



Bloxham School

Broader Curriculum
2021 - 2022



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Introduction

A genuine all-round education exposes students to a range of experiences beyond the classroom. Fully embracing the co-curriculum will create unforgettable memories, life-long friendships and develop essential skills that will help to shape your future. Be brave enough to try something new whilst challenging yourself to be as good as you can be.

To achieve both breadth and expertise, this will typically see junior students choosing more options, with their tutors encouraging them to select from a spread of the following categories:

- Creative Arts
- Physical
- Outdoor Education
- Eunoia – Academic Enrichment
- Community Services
- Clubs

As students move up through the school, there is opportunity to dedicate more time to a given pursuit and there is no maximum option load. It is hoped that the Upper Sixth will continue their involvement in a leadership capacity after a number of enjoyable years of service to a given option.

Some students have specific needs, and in this instance, bespoke arrangements can be sought with the relevant Housemaster in consultation with the Director of the Co-Curriculum (Mr Brassington).

First and Second Form:

Four options

Third Form:

Two options plus Third Form Outdoor Education

Fourth Form:

A minimum of two options, which must include at least one on a Thursday

Fifth Form:

A minimum of two options

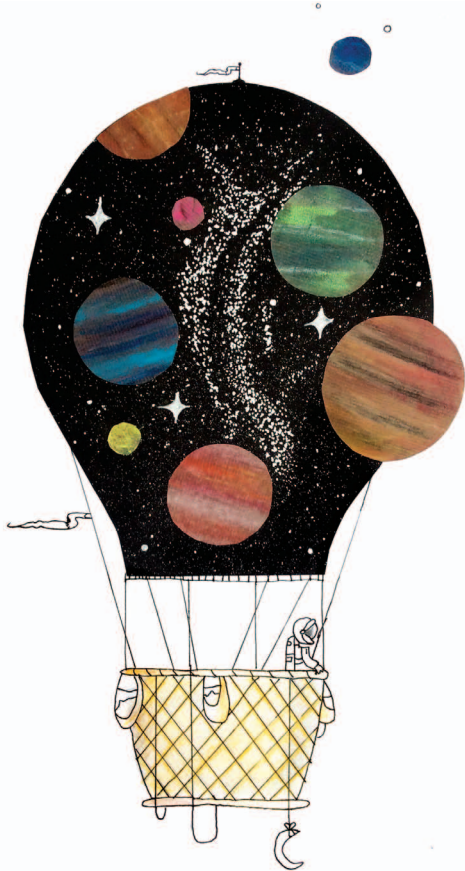
Lower Sixth:

A minimum of one option, plus a Community Service choice

Upper Sixth:

A minimum of one option

How to sign up



Tutor Discussion

At the start of the year, you will have dedicated time to sit down with your tutor, go through the booklet and map out your plans. What are your ambitions? Will you try something new? Have you developed a balanced programme? What will represent an excellent year for you?

SOCs

Please access the options via the SOCS database using your individual login details.

Co-curriculum activities will start on Wednesday 8th September with Exham Enrichment Time, Thursday will see all activities except Community Service (which starts on Thursday 16 September), and the full programme will commence on Monday 13 September.

Each option has details on how the selection process operates; please note that many of these are done on a first come first served basis. In the event of you not getting your first choice, you will be required to sign up to something else.

Some options are invite only. If you would like to attend these, but have not been invited, please contact the MIC (master/teacher in charge) directly.

Some options are compulsory for certain students. This might be for an entire year group or for award holders. Where this is the case, you will see this option as pre-selected when you login to SOCS.

Attendance

From Wednesday 8th September, you will be required to attend your options as and when they occur. Usually this will be a weekly commitment for a term. Your co-curricular timetable is available in the database and electronic noticeboards in the main school will show what is happening on any given day.

Should you be absent for any reason, you must request absence from the MIC of your option. Should your activity be cancelled for any reason, then you must sign-in to House.

Image by Tom Finlay.



It is hoped that this booklet will provide you with the information needed to make good choices, but sometimes things don't work out. Should you wish to discuss your options, you must see Mrs Court in the Music School. You will only be able to move to another option once you have collected the permission of your current MIC and found an option with space.

Please note that activities will only run if there are enough numbers to make it meaningful and that this booklet is subject to change throughout the year.



Options

Be brave enough to try something new whilst challenging yourself to be as good as you can be.

Creative Arts

Visual Arts

Art

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Art School

Open to: Third Form – Fifth Form (max 15)

MIC: Mrs R. Lehmann

Develop your creative interest through using different materials and processes. Throughout this activity you are encouraged to explore individual self-led projects with support and guidance.

Art Scholars' Eunoia

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Art School

Open to: All Art award holders

MIC: Mr R. Matthew

A gathering of Art award holders to extend their practice through focused discussions, workshops, lectures and practical work for exhibitions, competitions and portfolios.

Supervised art prep/open art studios

Day: Monday

Time: 6.45pm – 8.00pm

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

MIC: Mr R. Matthew

For pupils studying Art and photography to gain valuable extra studio time to develop their coursework projects.

Exham Photography

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Art School

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Mr R. Matthew

Develop your photography skills through fun teacher-led experiments, or individual self-led projects for more experienced students. Cameras are provided but a mobile phone is also required.



Image by Lydia Lowe.

Dance

Dance

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm plus some prep rehearsals

Venue: Jubilee Park Hall

Open to: All

Selection: First come, first served (max 20)

MIC: Miss C. Creed

Develop your dance skills and create pieces for a showcase across a number of forms: Contemporary, Street, Musical Theatre, Jazz. This activity is open to beginners and specialists – all will be catered for.

Recreational Dance Club

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Jubilee Park Hall

Open to: All ages, all genders, all abilities.

Selection: First come, first served (max 20)

MIC: Ms S. Russell

If you like to “bust a move” but prefer dancing for fun rather than a formal dance setting, then Recreational Dance Club is for you! Guided by student interests, this club will explore a range of dance and music styles, having fun with informal short routines and maybe the odd flash mob around school.

Drama

School Production (Michaelmas Term)

Day: Monday & Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm, plus some prep rehearsals

Venue: Great Hall/The Wesley Theatre

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: Audition

MIC: Mr J. Hornsby and Mrs S. Hamilton

The cast will work as a team to create the School Production, an exciting reimagining of 'The Mabinogion', the earliest written records of the tales of King Arthur. Commitment and a spirit of fun are essential to make this a memorable experience and show for the whole school community.

Tech Team

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm, and for Great Hall events.

Open to: Lower Sixth – plus invited extras

Selection: Via email to Mr J. Hornsby

MIC: Dr M. Ruck

A service activity providing technical support for Drama, Assemblies, Concerts, etc in the Great Hall. Learn about stage lighting and sound and help to organise and run the tech for school events.

LAMDA – Speech and Drama Examinations

Day: By arrangement

Open to: All

MIC: Mrs E. McCall & Miss F. Mikel

Cost: See Mrs Court for details

A whole host of options are available from Acting to Musical Theatre from Grade 1 to 8. The top three grades achieve UCAS points. You will arrange a weekly session either one-to-one or in small groups. This is a paid-for activity, please contact Mrs Court for further information.

**Please note students in Exham House will undertake foundation group exams as part of their Drama curriculum, but can still opt for tuition alongside this.*

House Drama Rehearsals (Lent Term)

Day/time: Arranged in House

Venue: Rehearse in Houses ready for the final performance in the Great Hall in February

Open to: All

MIC: Mr J. Hornsby

Work as a team in House to create an entertaining production – both larger ensemble and smaller performance categories allow lots of people to get involved. Who will be victorious this year? To be performed before February half-term.

Academic Drama Performances (Lent Term)

Day: Monday and by arrangement

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: The Wesley Theatre

Open to: GCSE and A Level Theatre Studies

MIC: Mr J. Hornsby & Mr S. Brassington

Perfect examination productions ahead of performance to the examiner and school community.

The Third Form Production (Lent Term)

Day: Monday and Tuesday

Time: Monday (3.55pm – 4.55pm), Tuesday (3.55pm – 4.55pm)

Venue: The Wesley Theatre

Open to: Third Form

Selection: Audition

MIC: Mr J. Hornsby & Miss F. Mikel

We would like to develop a Third Form cast and technical team to create a special production to be performed at the end of the Lent Term.

School Production (Summer Term)

Day: Monday & Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm plus some prep rehearsals

Venue: Great Hall/The Wesley Theatre

Open to: Third Form, Fourth Form & Lower Sixth

Selection: Audition

MIC: Mr J. Hornsby & Miss F. Mikel

Start the planning and preparation process for next year's school production.



Music

Award Holders Music Practice

Day: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Time: 8.00am – 8.30am

Venue: SKMS

Open to: Music Award Holders

Selection: Invite Only

MIC: Mr A. Redpath

A designated time for you to get better at what you do. Sessions can be supervised by our Musician-in-Residence for piano accompanying and support.

Music Practice

Day: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

(Tuesday session will be dropped during Michaelmas)

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: SKMS

Open to: All

MIC: Mr A. Redpath

A designated time for you to get better at what you do.

Exham Chapel Choir

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: SKMS

Selection: Invite Only

MIC: Mr J. Ramm & Mr A. Redpath

For singers in the Lower School to play an integral part in the musical life of the school through weekly Chapel services and termly concerts.

Brass Ensemble

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: SKMS

Selection: Invite Only

MIC: Mr A Redpath

Top brass players perform challenging and rewarding music. String Band.

String Band

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: SKMS

Selection: Invite Only

MIC: Mrs S. Turnock

If you play a string instrument and want some fun, this is the band for you! Learn about performing in an ensemble.

Wind Ensemble

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: SKMS

Selection: Invite Only

MIC: Mr J. Howse

A small chamber group for our stellar wind players to tackle challenging repertoire.





Chapel Choir

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Chapel
Selection: Invite Only
MIC: Mr J. Ramm

The Chapel Choir lies at the heart of musical life at Bloxham. Invited students will help to lead worship at school and beyond.

Musicians of the Future (Michaelmas Term Only)

Day: Tuesday
Time: 4.55pm – 5.55pm
Venue: SKMS
Selection: First Form by Invitation (compulsory)
MIC: Mr A. Redpath

Start your musical journey here with professional musicians teaching you an instrument of your choice!

Jazz Band

Day: Tuesday
Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Venue: SKMS
Selection: Invite Only
MIC: Mr J. Ramm

Get jazzing with this ensemble! Performing all the classics as well as arrangements of chart busters. For instrumentalists and for those vocalists who fancy singing in front of a band.

Harmonix

Day: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: SKMS
Selection: Invite Only
MIC: Mr J. Ramm

For our top singers to perform challenging and rewarding music.

Concert Band

Day: Thursday
Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Venue: SKMS
Selection: Invite Only
MIC: Mr A. Redpath

An ensemble for all wind players to perform fun and exciting music.

Physical

Michaelmas - Senior Sport

Senior Rugby Activity

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Courington Lane

Open to: Senior rugby players

Selection: 1st and 2nd XV priority. 25 players maximum.

MIC: Mr J. Walker and Mr R. Lovering

An additional training session for senior rugby players.

Senior Hockey Activity (Girls)

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Senior hockey players

Selection 1st and 2nd XI priority. 22 players maximum.

MIC: Miss L. Smith and Miss L. White

An additional training session for senior hockey players.

Lent - Senior Sport

Senior Hockey Activity (Boys)

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: 1st and 2nd XI priority. 22 players maximum.

MIC: Miss L. Smith and Miss L. White

An additional training session for senior hockey players.



Senior Netball Activity

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey

Open to: 1st and 2nd XI priority. 22 players maximum.

MIC: Miss L. Manning and Miss M. Paul

An additional training session for senior netball players. Often an opportunity to develop specific skills, such as, shooting.

Summer - Senior Sport

Senior Cricket Activity

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: 1st and 2nd XI priority. 22 players maximum.

MIC: Mr G. Webber

Practice and develop bowling, batting and fielding skills. These will be delivered through a range of drills, fun games and net sessions.

Senior Tennis Activity

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Hard Courts

Open to: Senior tennis players.

MIC: TBC

Refine your tennis skill by working through technical points and analysis from the weekends' fixtures.

Pre-Season Sport - Michaelmas

Pre-Season Hockey (Boys), Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Third & Fourth Form boys

Selection: 30 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr B. Ford and Mr A. Rose

Technical and tactical coaching and preparation for the boys U14 and U15 hockey season.

Pre-Season Netball, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Third & Fourth Form girls

Selection: 21 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Miss L. Manning and Miss M. Paul

Technical and tactical coaching and preparation for the girls U14 and U15 netball season.

Pre-Season Swimming

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Swimming Pool

Open to: All years

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served

MIC: Mrs A. Ireland

The focus is on improving swim technique ahead of the swim season. Students who take part will be given priority for swimming as a games option.

Pre-Season Hockey (Boys), First Form & Second Form

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: First & Second Form boys.

Selection: 30 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Miss L. Smith and Miss L. White

Skill focused session in preparation for the main boys' Hockey season in the Lent term.

Pre-Season Netball, First Form & Second Form

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: First & Second Form girls

Selection: 22 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Miss L. Manning and Mrs S. Heathcote

Skill focused session in preparation for the main Netball season in the Lent term.

Pre-Season Hockey (Boys), Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tues 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astros

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 25 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Miss L. Smith and Miss L. White

Skill focused session in preparation for the main boys' Hockey season in the Lent term.



Pre-Season Netball, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tues 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 22 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Miss L. Manning and Miss M. Paul

Skill focused session in preparation for the main Netball season in the Lent term.

Winter Tennis

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm,

Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm (One of)

Venue: Banbury West End Tennis Club

Open to: All years

Selection: By request.

Cost: £160 per term.

MIC: Miss M. Paul and Ms A. Katsoulis

An engaging tennis programme to develop the skills of keen Bloxham tennis players. Held at BWE, membership of the club is included in the fee.

Pre-Season Sport - Lent

Pre-Season Cricket, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: TBC

Open to: Third & Fourth Form. 22 players maximum.

MIC: Mr G. Webber

Practice and develop bowling, batting and fielding skills through a range of drills, fun games and net sessions.

Pre-Season Tennis, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Hard Courts

Open to: Third & Fourth Form. 18 players maximum.

MIC: Mr G. Webber

Refine your tennis skills by working through technical points and analysis from the weekend's fixtures.

Pre-Season Cricket, First Form & Second Form

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: First & Second Form. 22 players maximum, first come, first served.

MIC: Mr G. Webber

Practice and develop bowling, batting and fielding skills through a range of drills, fun games and net sessions.

Pre-Season Tennis, First Form & Second Form

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Hard Courts

Open to: First & Second Form, first come, first served.

MIC: TBC

Refine your tennis skills by working through technical points and analysis from the weekend's fixtures.

Pre-Season Cricket, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tues 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: 1st and 2nd XI priority. 22 players maximum.

MIC: Mr G. Webber

Practice and develop bowling, batting and fielding skills through a range of drills, fun games and net sessions.



Winter Tennis

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm,

Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm (One of)

Venue: Banbury West End Tennis Club

Open to: All years

Selection: By request.

Cost: £160 per term.

MIC: Miss M. Paul and Ms A. Katsoulis

A year-round tennis programme to develop the skills of keen Bloxham tennis players. Held at BWE, membership of the club is included in the fee.

Pre-Season Swimming

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Swimming Pool

Open to: All years

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served

MIC: Mrs A. Ireland

A preparation session for all those with an interest in swimming. The focus is on improving swim technique ahead of the swim season. Students who take part will be given priority for swimming as a games option.

Pre-Season Sport - Summer

Pre-Season Rugby, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: Third & Fourth Form. 30 players maximum.

Selection: First come, first served.

MIC: Mr R. Lovering and Mr J. Walker

Technical, tactical and conditioning work with game-based practice for any level of Rugby player. Training will be non-contact.

Pre-Season Hockey (Girls), Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Third & Fourth Form girls

Selection: 30 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr B. Ford and Mr A. Rose

Technical and tactical coaching and preparation for the girls U14 and U15 hockey season.

Pre-Season Hockey (Girls), First Form & Second Form

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: First & Second Form girls

Selection: 30 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Miss L. Smith and Miss L. White

Skill focussed sessions in preparation for the main Hockey season.



Pre-Season Rugby, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth.

Selection: 30 players maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr R. Lovering, Mr J. Richardson and Mr J. Walker

Technical, tactical and conditioning work with game-based practice for any level of Rugby player. Training will be non-contact.

Pre-Season Hockey (Girls), Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tues 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astros

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 25 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Miss L. Smith and Miss L. White

Skill focussed sessions in preparation for the main Hockey season.

Pre-Season Rugby, First Form & Second Form

Day: Tues 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: First & Second Form.

Selection: 30 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr R. Lovering and Mr J. Walker

Technical, tactical and conditioning work with game-based practice for any level of Rugby player. Training will be non-contact.

Mixed Hockey, Third – Fifth Form

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astros

Open to: Third – Fifth Form.

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr A. Rose

A mixed Hockey session, largely based on small-sided games. Students may continue into the senior pre-season activity if they wish to.

Club Tennis

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm,

Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm (One of)

Venue: Banbury West End Tennis Club

Open to: All years

Selection: By request.

Cost: £160 per term.

MIC: Miss M. Paul and Ms A. Katsoulis

A year-round tennis programme to develop the skills of keen Bloxham tennis players. Held at BWE, membership of the club is included in the fee.

Alternate Games

Squash (Michaelmas, Lent and Summer)

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Squash Courts

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 12 maximum, first come, first served.

MIC: Mr M. Morris

Develop your squash skills, whether for competitive matches or social play. There will be some teaching of rules and techniques, but the focus is very much on enjoyment and participation, whether a novice or more advanced player.

Golf (Michaelmas, Lent and Summer)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Rye Hill Golf Club

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 12 maximum. First come, first served. £5 per session.

MIC: Mr R. Matthew

Develop your golf skills, practicing at the driving range close to the school. There is a charge of £5 per session for a bucket of balls. All abilities welcome. Some golf clubs are available from the range although this is limited and it is best to bring a selection of your own.

Exham Fives (Michaelmas, Lent and Summer)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Fives Courts

Open to: First Form & Second Form

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr S. Batten

An introduction to the historic game of Fives. Open to boys and girls who would like to sample this fast-paced, exciting game.

Indoor Hockey (Michaelmas and Lent)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: All years

Selection: By invite or request

MIC: Miss L. Smith

Develop your Hockey skills – we very much hope this will lead to indoor Hockey fixtures in the near future.

Rugby 7s, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth (Lent)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Courtington Lane

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth.

Selection: 21 students maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr R. Lovering

Play the 7-a-side version of rugby and compete in Rugby Sevens tournaments on Sundays.



Rugby 7s, Third Form & Fourth Form (Lent)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: Third & Fourth Form.

Selection: 21 students maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: TBC

Play the 7-a-side version of rugby, a fast-paced version of the game that offers technical challenge.

Exham Squash (Michaelmas and Lent)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Squash Courts

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 12 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr M. Morris

Pick up the basics of Squash before moving into senior school, where Squash is a popular option.

Tennis (Boys), First Form & Second Form (Summer)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro 2

Open to: First & Second form.

Selection: 12 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: TBC

Recreational tennis for First and Second form boys.

An opportunity for boys to have some relaxed match play.

Exham Water Polo (Michaelmas)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Swimming Pool

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mrs A. Ireland

An introduction to water polo, which will provide you with the basics of the game, with internal fixtures during the activity.

Exham Swimming (Lent)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Swimming Pool

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mrs A. Ireland

Structured swimming sessions, which will involve some swimming skills and some swim 'sets'. This will be a challenging but enjoyable term of activities.

Exham Rugby 7s (Lent)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: First & Second Form.

Selection: 21 students maximum. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr R. Lovering

Play the 7-a-side version of rugby, a fast-paced version of the game that offers technical challenge.

County Sports

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 6:00pm (First half of the Michaelmas Term; then from Lent Half Term)

Venue: Edge Hill

Open to: All

Selection: Open

MIC: Ms P. Eagles

Develop an existing or new skill. All shots receive tuition and the opportunity to shoot for the school in competitions.

Special note: Session charge is £37.50 which includes tuition, clays, cartridge and use of guns. Parental permission required. Competitions may also incur a charge.

Riding – Own Horses and Hired Horses are available options.

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Offsite

Open to: All

Selection: Open. Parental consent required.

MIC: Mrs J. Skevington

Riding is a competitive and successful sport involving novice and experienced performers. Weekly training is provided all year and a variety of internal and external events are entered throughout the year, including weekends and holidays. Success at all levels is achieved, including national. Hired horses are available to allow students to access Bloxham's successful riding programme. Sessions are charged at £32.50.

Strength and Conditioning

Gym, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Mon 3.55pm - 4.55pm & Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Gym

Open to: Fifth Form & Upper Sixth

Selection: Maximum 10 per day. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr C. Porter

Train, develop physically and unwind from your daily routine. Whether you're a novice or the world's strongest student, everybody is welcome to join and will be provided with a tailored programme to help achieve your personal goals.

Team Gym

Day: Mon 8:00pm - 9:00pm & Tues 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Dewey Gym

Selection: Maximum 10 per day. By request or invite.

MIC: Mr C. Porter

An opportunity for team sports players to have specific S+C sessions in small numbers. Students must engage in a programme and commit to a term of training.

Gym, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Gym

Open to: Third & Fourth Form

Selection: Maximum 10. First come, first served.

MIC: Mr C. Porter

Train, develop physically and unwind from your daily routine. Whether you're a novice or the world's strongest student everybody is welcome to join and will be provided with a tailored programme to help achieve your personal goal.

Circuit Training

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Studio

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served.

MIC: Mrs S. Heathcote

Movement training, designed for those students who would like to develop their athletic ability.

Running Club

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served.

MIC: Mr J. Sissons

This activity replaces cross-country. It is aimed to provide an opportunity for students to develop their running skills and fitness across a wide range of running disciplines and distances.



Eunoia

From the Ancient Greek word for “beautiful thinking”, Eunoia brings together all of our academic enrichment.

Astronomy GCSE

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Fourth & Fifth Form

Selection: Application to MIC

MIC: Dr M. Ruck

Venue: Physics

Most people are fascinated by the night sky and are interested in stories about our continuing exploration of our Solar System and Universe. The astronomy activity, leading to a full GCSE for those interested, builds on that interest and gives a thorough introduction to the subject. The course will help you to understand our position in the Universe, the movements of planets and stars, the cycles in the night and daytime sky, and the way in which we use technology to observe and interact with space. You will learn how scientists, from ancient civilisations to the modern day, have used their imagination and careful measurement to explore the Universe in which we live.

MCAT

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Biology Department

Open to: Sixth Form

Selection: Invite only

MIC: Dr K. Perera

If you intend to apply to study medicine or veterinary medicine, you will be required to take admissions tests and should attend this activity to help you prepare for these. We will work collaboratively to practise the skills required for BMAT, UKCAT and Cambridge Natural Sciences Pre-assessment tests.



Bronze CREST Award

CREST is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths).

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: T3

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served. Max. 12 students.

MIC: Mrs H. Wilks

Venue: T3

Plan and run your own science project to make and test a new toothpaste formulation over the course of one term. This will involve carrying out research, selecting ingredients and formulating a recipe for your toothpaste. You will then test your toothpaste and investigate its properties. Finally, you will present your results and evaluate the success of the project.

LitSoc

For Sixth Form students who wish to read quality literature beyond the syllabuses.

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: White Lion Sixth Form Centre (with visits to the library)

Open to: Sixth form students (max 15)

MIC: Mrs E. Exelby

Eat cake, drink tea and share the reading of extracts from novels, poems and plays that are winning Booker prizes or are often seen on university courses. This group is a must for anyone considering English at university; it is also open to students who enjoyed English at GCSE but couldn't fit it into their A Level options. Students of History, Psychology, Drama and Theology would also benefit from the discussions and the wider reading.

Future Young Female Leaders Club

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: T21

Open to: First, Second & Third Form girls

Selection: First come, first served (max 15)

MIC: Ms S. Russell

If you would like to develop your leadership characteristics and skills in a small, female, group setting then this club is for you. Find your inner leader with mini "think tank" activities, counter-argument challenges and conducting business surveys and evaluations.

Debating and Public Speaking for Lower School

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH7

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served (6-18 students)

MIC: Mrs C. Summers

Debating and Public Speaking aims to build confidence in public speaking and develop your knowledge and understanding of current affairs. You will be coached in the skills of rhetoric and taught the rules of debating, as well as developing a range of highly sought after skills, including teamworking and research skills. The activity will also prepare you to participate in various events and competitions.

Debating and Public Speaking for Middle School

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH7

Open to: Third Form – Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (6-18 students)

MIC: Mrs C. Summers

Students may participate in a number of public speaking and debating events and competitions throughout the year, including the House Debating Competition. You will be coached in the skills of rhetoric and taught the rules of debating, as well as developing a range of highly sought after skills. Participation provides an opportunity to build confidence in public speaking and to develop your understanding of current affairs. Contact Mrs Summers to register your interest.

Chemistry Olympiad (Michaelmas Term Only)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Chemistry

Open to: Sixth Form

Selection: Invite only

MIC: Dr S. Floate

If you intend to apply to study Cambridge Natural Sciences or Chemistry at a top UK university and fancy a challenge, you should try this paper. We will work collaboratively to practise the skills required to do well in this paper. It also provides transferable skills for the Cambridge Natural Sciences Pre-Assessment tests.

Psychology Society

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: White Lion Classroom

Open to: Fourth Form & Fifth Form (max 30)

MIC: Mrs N. Guzenda

Considering taking A Level Psychology? This club is an introduction to Psychology, a chance to delve into the scientific study of the mind and look at how it dictates and influences our behaviour. As a group we will look at different areas of Psychology, including memory, personality, mental health, gender, coaching and mentoring. This is the perfect opportunity to discover more about yourself and other people, to develop skills in research methods and gain an insight into A Level Psychology.

Politics Society

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: H1

MIC: Mr R. Hudson, Father Michael

Open to: Fifth & Sixth Form (max 20 students)

Explore the world of politics, including through a variety of exciting resources – podcasts, documentaries and news articles, with each session culminating in a group discussion. This will be valuable in providing current students with the contemporary examples required to access the top grades at A Level, however this activity will also be relevant to those 5th Form students who are interested in Politics, and may be considering studying the subject at A Level.

Eunoia Society Activity (Third & Fourth Form)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Room 1

Open to: Third Form – Fourth Form (invite only – if you are a scholar or exhibitor, you will be required to attend for one of the three terms during the year. Your previous year's exam results may also lead to an invitation to attend irrespective of your award holder status).

MIC: Miss A-B. Brogan

Stretch your thinking and explore ideas/issues. Assumptions will be challenged and questioned. We will discuss current and exciting issues, from the moral implications of new scientific discoveries to the effects of censorship and propaganda in media. There will be a focus on the different areas of knowledge that make up our education and on how these areas of knowledge relate to one another and the outside world.

Eunoia Lectures and Subject Societies (Michaelmas and Lent Terms Only)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6.45pm – 7.45pm

Venue: VLR for lectures, subject departments for activities

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

MIC: Miss A-B. Brogan

Selection: Eunoia lectures take place on specific evenings during the Autumn and Spring Terms. Lectures are compulsory for academic scholars, exhibitors and other students identified from the previous year's exam performances. Other students will be very welcome if they would like to attend. When there is not a lecture scheduled, Tuesday evenings will be the time for subject society meetings to take place (a calendar of subject society meetings for the term will be made available).

Eunoia lectures will usually take the form of lectures and presentations from a range of guest speakers academics. Subject society meetings will be opportunities to explore an A Level subject beyond the confines of the specification or to enjoy a subject-related activity outside the classroom.

Philosophy Society

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6.45pm – 7.45pm

Venue: White Lion Sixth Form Centre

MIC: Mrs N. Guzenda

Open to: Lower & Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 15 students)

From Nietzsche to Sartre, Socrates to Badiou, this is your chance to explore the bigger questions, over a glass of something with like-minded big thinkers.

Eunoia Society Activity (Exham)

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Room 1

Open to: First Form & Second Form (invite only – if you are a scholar or exhibitor, you will be required to attend for one of the three terms during the year. Your previous year's exam results may also lead to an invitation to attend irrespective of your award holder status).

MIC: Miss A-B. Brogan

Stretch your thinking and explore ideas. Assumptions will be challenged and questioned. We will discuss current and exciting issues, from the moral implications of new scientific discoveries to the effects of censorship and propaganda in media. There will be a focus on the different areas of knowledge that make up our education and on how these areas of knowledge relate to one another and the outside world.

Model United Nations

Day/time: Sessions will be arranged close to each of the two events.

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 16)

MIC: Miss A-B. Brogan

If you like debating and have an interest in world events, or if you just want to have fun whilst learning about global issues and politics, Model United Nations is for you. You will represent countries from all over the world, forming alliances, proposing resolutions and amendments, and speaking in debates on issues ranging from North Korean disarmament, lessening the effects of climate change and protecting human rights. No experience required: just enthusiasm and a desire to speak out. Work to be completed in House with events throughout the year.

Languages

Level 9 Lingo (French and Spanish)

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH10 and GH12

Open to: Fourth & Fifth Form

MIC: Mrs C. McCaffery and Ms A. Kazem

Refine and master your language skills to reach the very top of your game.

Beginners Mandarin

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH11

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth (max 15 students)

MIC: Mrs X. H. Pan

Mandarin is the most widely spoken language around the world. Not only is it rich in culture and ancient history, but it also constitutes the dialect of the modern era's fastest growing economy. There are many reasons to learn Mandarin. Start now with fun and energetic sessions.

Peripatetic Mandarin Lessons

Day: Tuesday & Wednesday

Time: Various

Venue: GH11

Open to: All (solo and paired groups)

MIC: Mrs X. H. Pan

From September, solo and paired Mandarin lessons are available for anyone wishing to take their languages skills to the next level. Both GCSE and A Level entry can be arranged. This is a paid for activity. For more information and to arrange a lesson, contact Mrs Court.

GCSE Spanish

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: GH9

Open to: Fourth Form (max 10 students)

MIC: Ms F. Stevens

For those wanting to take a second language, who have undertaken foundation Spanish, you can study GCSE Spanish. There will be some intensive language half days as part of the study.

The (Not GCSE) French Club

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: E1

Open to: Fourth & Fifth Form (max 15 students)

MIC: Mrs J. Cochran

Break free from GCSE to look at French culture. Plays, films, analysing photography, idioms, songs, quizzes, poetry, cookery, art.



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Sixth Form Academic Enrichment

Beyond academic courses, learning is extended across an exciting and unique range of options that will allow in-depth study of areas of interest, whilst developing essential skills for university and beyond.

EPQ

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a research project that supports your personal aspirations for higher education and career development through studying, in depth, a topic of your own choice. This is worth 50% of a full A Level, and it will develop your ability to work independently, research critically and synthesise your findings to produce either a 5000-word written report or an 'artefact', from which you will prepare and deliver a presentation of your findings. The EPQ is widely recognised by universities as it develops many of the skills required for university study.

The Bloxham Mini-MBA Programme

The Bloxham Mini-MBA programme seeks to develop workplace skills and accentuate student understanding of the modern business world. The course covers elements, including: finance and the use of capital resource; marketing; market trends and the economic cycle; globalisation; the complexity of strategic choice and entrepreneurial enterprise. Personal development focuses on collaborative working, communication and presentation skills, assertion, debate and persuasion. The programme is run in association with the University of Buckingham, whose Business School have contributed to the syllabus and support several areas of learning. The programme is further supported by external guest speakers who impart their knowledge and experience to the students taking part.



Mini-MAPP (Masters in Applied Positive Psychology)

The Mini-MAPP is an exciting new course that we are offering to the Lower Sixth this September. Positive Psychology is a relatively new branch of Psychology which looks at being our best selves and how we can live meaningful lives with purpose. This interactive course will involve exploring topics such as:

- What is positive education? How important is it to be happy?
- Discovering your strengths, developing coaching skills and the importance of setting goals
- How to boost positive emotions and the power of laughter
- Overcoming obstacles and dealing with procrastination
- Application of Positive Psychology interventions to the outside world

At the end of the year, you will be awarded either a distinction, merit or pass based on your performance throughout the course. We have established links with the University of New Buckinghamshire, a leader in this field.

Public Speaking

Learning from the greatest public speakers, you will research and craft a speech to engage an audience on subject-matter of your choosing. The speeches will be assessed by LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) and this will carry the same UCAS points as an EPQ. Public Speaking is such an important life-long communication skill in whichever career path you choose.

Clubs

Book Club

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Reading Room

Open to: All (max 12)

Selection: First come, first served

MIC: Mrs N. Guzenda

Students will be expected to devote their own time to reading during the session. The book club will 'shadow' the judging process for the CLIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals; where they read, discuss and review the books on each shortlist, engage in reading related activities which they can share online, and vote for their favourites to win the 'Shadowers' Choice Awards.

Coding

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Mrs U. Liley

Develop your programming skills either by developing simple games (beginners) or for the more experienced to complete individual self-led projects.

Cooking - Survival Skills

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: Lower Sixth – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Mr P. Harvey

Basic 'staple' dishes that are achievable when home alone or heading to University!



DT - GreenPower Electric Car Project

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: First & Second Form (max 12)

MIC: Dr N. Hollinworth & Mr R. Broady-Bennett

Work on constructing the GreenPower electric car, which may involve producing graphics, designing and making bodywork, maintenance and driving the car in forthcoming races.

Investor Challenge

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Business Studies

Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Mr F. Bevans-Brown

Monitor share portfolios through the ups and downs of the stock market, judging when to buy and sell in order to make a profit. Students who take this activity from September will take part in the Student Investor Challenge Competition (www.studentinvestor.org).

Peer Listening

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: VLR

Open to: Sixth Form

Selection: Invite only

MIC: Mrs J. Skevington, Mr S. Thorpe

The Peer Listening Core group is made up of students selected to lead the wider Peer Listening team. One student from the Upper Sixth and one student from the Lower Sixth from each House will be nominated to sit on the group, plus two students responsible for coordinating support for Exham House.

Scrabble

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Liddon Chapel

Open to: Third Form – Fifth Form (max 10)

Selection: First come, first served

MIC: Dr D. Herring

Learn to play and practise the popular board game Scrabble to develop your English vocabulary, social skills and concentration.

Secret Garden

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Stonehill House

Open to: All

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

MIC: Padre Duncan

The Secret Garden is a large, overgrown piece of land at the rear of Stonehill House, which it is intended to turn into a walled garden. The plan is to grow vegetables in the garden and to keep chickens and maybe bees. This is an opportunity to get involved in making this dream a reality by helping to clear the land and get the garden up and running. It will involve working outdoors as part of a team and using your hands, which will be good for your all-round health. No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm.

Animal Club

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Biology

Open to: First – Third Form (max 16)

Selection: Open

MIC: Dr K. Perera

Animal Club allows you to get to know the animals we have in biology and learn how to look after them. You will also feed and clean out the animals so you gain experience of what it takes to be responsible for looking after animals.

Board Games (Exham)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Exham

Open to: First Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Mr F. Bevans Brown

Chess, Draughts, Scrabble, Go, Risk and other brain burning games.

Card Games

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Liddon Chapel

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth.

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Dr D. Herring

Cribbage, Racing Demon, Rummy, perhaps even Canasta – card games are both social and entertaining, an escape from your screen and a workout for your brain.

Cooking

Day: Tuesday

Time: Third Form – Fifth Form (3.55pm – 4.55pm)

First and Second Form (4.55pm – 5.55pm)

Venue: RTC

Open to: First Form – Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Third Form to Fifth Form – Mrs S. Clitheroe

First & Second Form – Mrs A. Hickling and Mrs H. Wilks

Experimenting with food to create something edible! Each term we will be creating something different; Michaelmas Term is competition standard food to compete in a National Young Chef Competition; Lent Term we will be making Easter hampers; Summer Term will be one for the batch lovers - focaccia, sourdough, doughnuts and more!



Creative Writing Club

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: English
Open to: All (max 15)
MIC: Mr C. Saunders

Fancy a bit of time out from a busy schedule to let your mind wander? Do you find yourself making notes, writing diaries, penning poetry, creating narratives or simply telling stories? Are you creative, imaginative, thoughtful, empathetic, observant, opinionated or interested (in people, places or things generally)? If so, why not give this activity a go? You will experiment with free-writing and story-writing; you will get to write ideas, create places and characters, and have a bit of fun in an informal environment. There will be opportunities to write for publication (internal) if you wish and to enter creative writing competitions (internal and external). Or you can simply write for yourself.

DT – Set Design and school projects (Michaelmas Term)

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: RTC
Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth
Selection: First come, first served
MIC: Mr R. Broady-Bennett

Your chance to get involved with various projects that will benefit your community!

DT – Project Work (Lent and Summer Term)

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: RTC
Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth
Selection: First come, first served
MIC: Mr M. Skevington

Designed for those who have taken on large and complex projects to allow specialist help and advice outside of class time. Tasks such as welding, turning, milling and routing may be activities undertaken.



Mindful Knitting (Exham)

Days: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: T24
Open to: First and Second Form (max 12)
MIC: Mrs C. Linton

Come and find a moment of peace and calm in your busy lives. Take an hour to stop, reflect and live in the moment whilst you learn the skills needed to relax independently. Limited spaces available.

School Newspaper

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Open to: All (max 10)
Venue: Room 3
MIC: Ms A. Kazem

Your chance to be part of the Bloxham voice. A School Prefect led activity which will enable the production of news stories pertinent to the student population. It will be your own style which helps to guide the tone of the news (within certain limits of course!). This would be a great opportunity for anyone interested in writing, journalism or presenting. It will allow you to demonstrate responsibility and to articulate your own point of view. A great choice for forward thinking and community minded individuals.

Sixth Form Yoga

Day: Tuesday (Lower Sixth) and Thursday (Upper Sixth)
Time: 3.55pm-4.55pm
Venue: GH6
Open to: Sixth Form Students (max 10)
MIC: Mrs E. Exelby

A relaxing, restorative yoga session with opportunity to stretch away the tension of the day and relax deeply during a yoga nidra (also known as body scan meditation). This is an ideal practice for learning how to let go of stress and for creating space for rest and relaxation. Pillows and blankets are recommended as props.

Padre's Pedals Cycle workshop

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: The Bike Shed

Open to: Fourth – Fifth Form (max 10)

Selection: First come, first served

MIC: Padre Duncan

Learn the skills and knowledge needed to service, repair and maintain a bicycle. You will become proficient in the use of the appropriate tools and we will cover all the different facets that make up the smooth running of a cycle, including wheels, brakes, gears, cables and chains. A great investment of your time for the future.

Textiles

Day/Time: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: All (max 12)

MIC: Mrs. D Raper

Learn a new craft or develop your interest. Experiment with a range of fashion and textile techniques. Sewing, dyeing, printing and more.

Exham Gardening Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Exham

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

MIC: Ms S. Lafford

Get involved in making the Exham borders and tubs look beautiful, while appealing to our friends, the insects. It will involve working outdoors and using your hands. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm.

Wine Society

Day/Time: Seven events throughout the year

Open to: Upper Sixth

Selection: By Application

MIC: Mr S. Batten

The Wine Society is open to the Upper Sixth Formers by invitation. Through a course of seven events during the year, you will learn about the world of wine, starting with an introduction to the fundamentals of wine tasting, moving through a series of tastings from experts on the subject, before the end of the year Champagne tasting, a Black-tie event which is always a highlight of the programme. Previous years have seen tastings of the wines of Bordeaux, Spain and Italy, while there have also been evenings on the process of winemaking and on matching food and wine.



Exham Enrichment

Each term Exham students will select from a range of options to learn new skills and develop passions that will contribute towards their Exham Award.

Wednesday 4.55-5.55pm.



Outdoor Education

Climbing

Venue: Dewey Climbing Wall

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

MIC: Mr P. Sanderson, Mr J. Hornsby

Have fun developing your climbing skills and work towards a climbing award – the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme (NICAS).

Kayaking

Venue: Swimming Pool

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

MIC: Mr D. Barber

Time to get in the pool and develop your Kayaking and Canoeing skills with the opportunity to join a trip to a real lake and to be able to do a British Canoeing Award.

Second Form Camp Preparations (Summer Term)

Venue: Various

Selection: Second Form

MIC: Mr D. Barber

All of Second Form will learn important skills in preparation for their summer camp, including: the basics of navigation; campcraft; leadership; and the tradecraft of journeying.

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Creative Arts

Dance

Venue: Recital Room

Selection: First come, first served (max 20)

MIC: Miss C. Creed

Develop your dance skills and create routines across Contemporary, Street, Musical Theatre, Jazz. This activity is open to beginners and specialists – all will be catered for.

SAS (Special Art Status)

Day: Wednesday

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Art School

Open to: First Form & Second Form

Selection: Invitation only (max 10)

MIC: Mrs K. Solie

This activity is for Lower School artists who have been recognised by their art teacher as highly able or extremely keen and who would benefit from attending extra art sessions. The activity allows pupils to extend their art practice in a more independent way on individual projects. Some pupils will take this further and submit their portfolios towards achieving a Bronze Arts Award, a nationally recognised qualification.

Academic Enrichment

Beginners Mandarin

Venue: GH11

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Mrs X. H. Pan

Mandarin is the most widely spoken language around the world, rich in culture and Ancient History and the fastest growing economy in the world. There are many reasons to learn Mandarin. Start now with fun and energetic sessions.

Exham Mini-EPO

Venue: Library

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Miss A-B. Brogan

Take any topic that fascinates you. Research it and share your findings in the form of an essay or artefact (script, product, video). The project will result in a final presentation that will reflect on what you have learned and share your passion for the topic.

Book Club

Venue: Library

Selection: first come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Miss A-B. Brogan

Read and review books that inspire you and discuss them with other book enthusiasts. From fiction to biographies to graphic novels - we can't wait to hear about your literary interests!



Community Services

Agnes Court

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Padre Duncan

Agnes Court is a home in Banbury for 24 adults with physical disabilities. You can be a regular visitor to Agnes Court to work with staff and other students to provide stimulating and engaging activities for some of the residents from across the age range. In doing so, you will learn about the joys and trials that disabled people face, and build relationships with them. You will hopefully be pushed a little out of your comfort zone and engage with another side of life. Being involved in this service will be a challenging and rewarding experience.

Bloxham Parish Council

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: TBC

Venue: Bloxham Village

Helping with the upkeep of the village and also with the gardens of elderly members of the parish.

Bloxham Primary School Animal Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm – 4:40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Dr K. Perera

Venue: Biology

Animal Club allows you to get to know the animals we have in biology and learn how to look after them. You will also feed and clean out the animals so you gain experience of what it takes to be responsible for looking after animals.

Bloxham Primary School Art Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm-4:40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Mrs R. Lehmann

Venue: Art School

Develop your creative and leadership skills working with primary school pupils on a range of self-initiated art projects.

Bloxham Primary School Cooking activity

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm – 4:40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Ms S. Lella

Venue: RTC

Develop your cooking skills whilst also sharing your knowledge with younger students from the local primary school. A keen interest in cooking/food preparation and helping younger students is required.

Bloxham Primary School DT activity

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm – 4:40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 5)

MIC: Mr R. Broady-Bennett

Venue: RTC

Develop your DT skills whilst also sharing your knowledge with younger students from the local primary school.

Bloxham Primary School Maths Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm – 4:40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

MIC: Mrs C. Bridge

Venue: Maths Department

Develop your numerical and leadership skills working with primary school pupils on a range of self-initiated maths projects.

Bloxham Primary School MFL Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm – 4:40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Miss F. Stephens

Venue: MFL Department

Use your French or Spanish language skills to plan and run workshops for primary school pupils with the aim of further developing their language knowledge and increasing their motivation to engage with the language learning experience.

Bloxham Primary School - The Word Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm – 4:40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Mrs J. Cochran

Help improve the reading and literacy of a group of primary school boys through word games, plays, reading, quizzes etc.

Foodbank

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

MIC: Mr. M Morris

Venue: Offsite

This activity involves some collection of food for the foodbank. It mainly involves checking the food and sorting it by type and date at the warehouse. There is also an opportunity to pack specific orders for individual family groups.

The Good Life

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 5)

MIC: TBC

Venue: The Secret Garden

Helping with the upkeep of the schools' cooperative garden.

Green Pastures Nursing Home

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:40pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

MIC: Mrs S. Clitheroe

Green Pastures Nursing Home involves a trip to Banbury to support elderly residents and to help them engage in interesting activities ranging from the arts and crafts, to various board games, musical events and hands-on baking classes. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with a variety of elderly people from a very diverse range of backgrounds. Students thoroughly enjoy building a rapport with the residents, whilst making a real difference to someone's day.

Sports Coaching

Day: To be agreed with Sports Staff after sign up

Open to: Sixth Form (max 8)

MIC: Mr J. Walker

Those with a passion for Sport can develop their leadership and coaching skills by delivering coaching younger students. As part of the process, you will undertake a coaching qualification to develop your skills further.

Student Mentoring

Day: Various lessons throughout the week, arrange with your subject teacher.

Open to: Sixth Form (max 10)

MIC: Head of Services

Use your academic strengths whilst developing your leadership skills by offering support to younger students – either in a weekly lesson by arrangement with your teacher in a subject of your choice, or by attending a weekly Exham prep session to provide meaningful support. It is important that students are proactive, empathic, and excellent role-models.

Photography Service

Day and Time: Various Events throughout the year.

Open to: Lower Sixth (max 3)

MIC: Mr R. M. Matthew and Mr A. Brown
(Marketing and Communications Executive)

Build a portfolio whilst spotlighting key events through the year across Sport, Music, Drama, Public Presentations, and more.

Assembly Team

Day and Time: Various Events throughout the year.

Open to: Lower Sixth (max 3)

MIC: Mr S. Brassington

Shape the assembly experience, digitally bring to life key weekly achievements across the school. The ability to communicate with staff and students across the school and to work to the weekly assembly deadline is crucial.

Individual Arrangement

Day and Time: Via agreement with Padre Duncan

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: Via agreement with Padre Duncan

MIC: Padre Duncan

Some students are able to arrange their own community service outside of the options listed here. This is encouraged, shows initiative and gives the opportunity to shape a service option that is most applicable to you.

Spirituality

Christian Union

Day: Wednesday

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue: TBC

Open to: Third Form to Upper Sixth

MIC: Mr M. Moir

Games and bible study

Fish Skool

Day: Wednesday

Time: 1.25pm – 1.55pm

Venue: TBC

Open to: First and Second Form

MIC: Mr M. Moir

Games and opportunities to think about faith

Exploring Faith

Day: Tuesday

Time: 7.45pm – 8.45pm

Venue: Liddon Chapel

Open to: All

MIC: Padre Duncan

Exploring faith course with an opportunity to prepare for Confirmation.



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Outdoor Engagement

Duke of Edinburgh - Gold

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Maths
Open to: Lower Sixth
Selection: Open
MIC: Miss J. Merris

This activity will prepare and guide you through your Gold DofE Award. On Tuesday afternoons, in Michaelmas you will train, plan and prepare for your practice and qualifying expeditions which take place in the Lent Term when you will finalise your route for the assessed expedition, book your campsites and plan menus within your team. Summer term is used to complete all remaining aspects of the award.

Cost: £525 to cover Award enrolment and both expeditions.

Climbing Club

Day: Wednesday
Time: 7.50pm – 8.50pm
Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth
Selection: First come, first served (12 students)
MIC: Mr D. Barber

Develop your climbing skills on the indoor climbing wall and work towards an Indoor Climbing Assistant qualification – a great addition to your CV, giving you access to work related options in this field.



Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Day: Thursday
Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm
Venue: CCF Headquarters, Deer Park
Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth
Selection: Open – but students should have completed weapons handling training on the cadet A2 rifle.
MIC: Major N. Evans

Military activities, adventure and leadership training. Two 48-hour overnight exercises, range days and summer camp.

Third Form Outdoor Education

Day: Thursday
Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm
Open to: Third Form
Selection: Compulsory
MIC: Mr D. Barber

A programme designed to encourage sufficiency and appreciation of outdoor activities.

Skills learnt: an introduction to Outdoor Education: First aid, navigation and map reading, rope work, kayaking, climbing, camp craft, leadership and Bronze DofE.

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze

Day: Thursday (covered in Third Form outdoor education)
Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm
Venue: Various
Open to: Third Form

This activity will train and guide you through the Bronze Award. Working in groups you will prepare and plan for your overnight expedition. At Easter you will take part in a practice expedition, before completing the assessed expedition in May. To complete the Bronze Award, students need to have completed three areas: skills, volunteering and physical, alongside the assessed expedition. Students normally complete all components during Fourth Form. A parents' and students' information meeting will be held in September in the Great Hall.

Cost: £295 to cover Award enrolment and both expeditions.

Major Trips

We are delighted to offer students a range of exciting opportunities from September 2021.

Iceland Geography GCSE and A Level Trip, October Half Term 2021

Led by Mr Thompson, Housemaster of Egerton and passionate Geographer, this will be an unforgettable trip for GCSE and A Level Geography students. Students will visit the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, Pingvellir National Park, where Iceland's parliament began, and the breath-taking scenery of Gullfoss, one of Europe's largest waterfalls. There may even be a glimpse of the Northern Lights and a relaxing time will be spent at 'Blue Lagoon', a geothermal spa. This trip is a Geographers dream with opportunity to examine waterfalls, plate tectonics, geothermal power stations, glaciers, tourism, and more!

History and Languages – French Revolution Trip, February Exeat 2022

Head of History and Crake Housemaster, Mr Hudson, has curated a varied itinerary specifically targeted at A Level historians to complement the French Revolution and the Rule of Napoleon A Level unit. Students will undertake a walking tour of Revolutionary Paris led by Mr Batten (who is currently working on a book on 18th Century France), and visit a range of other sites and museums including the Musee Carnavalet, the Palace of Versailles, the Conciergerie, Saint Chapelle and Les Invalides, including the tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte. This trip will bring the turbulent period of French history from the period 1774-1815 to life.

This trip is run in conjunction with Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mrs McCaffery. This is an excellent opportunity for A Level French students to immerse themselves in 'le patrimoine francais' (French cultural heritage), one of the key topics on the syllabus, whilst providing an ideal opportunity to practise your spoken French.



Ski Trip, February Half Term 2022

Director of Sport, Mr Walker, is leading a trip of 85 Third Form – Upper Sixth students and 10 staff, to the stunning resort of Zell am See, Austria, for six days on the slopes. The group will have five hours of instruction each day, as well as an opportunity to ski with qualified school staff. Evenings will be spent taking part in a range of alpine activities, while taking in the unique ambience of the Tirol.

Weimar, Nazi Germany and Cold War Trip, Easter 2022

Mr Hudson will lead a trip for Senior School students (Third Form – Upper Sixth) to explore a range of sites in the cities of Nuremberg and Berlin linked to the Weimar, Nazi and the Cold War periods. This will include visits to the former rally grounds and Zeppelinfeld in Nuremberg and historical sites in Berlin such as the Berlin Wall, Treptower Park and Brandenburg Gate. Within Berlin we also intend to visit the Stasi Museum, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, and Wannsee House- the site of the infamous 1942 Wannsee Conference. This trip is designed to complement both the Germany 1918-45 and Cold War units studied at GCSE, but will also be of interest to students not studying the subject at GCSE.

French Outdoor Activity Trip (Exham House) – Summer 2022

The Alps trip is an annual tradition, led by Mrs Heathcote, Housemistress of Park Close Boarding House, and Mrs Cochran, Head of the Lower School. The trip gives those graduating from Second Form an opportunity to celebrate their successes in style in the beautiful Southern French Alps. Links with Old Bloxhamists allow students to camp in a lovely rural location to absorb local culture and take advantage of many outward-bound activities: canyoning, via ferrata, rafting, market visits, lake swimming and an amazing overnight expedition to a mountain lodge.

Alpine Mountaineering Expedition (Fifth and Sixth Form), Summer 2022

Led by our Headmaster, Mr Sanderson, who himself is an accomplished mountaineer, this trip is an opportunity for the Fifth and Sixth Form students to really stretch themselves in the high mountains of the North European Alps. Whilst training for this expedition is started in the many outdoor education experiences the children have from lower school, rigorous additional progressions occur before expeditioners touch alpine rock. Pre-training include multi-pitch rock routes on UK mountains and takes in ridgeways that occur in places, such as, Snowdonia. This apprenticeship continues into the alps where the groups receive expert tuition from fully qualified British Mountain Guides before embarking on a multi-night summit, taking in high alpine huts with breath-taking views. A once in a lifetime experience has developed Bloxhamists as budding alpinists and dedicated mountaineers.

Summer Service Trip, Summer 2022

Head of Services, Miss Treeby, will be organising an international service opportunity. Due to Covid restrictions, we cannot yet confirm the location of this trip at the time of printing but will be liaising with NGOs in Europe and Africa to create a meaningful trip which will allow students to take on a new challenge and develop skills that will stay with them for life. The trip will be built around visiting a community to devote a short period of time to a specific cause and will offer unforgettable moments that come from volunteer work, cultural exchange and service learning. This trip will require those with excellent teamwork, stamina and a positive mindset as it may well include long days and physical labour. However, it will offer an unforgettable immersive experience and a real chance to change lives. Signing up of this trip will also include planning and managing fundraising efforts throughout the year, offering opportunities to develop leadership, collaboration and organisational skills.





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