



# **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:**

One optional activity  
One library session

## **Lower Sixth:**

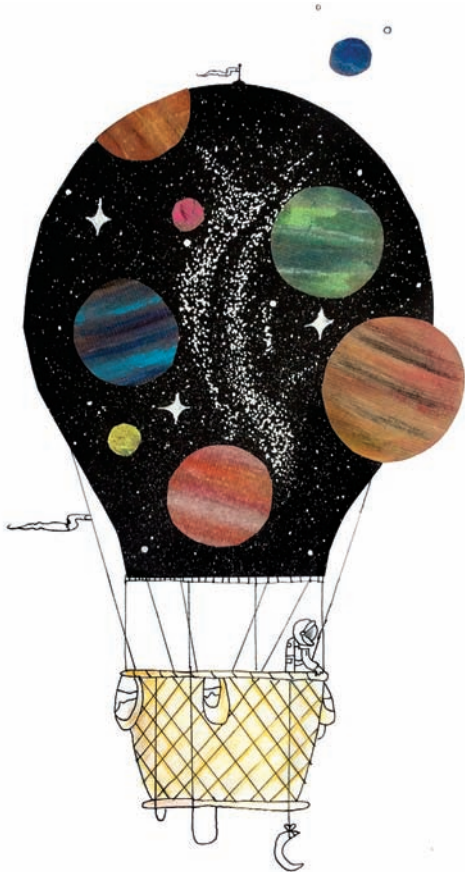
A minimum of one option,  
plus a Community Service choice

## **Upper Sixth:**

A minimum of one option



# How to sign up



## **Tutor Discussion**

On Monday 21 March, 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 final term for you?

Please contact the activity leader directly.

## **SOCs**

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

Co-curriculum activities will start on Tuesday 26th April.

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 Tuesday 26th April, 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

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### Art (All Year)

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Art School

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

**Activity Leader:** 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 (Michaelmas / Lent Terms)

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Art School

**Open to:** All Art award holders

**Activity Leader:** 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

**Activity Leader:** Mr R. Matthew

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

### Exham Photography (Michaelmas / Lent Terms)

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Art School

**Open to:** First & Second Form

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 10)

**Activity Leader:** 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

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### Dance

**Day: Monday**

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

**Venue:** Jubilee Park Hall

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 20)

**Activity Leader:** 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.





# Drama

## The Third Form Production (Lent / Summer Terms)

### Days: Monday and Tuesday

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

Venue: The Wesley Theatre

Open to: Third Form

Selection: Audition

Activity Leaders: 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.

## 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

Activity Leader: 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

Activity Leaders: 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

Activity Leader: 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 / Summer Terms)

### Day: Monday and by arrangement

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: The Wesley Theatre

Open to: GCSE and A Level Theatre Studies

Activity Leaders: Mr J. Hornsby & Mr S. Brassington

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

## Exham Production: Julius Caesar

### Days: Monday and Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm plus some prep rehearsals

Venue: Great Hall/The Wesley Theatre

Open to: First Form & Second Form

Selection: Audition

Activity Leader: Mr G. Gamble

Exham House will be staging a shortened (roughly one hour) version of Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare. This is one of the most famous of Shakespeare's plays and tells the (largely) true story of the last few days of a great Roman general, and what happened after his death. Julius Caesar and his friend, Mark Antony, think he has been a great leader for Rome and its people. But others, including the senators Brutus and Cassius don't agree. Believing he has been much too ambitious and poses a danger to the democratic Roman republic, Brutus and Cassius lead a plot to murder Caesar. After the violent death, though, the Roman people turn against those who thought they were acting to protect people's freedom. There is a civil war which ends tragically for some and leads to the creation of the Roman Empire.



# Music

## Award Holders Music Practice

**Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

**Time:** 8.00am – 8.30am

**Venue:** SKMS

**Open to:** Music Award Holders

**Selection:** Invite Only

**Activity Leader:** 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

**Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

(Tuesday session will be dropped during Michaelmas)

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Open to:** All

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Redpath

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

## Exham Chapel Choir

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 5pm – 5.50pm

**Venue:** Chapel

**Open to:** All Lower School students, with selection from those year groups, but also open to voluntary joining if people are keen.

**Activity Leader:** Mr T. Weymes

Lower School students are invited to play an integral part in musical life, regardless of experience, and perform in regular Chapel services and concerts, whilst developing their musicianship towards senior Chapel Choir membership.

## Brass Ensemble

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Selection:** Invite Only

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Redpath

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

## String Band

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Selection:** Invite Only

**Activity Leader:** 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

**Activity Leader:** 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

Activity Leader: 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: 5pm – 5.50pm

Venue: SKMS

Selection: First Form by Invitation (compulsory)

Activity Leader: 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

Activity Leader: 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

Activity Leader: 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

Activity Leader: Mr A. Redpath

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



# Physical

## Michaelmas - Senior Sport

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### Senior Rugby Activity

**Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Courington Lane

Open to: Senior rugby players

Selection: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV priority. 25 players maximum.

Activity Leaders: Mr J. Walker & 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority. 22 players maximum.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Smith & Miss L. White

An additional training session for senior hockey players.

## Lent - Senior Sport

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### Senior Hockey Activity (Boys)

**Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority. 22 players maximum.

Activity Leader: Miss L. Smith & Miss L. White

An additional training session for senior hockey players.



### Senior Netball Activity

**Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Dewey

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority. 22 players maximum.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & Miss M. Paul

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

## Summer - Senior Sport

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### Senior Cricket Activity

**Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority. 22 players maximum.

Activity Leader: Mr G. Webber & Mr G. Setterfield

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.

Activity Leader: Miss L. White

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

## Pre-Season Sport - Michaelmas

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### 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.

Activity Leaders: Mr B. Ford & 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.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & 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

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Smith & 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.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & 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 5pm – 5.50pm**

Venue: Dewey Astros

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 25 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Smith & 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 5pm – 5.50pm**

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 22 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & Miss M. Paul

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

### **Winter Tennis**

**Days: 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.

Activity Leaders: Miss M. Paul & 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**

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### **Pre-Season Cricket, Third Form & Fourth Form**

**Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: TBC

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

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: Mr G. Webber

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

### **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.

Activity Leader: 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 5pm – 5.50pm**

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority. 22 players maximum.

Activity Leader: Mr G. Webber

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

### **Pre-Season Cricket, First Form & Second Form**

**Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

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

Activity Leader: Mr G. Webber

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





### Winter Tennis

**Days: 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.

**Activity Leaders:** Miss M. Paul & 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

**Activity Leader:** 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.

**Activity Leaders:** Mr R. Lovering

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.

**Activity Leaders:** Mr B. Ford & 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.

**Activity Leaders:** 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.

**Activity Leader:** Mr R. Lovering

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 5pm – 5.50pm**

**Venue:** Dewey Astros

**Open to:** Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

**Selection:** 25 maximum. First come, first served.

**Activity Leaders:** Mr A.I.G.Rose & Miss L. White

Skill focussed sessions in preparation for the main Hockey season.

### Pre-Season Rugby, First Form & Second Form

**Day: Tues 5pm – 5.50pm**

**Venue:** Raymond Field

**Open to:** First & Second Form.

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

**Activity Leaders:** Mr R. Lovering & 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.

Activity Leader: Mr L. White

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**

**Days: 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.

Activity Leaders: 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**

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### **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.

Activity Leader: 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.

### **Fives (Michaelmas, Lent and Summer)**

**Days: Monday: 3rd/4th Form (3.55pm – 4.55pm)**

**Tuesday: 5th and Sixth Form (3.55pm – 4.55pm)**

**Thursday: Exham (3.55-4.55pm)**

Venue: Fives Courts

Open to: First Form & Second Form

Selection: 12 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: 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.

### **Self Defence**

**Day: Monday**

Venue: Dewey Dance Studio

Selection: First come, first served (min 6, max 20)

Activity Leader: Mr E. Manning

Develop self-confidence, your physical skill and even work towards gaining a belt. There is a charge of £7.50 per session.

### **Exham Golf (Summer)**

**Day: Mon 3.40pm – 5.00pm**

Venue: Rye Hill Golf Club

Open to: Exham

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

Activity Leader: Mr R. Broady-Bennett

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

### **Girls Cricket**

**Day: Tues 3.50pm**

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: All years

Selection: First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr G. N. Webber

An opportunity for girls to prepare for the cricket season ahead. Open to all years and all levels.

### **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.

Activity Leader: 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.

### **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.

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: TBC

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

### **Indoor Hockey (Michaelmas and Lent)**

**Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: All years

Selection: By invite or request

Activity Leader: Miss L. Smith

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

### **Exham Squash (Michaelmas / Lent / Summer)**

**Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Squash Courts

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 12 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: TBC

Recreational tennis for First and Second form boys.

An opportunity for boys to have some relaxed match play.

### **Basketball**

**Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Dewey

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth.

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr J Walker

Recreational basketball in boys from 3rd-6th form. An opportunity for boys to play recreational fixtures.

### **Exham Water Polo (Michaelmas / Lent / Summer)**

**Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Swimming Pool

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: Mr R. Lovering

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

## **Country Sports**

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### **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

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: 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 £48 for Regal and between £35 and £50 for own horses, depending on venue.



### Sailing (Summer Term only)

**Days: Every Saturday as a games option for any from 1st to 6th form, On Wednesday as a games option for 5th and 6th form (experience is required) on Thursday as a beginners course for 3rd form as part of the outward bounds course**

Venue: Boddington reservoir

Open to: First Form – Sixth Form

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

Activity Leader: Mr C. Porter

At Bloxham we have 6 new Fava dinghies and primarily during games, we train for races. We compete against other Schools in team racing events. 3rd form get a chance to learn to sail as part of the Thursday outward bounds activity. This is an eight week course which essential follows the RYA system. Life jackets are supplied but having your own wet suit can be an advantage.

## Strength and Conditioning

### Gym, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

**Days: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm & Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Dewey Gym

Open to: Fifth Form & Upper Sixth

Selection: Maximum 12. Open to those with experience and open to any 3rd form

Activity Leader: Mr M. Skevington

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.

### Pilates

**Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

Venue: Recital Room

Open to: Third – Fifth Form

Selection: 16 students maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mrs S. Lafford

Pilates lengthens and stretches all the major muscle groups in the body in a balanced fashion. It improves flexibility, strength, balance and body awareness.

### Team Gym

**Days: Mon 8:00pm - 9:00pm & Tues 5pm – 5.50pm**

Venue: Dewey Gym

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

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: 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.

Activity Leader: 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.

# Academic Enrichment

## **Astronomy GCSE**

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Open to:** Fourth & Fifth Form

**Selection:** Application to MIC

**Activity Leader:** 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.

## **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.

**Activity Leader:** 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)

**Activity Leader:** 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)

**Activity Leader:** 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)

**Activity Leader:** 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.

## Psychology Society

### **Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** White Lion Classroom

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

**Activity Leader:** 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.

## 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)

**Activity Leader:** 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

**Activity Leader:** 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.



### History Society (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** H1

**Activity Leaders:** Mr R. Hudson & Father Michael

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

Explore the world of history, 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 History, 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 (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).

**Activity Leader:** 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.

### Competitive Courses Programme

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 5.00pm – 5.50pm

**Venue:** Library Reading Room

**Open to:** Fifth Form – Lower Sixth

**Activity Leader:** Miss A-B. Brogan

Discussion group and specialised training for interviews, tests, and research skills needed for competitive courses and universities.

### 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:** Whole school - those studying relevant subjects in Fifth – Sixth Form may be required to attend

**Activity Leader:** Miss A-B. Brogan

**Selection:** Eunoia lectures take place on specific evenings during the Lectures, presentations, and symposiums which expand upon and stretch beyond academic subjects. These will enrich A level subjects but are also open to the rest of the school to attend if they are interested in a particular lecture.

### 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)

**Activity Leader:** Mrs N. Guzenda

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.

### Fifth Form Library Revision Session

**Day/time: Various Options throughout the week.**

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

**Selection:** Fifth Form must choose one option

An opportunity for the 5th Form to reflect on their work, catch up with any outstanding work, in the warmth and calm of the library.

# Languages

## Level 9 Lingo (French and Spanish)

### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH10 and GH12

Open to: Fourth & Fifth Form

Activity Leader: Mrs C. McCaffery

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 12 students)

Activity Leader: 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)

Activity Leader: 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)

Activity Leader: 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.

## GCSE French Extension

### Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: E1

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

Activity Leader: Mrs J. Cochran

Master the areas you have been studying, and extend your understanding.



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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

## Coding

### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: 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)

Activity Leader: Mr P. Harvey

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

## DT - GreenPower Electric Car Project (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: First & Second Form (max 12)

Activity Leaders: 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 (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Business Studies

Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

Activity Leader: 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](http://www.studentinvestor.org)).

## Scrabble

### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Liddon Chapel

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

Selection: First come, first served

Activity Leader: Dr D. Herring

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

### DT – Project Work (Lent and Summer Term)

#### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served

Activity Leader: 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.

### School Newspaper

#### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: All (max 10)

Venue: Room 3

Activity Leader: 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.

### Board Games (Exham)

#### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Exham

Open to: First Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Mr F. Bevans Brown

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

### Secret Garden

#### Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Stonehill House

Open to: All

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

Activity Leader: Reverend A. Ladds

The Secret Garden is a large, overgrown piece of land at the rear of Stonehill House and we are working to turn this 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.

### Book Club

#### Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Reading Room

Open to: All (max 12)

Selection: First come, first served

Activity Leader: 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 CILIP 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.

### Animal Club

#### Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Biology

Open to: First – Third Form (max 16)

Selection: Open

Activity Leader: 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.

### 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)

Activity Leader: 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 (5pm – 5.50pm)

Venue: RTC

Open to: First Form – Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leaders: Third Form to Fifth Form – Mrs S. Clitheroe

First & Second Form – Mrs A. Hickling & 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)

Activity Leader: 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

Activity Leader: Mr M. Skevington

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



## Mindful Knitting (Exham) (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

### Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: T24

Open to: First and Second Form (max 6)

Activity Leader: 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.

## 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)

Activity Leader: 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.

## Textiles

### Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: All (max 12)

Activity Leader: Mrs. D. Raper

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



### **D&D Club**

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Exham Common Room

**Open to:** All (max 6)

**Activity Leader:** Miss A-B Brogan

If you like fantasy, board games, or strange shaped dice, then this may be the activity for you! Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) is a tabletop game where you play as adventurers saving the world from rampaging monsters, evil wizards, and yes, even dragons. With Miss Brogan playing as the bad guys, can your characters fight, talk, and trick their way out of their problems, or will they meet their doom?

### **Wine Society**

**Day/time: House events throughout the year**

**Open to:** Upper Sixth

**Selection:** By Application

**Activity Leader:** Mr S. Batten

The Wine Society will be run on a rolling basis across each house throughout the year. It 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, and 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.

### **Cooking Club**

**Day: Tuesday**

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

First and Second Form (5pm – 5.50pm)

**Venue:** RTC

**Open to:** First Form – Fifth Form

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 10)

**Activity Leaders:** Third Form to Fifth Form – Mrs E. Danby

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

Experimenting with food to create something edible! Each term we will cook recipes taking into account festivities and seasons from mince pies to fajitas!

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!



# 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 5.00pm-5.50pm.



## Outdoor Education

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### Climbing

**Venue:** Dewey Climbing Wall

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 12)

**Activity Leaders:** 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)

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Shepherd

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Shepherd

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.

## Physical

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### Martial Arts

**Venue:** Recital Room

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 20)

**Activity Leader:** Mr E. Manning

Develop self-confidence, your physical skill and even work towards gaining a belt. Please note that there will be a small charge per session to cover the cost of the instructor.

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## Creative Arts

### Dance

**Venue:** Jubilee Court Hall

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 16)

**Activity Leader:** 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.

### Art

**Venue:** Art School

**Open to:** First Form & Second Form

**Selection:** Invitation only (max 14)

**Activity Leader:** Mrs K. Solie

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 14)

**Activity Leader:** 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.

### Podcasting

**Venue:** M15

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

**Activity Leader:** Miss A-B. Brogan

Create a podcast episode on a topic of your choice: from research and scripting, to recording, to editing, music, and cover design.

### Book Club

**Venue:** Library

**Selection:** first come, first served (max 10)

**Activity Leader:** Mrs S. Clark

An activity for book lovers! Come immerse yourself in the silent reading of your favourite books.





# Community Services

## Peer Listening

**Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

**Venue:** VLR

**Open to:** Sixth Form

**Selection:** Invite only

**Activity Leaders:** 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. All students will be expected to attend sessions at Exham if this is to be their Service option.

## The Secret Garden

**Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm**

**Open to:** Lower Sixth, first come, first served (max 5)

**Selection:** Invite only

**Activity Leader:** Reverend A. Ladds

The Secret Garden Helping with the upkeep of the schools' cooperative garden.

## Sustainability at Bloxham

**Day: Tues 5.00pm**

**Open to:** All

**Activity Leader:** Mr Bowden

**Venue:** GH5

A student led group working on a strategy to reduce Bloxham's carbon footprint and waste, including replacing current energy sources with renewable energy. The group are also exploring community engagement through caring for our local environment and biodiversity.

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group

**Day: Tues 5.00pm**

**Open to:** By invitation only – application process will take place before Christmas break.

**Activity Leaders:** Miss G. Treeby & Mrs H. Woodward

This group will be focusing on how to make Bloxham School a more inclusive place. We will be reviewing equality and diversity within the school and creating initiatives to encourage EDI. As this is a sensitive and student facing role with elements of public speaking, students must be confident and willing to be advocates within our community for others. This group is open to anybody – not just those who identify as being in minority groups that are in need of EDI support. This is open to all students who see the value of a more diverse and equal community and are willing to become good allies and advocates.

## Bloxham Primary School Animal Club

**Day: Thurs 3.40pm – 4.40pm**

**Open to:** Lower Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 8)

**Activity Leader:** 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: Thurs 3.40pm – 4.40pm**

**Open to:** Lower Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 8)

**Activity Leader:** 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 DT Activity (All Year)

**Day: Thurs 3.40pm – 5.00pm**

**Open to:** Sixth Form

**Selection:** First come, first served (max 8)

**Activity Leader:** Mrs R. Lehmann

**Venue:** Green Pastures Care Home

An opportunity to support the elderly on a weekly basis through conversation, card games and craft.

### **Bloxham Primary School Cooking activity**

**Day: Thurs 3.40pm – 4.40pm**

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

Activity Leader: Mrs E. Danby

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 (Exham) (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)**

**Day: Thurs 3.40pm – 4.40pm**

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 5)

Activity Leader: 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: Thurs 3.40pm – 4.40pm**

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Mrs H. Woodward

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: Thurs 3.40pm – 4.40pm**

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

Activity Leaders: Miss F. Stephens & Mrs C. McCaffery

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: Thurs 3.40pm – 4.40pm**

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

Activity Leader: Mrs J. Cochran

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

### **Sports Coaching**

**Day: To be agreed with Sports Staff after sign up**

Open to: Sixth Form (max 8)

Activity Leader: 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)

Activity Leader: 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 rolemodels.

### **Photography Service**

**Day/time: Various Events throughout the year.**

Open to: Lower Sixth (max 3)

Activity Leaders: Mr R. M. Matthew & 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/time: Various Events throughout the year.**

Open to: Lower Sixth (max 3)

Activity Leader: 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/time: Via agreement with Ms G. Treeby**

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: Via agreement with Ms G. Treeby

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. Your family may be affiliated with various philanthropic organisations or you may know someone/a group that need individual support. For this you will need to have arranged your own transport and time in advance of the Lent Term.

# Spirituality

## Games and bible study

Fish Skool

**Day: Monday**

Time: 1.45pm – 2.20pm

Venue: Exham Common Room

Open to: First and Second Form

Activity Leader: 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

Activity Leader: Reverend A. Ladds

Exploring faith course with an opportunity to prepare for Confirmation.

## Christian Union

**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue: TBC

Open to: Third Form to Upper Sixth

Activity Leader: Mr M. Moir



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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

**Activity Leader:** 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)

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Shepherd

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.

**Activity Leader:** 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:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Open to:** Third Form

**Selection:** Compulsory

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Shepherd

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:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**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.

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### **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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