to allow us to ensure that, where possible, all pupils can participate in that activity over the course of the year. All pupils need to sign up for a minimum of three co-curricular activities and the attendance at these will be monitored by the teachers offering the activities and Form Tutors. All activities will begin on Monday 14 September and run until Friday 4 December with the exception of highlighted sports clubs which will run until Friday 6 November before the new block starts the following week.

The following is a list of planned activities for the term. However, there will be more clubs and societies added closer to the start of term. Pupils who wish to stay on at the end of the day to work in our supported homework sessions are more than welcome to do so and can sign in on the day; no pre-booking is required for these sessions. Supported homework sessions will run each day until 5.30pm and will be supported by a member of the teaching staff. Please note that supported homework will not run on the last day before the October half-term holiday or the last day of term.

Many thanks in advance for your support of our Co-Curricular Programme and I hope that your child enjoys the term's activities.

Mrs Claire Whitaker

Deputy Head (Operations and Co-Curricular)

Activity	Years	Description
Monday		
Break time		
Cello Ensemble	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	An ensemble for all cello players in the Senior School. Come along and be part of a group of the finest instrument!
Lunchtime		
Advanced Technical Masterclass	Years 7 to 11	Open to pupils who have completed a year of the Technical Masterclass Club. Invite only.
Oxbridge Club	Sixth Form	Club to support pupils interested in applying to study at Oxford or Cambridge.
Junior Debating Society	Years 7 to 9	Debating involves preparing and then discussing a set motion as part of a formal debate. This activity is ideal for any pupil who enjoys discussing current affairs and ethical issues and in addition is an excellent forum for budding lawyers. During the Autumn term pupils will have the opportunity to build and develop their skills prior to the national competitions in the Spring term.
Badminton Club	Years 9 to 11	Badminton club for pupils to learn skills & match practice.
SIX @ Ashville Gym Session	Sixth Form	Gym session for Sixth Form Pathway.
Reading Club	Years 7 to 11	A chance to read, discuss books and take part in reading schemes like the Carnegie Shadowing programme.
Basketball	Years 9 and 10	Work on your basketball skills and match practice.
Sixth Sense	Sixth Form	Contribute to the Sixth form magazine - as an editor, writer or website manager.
Senior String Ensemble	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Enjoy playing a lively mix of classical, popular, and film music in a friendly and supportive String Ensemble. Develop your ensemble skills, musicianship, confidence, and musical expression while making music together. Violinists, violists, cellists, and double bass players are all welcome. Keyboard accompanists are always encouraged to join.

The Percussion Project	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Percussion Project is the perfect opportunity to explore the exciting world of percussion. Pupils will learn orchestral percussion, samba, and drum kit while developing rhythm, coordination, ensemble skills, and musicianship in a fun and energetic group. Whether you're new to percussion or looking to broaden your skills, everyone is welcome to join!
Guitar Club	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	A fun and laid-back opportunity to learn new skills on guitar. We learn songs and develop the skills necessary.
After School		
Big Band Jazz Orchestra	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Bringing together brass, woodwind, and rhythm section players to perform an exciting repertoire of swing, Latin, funk, jazz classics, and contemporary favourites. Develop your improvisation, ensemble playing, and stylistic skills while enjoying the thrill of making music in a high-energy big band. Participation is expected for the full academic year to ensure commitment to all events and to support the Orchestra's development of consistency, musicality, and a strong team approach.
Senior Debating Society	Years 10 to Upper Sixth	Debating involves preparing and then discussing a set motion as part of a formal debate. This activity is ideal for any pupil who enjoys discussing current affairs and ethical issues and in addition is an excellent forum for budding lawyers. During the Autumn term pupils will have the opportunity to build and develop their skills prior to the national competitions in the Spring term.
Open Gym	Years 11 to Upper Sixth	Gym session for Senior Pupils.
Senior Basketball	Years 11 to Upper Sixth	Continue your improvement and development of skills in Basketball.
Senior Rugby	Years 11 to Upper Sixth	Rugby skills & match practice. Please note this will run to 6 November 2026.
Senior Girls Hockey	Years 11 to Upper Sixth	Hockey skills & match practice. Please note this will run to 6 November 2026.

Tuesday		
Break time		
Brass & Sax Ensemble Marching Band	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	A high-energy ensemble for brass and saxophone players who enjoy making music on the move! Learn marching techniques while performing exciting marches, pop hits, film themes, and sporting favourites. Build confidence, teamwork, and performance skills in a fun and supportive environment.
Recorder Ensemble	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	A fun and rewarding way to begin your woodwind journey! From complete beginners to more experienced players, everyone is welcome. Learn to read music, play exciting ensemble pieces, and build the skills that can lead to instruments such as the flute, oboe, and saxophone - all while enjoying great music in a friendly, supportive group. Open to players of all abilities, from beginners to experienced musicians.
Lunchtime		
Creative Writing Club	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Teacher and pupil led club to inspire, facilitate and share creative writing. Opportunities to enter competitions and enjoy trips.
Dungeons and Dragons	Years 9 to Upper Sixth	Adventure awaits for intrepid heroes battling hordes of monsters. Seek treasure and/or glory using Dungeons and Dragons Fifth Edition rules. If you've ever wanted to be a dwarven cleric, a halfling wizard, a sneaky elf thief, or a half dragon warrior then this is the club for you. Try not to get yourself killed! Invite Only.
Elmfield Singers	Years 7 to 9	Be part of the Elmfield Singers - the choir for pupils in Years 7 to 9. Take part in a variety of concerts and services, including performances at Ripon Cathedral, the Harrogate Music Festival, and more. You will sing a wide range of musical styles while developing your teamwork, musicianship, and confidence as part of a fantastic ensemble. This ensemble will specialise in Pop and Musical Theatre pieces. Participation is expected for the full academic year to ensure commitment to all events and to support the choir's development of consistency, musicality, and a strong team approach.
SIX @ Ashville Gym Session	Sixth Form	Gym session for Sixth Form Pathway.

Linguistics Olympiad	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Love languages, puzzles and problem-solving? Join the UK Linguistics Olympiad Club and discover how languages work from around the world. You'll learn to crack linguistic puzzles using logic rather than prior language knowledge, developing your analytical thinking, pattern recognition and reasoning skills. Whether you're interested in modern languages, English, computer science or mathematics, this club offers a fun and rewarding challenge for everyone. Throughout the year, we'll prepare for the UK Linguistics Olympiad (UKLO), with all members taking part in the national competition in 2027. No previous knowledge of linguistics is required - just curiosity and a willingness to think creatively!
After School		
Ashville Archives Club	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	As Ashville turns 150 come and explore the history of the school. Through the year we hope to put on displays of our history. In the club we will research certain parts of the history of Ashville and its people. Spending time in the Archive Room we will hope to find artifacts, photos and stories from the last 150 years to bring Ashville's past to prominence once again.
Messy Science	Years 7 & 8	Do you love experimenting, exploring, and discovering how the world works? Messy Science is your chance to get hands-on with exciting practicals you won't usually get to try in lessons! From colourful reactions to surprising challenges and mini-investigations, each week brings something new to ignite your curiosity. Come along and discover just how amazing science can be!
Japanese 1	Years 7 to 11	Japanese 1 is aimed at pupils who can already read hiragana and are ready to take the next step in their Japanese learning. Building on the basics, pupils will develop their vocabulary, learn useful grammar structures, and begin reading and writing simple sentences. Through interactive activities, games, and cultural exploration, members will gain confidence in communicating about themselves, their hobbies, daily routines, and other everyday topics in Japanese.

School Orchestra	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Join the School Orchestra and perform a fantastic variety of music, from classical favourites to film soundtracks and pop hits. It's a great way to develop your ensemble skills, teamwork and musical confidence, with opportunities to take on leadership roles, such as leading a desk within your section. Most of all, it's a fun, welcoming group where you can make great music and enjoy playing together! Participation is expected for the full academic year to ensure commitment to all events and to support the Orchestra's development of consistency, musicality, and a strong team approach.
Ashville's Charity Team (ACT)	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Meeting fortnightly, our new Charity & Community Team - ACT - empowers you to make a meaningful difference both within school and beyond. Led by your initiative and creativity, ACT will plan and deliver whole-school fundraising events, bringing Senior School together in support of a wide range of causes. Members will also have the opportunity to take an active role in assemblies, sharing stories, raising awareness, and inspiring others to get involved. Beyond fundraising, ACT will also devise its own practical projects that will support people in our local community and further afield, for example by making and writing Christmas cards for the local elderly care homes. By joining, you will build leadership skills, confidence, and a strong sense of social responsibility, becoming changemakers who turn ideas into action.
Robotics Club	Years 7 to 11	Are you interested in engineering, coding, and problem-solving? We are putting together competitive teams to take on this year's VEX Robotics challenges! This year, we are forming two VEX IQ teams for the Lower School and two VEX V5 teams for the Upper School. Our goal is to design and build custom robots to enter into local VEX competitions, and we are hoping to work our way up to the National Championships. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, work as a team, and see your ideas come to life. To make sure everyone gets plenty of hands-on building and coding time, spaces across all four teams are limited and membership is by invitation. We are looking for enthusiastic pupils who are willing to commit to attending our weekly sessions and seeing the project through. Please note this will be invite only.

Galleon Model Making	Years 8 & 9	Develop your model making skills by creating a pirate galleon.
Netball	Years 9 to Upper Sixth	Netball skills & match practice. Please note this will run until 6 November 2026.
Hockey	Years 7 & 8	Hockey skills & match practice. Please note this will run to 6 November 2026.
Girls' Open Gym	Years 10 to Upper Sixth	Improve fitness and strength.
English Academic Club	Years 9 to 11	A 'seminar' style club which will look at literature and linguistics from outside the curriculum and explore ideas/ concepts and genres that will contribute to success at GCSE and A Level. Aimed at Year 10 and Year 11 but also suitable for academically minded Year 9 pupils. Must be happy to do some independent reading outside of the sessions!
Senior Swim Squad	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Developing endurance and skills in preparation for galas and racing as a squad.
Wednesday		
Before School		
Folk Band	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	If you enjoy traditional music, come and join our Folk Band! We play a lively mix of folk tunes and sea shanties in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Flutes, guitars, percussion, strings and other acoustic instruments are all welcome. Whether you're new to folk music or already love it, come along and make music together!
Lunchtime		
Table Tennis	Years 7 & 8	Table Tennis practice and game play.
Basketball	Years 9 & 10	Basketball skills & match practice.
Technical Masterclass	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	An opportunity to find out how to best use the technical equipment in The Soothill Hall. Can you create a forest using just light or make a train travel from one side of room to the other with just sound? The answer to those questions, by the end of the masterclass, will be a loud clear yes!

Senior School Chess Club	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Learn how to play chess and see if you can beat Mrs Whitaker.
Classics Club	Years 7 & 8	Discover the ancient world. Join us on a journey through time to discover how the ancient Greeks and Romans lived their lives. Come and learn about ancient mythology; learn about mythical creatures; write like a Roman with a quill; make mosaic tiles and runes; cast Latin spells and make and enjoy Greek and Roman food. If you love learning and making things then this is the club for you!
After School		
Japanese Beginners	Years 7 to 11	Japanese Club is designed for complete beginners with no prior knowledge of Japanese. Pupils will learn to read and write hiragana, build a foundation of essential vocabulary and phrases, and explore aspects of Japanese culture. Through games, activities, and practical communication tasks, we will gradually develop the skills needed to introduce themselves, talk about your interests, and understand basic written Japanese.
GCSE and A Level Art Club	Years 10 to Upper Sixth	Open studio for GCSE and A Level artists.
Open Gym	Years 9 & 10	This is an opportunity for pupils to work on individual training programmes under supervision.
Hockey	Years 9 & 10	Hockey skills & match practice. Please note this will run to 6 November 2026.
GCSE Composition & Music Theory Clinic	Years 10 & 11	A drop-in, drop-out session open to all GCSE Music pupils and anyone wishing to compose independently. Music teachers will be on hand to support GCSE pupils with coursework and music theory, while all pupils can access guidance, feedback and a supportive space to develop their compositions and build confidence.
Rugby	Years 7 & 8	Rugby skills & match practice. Please note this will run to 6 November 2026.

Giant Pencil Club (waiting list in operation) <i>Additional cost</i>	Years 7 to 9	Pupils will manufacture a working 48" personalised giant pencil using a range of traditional and modern woodworking techniques. Each club will run over one term. Limited places are available each term so will be run on an invite only basis.
Thursday		
Before School		
Una Voce Girls Choir	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Do you have the talent, commitment and confidence to perform at the highest level? Our auditioned Girls' Choir is for singers with clear, confident voices who are ready to challenge themselves and represent the school with pride. The choir performs a varied and demanding repertoire and regularly represents the school at prestigious events, including performances at Ripon Cathedral and the Harrogate Music Festival. If you think you have what it takes, please contact Mrs Hall for an audition. Participation is expected for the full academic year to ensure commitment to all events and to support the choir's development of consistency, musicality, and a strong team approach.
Cambiata Boys Choir	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	The Cambiata Boys' Choir is a welcoming and inclusive choir for boys who enjoy singing. Whether your voice is changing or has already settled, you'll develop your vocal skills, build confidence, and enjoy performing a wide range of exciting music with others. Singing is a great way to support your mental wellbeing and can also help maintain a healthy, confident speaking voice throughout adolescence. Whether you're an experienced singer or completely new to choir, you'll be welcomed into a fun, encouraging musical community. Participation is expected for the full academic year to ensure commitment to all events and to support the choir's development of consistency, musicality, and a strong team approach.
Flute Ensemble	Years 7 to Upper Sixth	Whether you're a beginner or an advanced flautist, the Flute Ensemble is the perfect place to develop your playing in a fun and supportive environment. Explore a wide range of music, improve your ensemble skills, build confidence, and enjoy making music with other flautists. All abilities are welcome!

Lunchtime		
Girls in STEM	Years 7 & 8	Join us for hands-on STEM activities, including programming and interacting with an AI-capable robot, engineering challenges, and talks from STEM professionals. Explore exciting careers, develop new skills and discover how STEM is changing the world around us.
Badminton	Years 7 & 8	Badminton club for Lower School pupils.
Girls' Basketball	Years 7 to 13	Skills and match practice.
6@Ashville Gym Session	Sixth Form	Gym session for Sixth Form Pathway.
English GCSE Clinic	Years 10 & 11	A chance to catch up and get help with GCSE English.
MUN Research Club	Sixth Form	Develop debating, public speaking, negotiation, and critical thinking skills by simulating meetings of the United Nations. Pupils represent different countries, research global issues, draft resolutions, and collaborate with others to propose solutions to real-world challenges.
After School		
Ashville Singers	Years 9 to Upper Sixth	Ashville Singers is the school's flagship choir, continuing a proud tradition of choral excellence. Open to sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, this premier ensemble performs a varied and challenging repertoire to the highest standard. Open to Years 7 to 13. As the school's leading choir, Ashville Singers represents the school at competitions, festivals, services and prestigious venues, including Wesley Chapel and Ripon Cathedral, as well as many other high-profile events throughout the year. Participation is expected for the full academic year to ensure commitment to all events and to support the choir's development of consistency, musicality, and a strong team approach.
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Basketball	Years 7 & 8	Skills and match practice.
Open Gym	Years 11 to Upper Sixth	This is an opportunity for pupils to work on individual training programmes.
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SIX @ Ashville Gym Session	Sixth Form	Gym session for Sixth Form Pathway.
Science Origami	Year 7	Come and learn more about Science by making 3D paper models based around important scientific concepts and structures. This is a great club to do with friends or alone as it is sociable and friendly.
After School		
Soul Band	Years 10 to Upper Sixth	Pupils can further develop their musical skills in Soul Band, focusing on repertoire designed for performances and school functions throughout the academic year. Genres include Soul, Rhythm & Blues and songs from the '60's onwards. This is a great opportunity to build ensemble skills, musical confidence and stage experience in a lively and engaging group. Excellent for Singers and Instrumentalists and a fun way to end busy weeks! Participation is expected for the full academic year to ensure commitment to all events and to support the choir's development of consistency, musicality, and a strong team approach.