



Bloxham School

Broader Curriculum
2022 - 2023



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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 Head of Lower School or relevant Housemaster/ Housemistress in consultation with the Director of the Co-Curriculum (Mr Brassington).

First Form:

Michaelmas: Three Options on Tuesday, 3.55pm; Wednesday, 5pm; Thursday, 3.55pm.

Lent and Summer Term: Four Options, to now include a Monday, 3.55pm.

Second Form:

Four options

Third Form:

Two options plus Third Form Outdoor Education (selecting either DofE or CCF)

Fourth Form:

A minimum of two options, which must include one option from the Fourth Form Challenge

Fifth Form:

A minimum of one option, plus a Library Revision choice

Lower Sixth:

A minimum of one option, plus a Community Service choice

Upper Sixth:

A minimum of one option

How to sign up

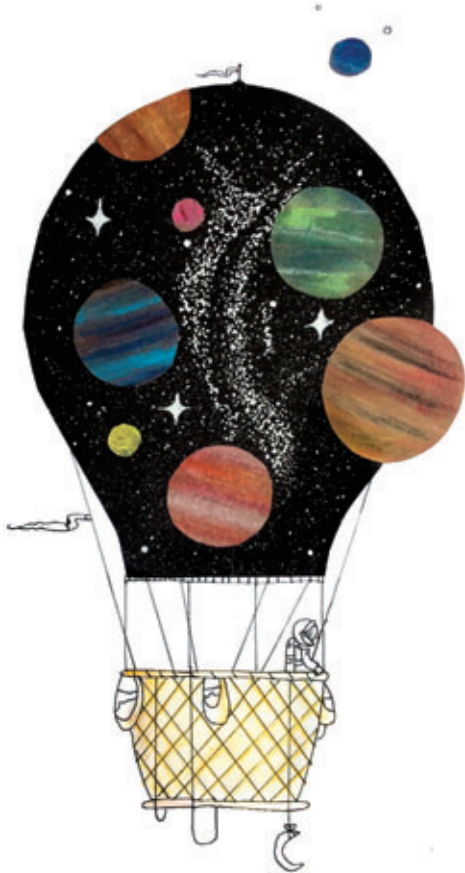


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Tutor Discussion – Tuesday 6th September

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-curricular activities will start on Wednesday 7th September with Exham Enrichment Time. The full programme will commence on Thursday 8th 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 Activity Leader 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 preselected when you login to SOCS.

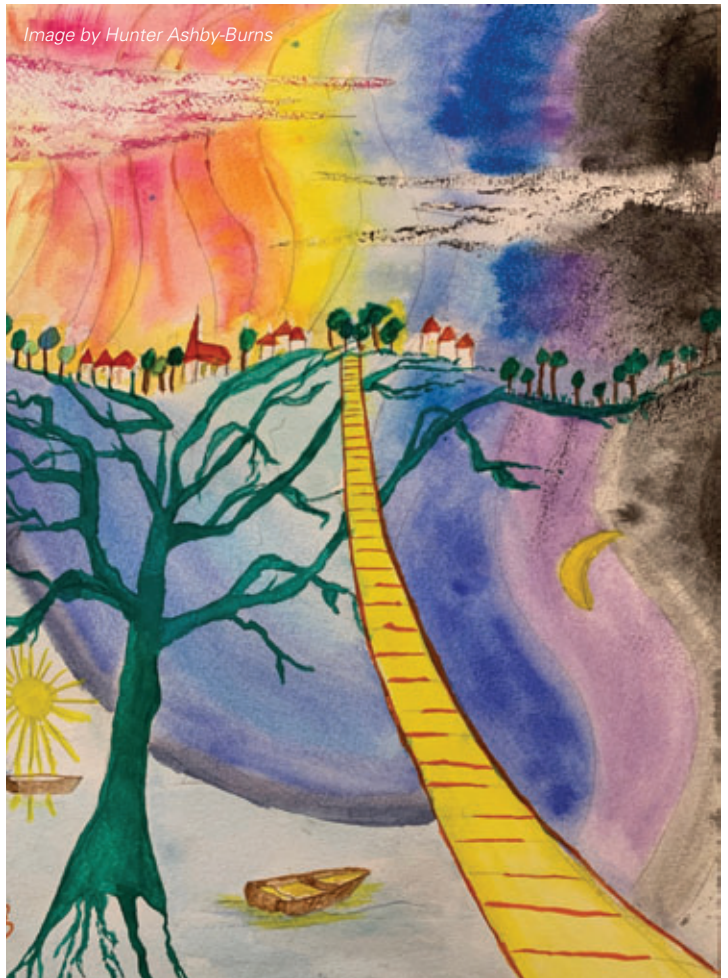
Attendance

From Thursday 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 permission from the Activity Leader of your option. Should your activity be cancelled for any reason, then you must sign-in to House.

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 Activity Leader 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.



Creative Arts

Visual Arts

Art

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.

Exham Photography (Michaelmas / Lent Terms)

Day: Monday

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.

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.

Art Scholars' Eunoia (Michaelmas / Lent Terms)

Day: Tuesday

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.



Dance

Dance

Day: Wednesday

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: Ms E. Busby

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

School Production – *Cyrano de Bergerac* (Michaelmas Term)

Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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

Venue: Great Hall/The Wesley Theatre

Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: Audition

Activity Leaders: Mr J. Hornsby

Work as an ensemble cast to rehearse and perform Edmond Rostand's romantic comedy *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Set against the backdrop of the 30 year war, Army Captain, Cyrano attempts to woo the fair Roxanne, but will he see the love that grows right in front of his nose.

Third Form Production (Michaelmas / Lent Terms)

Day: Monday and Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Third Form

Selection: Audition

Activity Leader: Miss A. Winch

Work as a team to stage a production as a Third Form year group to perform in the Lent Term. Roles are available both on-stage and behind the scenes. As the performance date approaches, rehearsals will increase.

First Form Production (Lent / Summer Terms)

Day: Monday and Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: VLR

Open to: First Form

Activity Leaders: Mr. G. Gamble & Mr J. Hornsby

Work as a team to stage the Exham production taking place in the summer of 2023.

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

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

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

Young Reporters Club

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: T20

Open to: First Form - Third Form

Activity Leader: Ms S. Russell

Love watching the movies? Consider yourself a budding writer, producer, director, editor? Learn how to develop concepts, storyboard, select locations, cast actors, write scripts, film scenes and edit your work into short movies at Film-Making Club.

LAMDA – Speech and Drama Examinations

Day: By arrangement

Open to: All

Activity Leaders: Mrs E. McCall & Miss A. Winch

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 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.



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

Selection: By agreement with your HsMs and Activity Leader

Activity Leader: Mr A. Redpath

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

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.

Exham Chapel Choir

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5.00pm – 5.50pm

Venue: Chapel

Selection: Invite only

Activity Leader: 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.

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.



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.

Band Coaching

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: All

Selection: Space limited – allocated on first come, first served

Activity Leader: Mr L. Harris

Have you ever fancied being in a band? This is your opportunity to come along and jam with your friends under expert guidance. Who knows where it may take you...!

Musicians of the Future (Michaelmas Term Only)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5.00pm – 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!

Please note that 1st Form students will undertake an additional prep session during the Michaelmas during a Monday activity time.



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.

Windstars

Day: Wednesday

Time: Lunchtime – TBC

Venue: SKMS

Selection: Invite Only

Activity Leader: Mr A. Redpath

A small, enjoyable ensemble for beginner wind and brass players to perform together, improvise and have some fun!

Orchestra

Day: Thursday

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: SKMS

Selection: Invite Only

Activity Leader: Mr A. Redpath

An ensemble for players to perform fun and exciting music.

Physical

Michaelmas - Senior Sport

Senior Rugby Activity

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Courtington Lane

Open to: Senior rugby players

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

Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts

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: Senior hockey players

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

Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts, Miss L. Hynes & Mr D. Best

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.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & Miss R. Andrew

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.

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. Hynes

Opportunity to refine your tennis, 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.

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

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 R. Andrew

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

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.

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.

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: Mr C. Roberts & Miss L. Hynes

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 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form - Upper Sixth

Selection: 25 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts and Miss L. White

Skill focused sessions to develop boys ahead of the main boy's hockey season in the Lent term.

Pre-Season Netball, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 22 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & Miss R. Andrew

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

Cricket Pre-Season Skills

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Charlbury Sports Hall

Open to: All Years

Cricket session focusing on batting, bowling, fielding, and wicket keeper clinics.

Pre-Season Sport - Lent

Pre-Season Cricket, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sport Centre

Open to: Third & Fourth Form.

Selection: 22 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr G. Setterfield

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

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 Tennis, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm (post February half-term only)

Venue: Dewey Hard Courts

Open to: Third & Fourth Form

Selection: 18 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: TBC

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

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 Leader: 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 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 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

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

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

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

Selection: 22 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.

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.

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

Activity Leader: Mr R. Lovering

Technical, tactical and conditioning work. Lots of games 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 C. Roberts & Miss R. Andrews

Technical and tactical coaching and preparation for the girls' U14 & 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: Mr C. Roberts & Miss R. Andrews

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 Leaders: Mr J. Richardson & Mr J. Walker

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

Pre-Season Hockey Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astros

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth (Boys & Girls)

Selection: 25 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss L. Hynes

Pre-season hockey for Senior players (boys and girls). Skill focused sessions to develop players.

Pre-Season Rugby, First Form & Second Form

Day: Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: First & Second Form.

Selection: 30 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leaders: Mr R. Lovering & Mr E. Selby-Lowndes

Technical, tactical, and conditioning work. Lots of 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: Miss C. Roberts & Miss L. Hynes

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

Squash (Michaelmas, Lent & 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: Mrs R. Andrew

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. This is a game that can be played at any level and there will be plenty of opportunity to build skills, whether a novice or more advanced player.

Fives (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer)

Days: Monday: Third & Fourth Form (3.55pm – 4.55pm)

Tuesday: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth (3.55pm – 4.55pm)

Venue: Fives Courts

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 12 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr S. Batten

Fives is one of the oldest and most traditional of ball sports and has been played at Bloxham since the early 1860s. Best described as being like squash but played with gloves on each hand and no racket. It is a fast and exciting games suitable for boys and girls alike, and for all ages.

Golf (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Terms)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Rye Hill Gold Club/Cherwell Edge Golf Club

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

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

Activity Leader: Mr E. Selby-Lowndes

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

Hockey Development Senior (Michaelmas & Lent Term)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Astro 2

Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: Invite Only

Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss L. Hynes

Additional hockey skills clinic.

Rugby Forwards Practice (Michaelmas Term)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Courtington Lane

Open to: All years

Selection: 20 maximum. First come, first served

Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker

Lineout throwing, jumping, and scrummaging clinic.

Rugby Half Back and Back Three Practice (Michaelmas Term)

Day: Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Courtington Lane

Open to: All years

Selection: 10 students maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr R. Lovering

Core skill clinic for half backs and back three players. May also incorporate kicking.

Hockey Goalkeeper Clinic (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Astro 2

Open to: All years.

Selection: Invite Only

Activity Leader: Miss L. Hynes

A clinic for hockey goalkeepers.

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

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Courtington Lane

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 21 maximum. First come, first served

Activity Leaders: Mr R. Lovering & Mr M. Goode

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

Girls Cricket (Lent Term)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: All years

Selection: 15 maximum. First come, first served.

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

Girls prepare for the cricket season ahead.

Open to all years and all levels.

Cricket Wicket Keepers (Summer Term)

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Pigsty

Open to: All years

Selection: Open

Activity Leader: Mr G. Setterfield

Clinic to help any wicketkeepers for girls or boys teams.

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

Day: Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: Third & Fourth Form

Selection: 21 maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker

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

Cricket Batsman and Bowlers (Summer Term)

Day: Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Park Close

Open to: All years

Activity Leader: Mr G. Setterfield

Clinic to help any batsmen or bowlers for girls or boys teams.

Indoor Hockey (Lent Term)

Day: Weds 4.45pm – 5.45pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Third & Fourth Form

Selection: Invite only

Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts

Develop your hockey skills through Indoor hockey.

Indoor Hockey (Michaelmas & Lent Term)

Day: Thurs 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: Contact Mr Roberts if interested

Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts

Develop your hockey skills through Indoor hockey.

Rugby 7s, First Form & Second Form (Lent Term)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 21 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.

Basketball (Boys) (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Term)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 20 students maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr F. Marulanda

Year-round basketball activity. Attendees will have preference for the 'Bloxham Badgers' in the Lent term.

Exham Fives (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Term)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Fives Courts

Open to: First & Second Form

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

Activity Leader: Mr S. Batten

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

Exham Squash (Michaelmas & Lent Term)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Squash Courts

Open to: First & Second Form

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

Activity Leader: Mr. E Selby-Lownes

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

Exham Hockey Skills (Michaelmas & Lent Term)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 20 students maximum. First come, first served.

Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss L. Hynes

Exham Water Polo (Michaelmas & Lent Term)

Day: Thurs 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Swimming Pool

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 20 students 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 Tennis (Boys) (Summer Term)

Day: Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro 2

Open to: First & Second Form

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

Activity Leader: Mr M. Moir

Recreational tennis for First & Second form boys, offering an opportunity to have some relaxed match play.

Country Sports

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Day: Tues 3.45pm – 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 3.45pm – 6.00pm

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. £48 for Regal and between £35 – £50 for own horses, depending on venue.

Strength and Conditioning

Team Gym

Days: Mon 8.00pm – 9.00pm & Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Dewey Gym

Selection: 10 maximum. By invite or request.

Activity Leader: Mr J. Sissons

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

Gym, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Days: Mon & Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Gym

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: 10 maximum. First come, first served

Activity Leader: Mr J. Sissons

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.

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 J. Sissons

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.

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: Miss R. Andrew

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

Venue: Physics Department

Open to: Fourth & Fifth Form

Selection: Application to Activity Leader

Activity Leader: Dr M. Ruck

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

Activity Leader: 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.



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)

Activity Leader: Mrs H. Wilks

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.

Industrial Cadets Gold Project 1 – Engineering

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Physics Dept

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: Invitation only (max 6)

Cost: £120 per student for the year.

The opportunity to work on a real-life STEM project by a company. This will include university workshops and STEM webinars and leads to a nationally recognised award.

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

Selection: First come, first served (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: T20

Open to: First & Second 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.

Current Affairs Society

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: All (max 15)

Activity Leader: Miss G. Treeby

Venue: GH1

Delve into important news stories from across the world as they emerge. Share your findings with the group and wider school through making displays, tutor time and more.

Debating and Public Speaking for Middle School

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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)

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 & Lent Terms)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: H1

Open to: Fifth & Sixth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 20)

Activity Leaders: Mr R. Hudson & Father Michael

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 Fifth 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 (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).

Activity Leader: Mr D. Lynes

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

Venue: Library Reading Room

Open to: Fifth Form – Lower Sixth

Activity Leader: Mr D. Lynes

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

Eunoia Lectures and Subject Societies (Michaelmas & Lent Term)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6.45pm – 7.45pm

Venue: VLR for lectures, subject departments for activities

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Activity Leader: Mr D. Lynes

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 more formal talks and presentations (there will be a range of speakers with some specialist academics visiting Bloxham). 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.

Physics Olympiad (Lent Term)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Physics

Open to: Fourth Form

Selection: Invitation Only

Activity Leaders: Mr J. Richardson & Mrs C Linton

If you intend to apply to study Cambridge Natural Sciences or Physics 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.

Curriculum Support

Day: Wednesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: V2

Open to: Fourth Form (plus Third Form during Michaelmas)

Selection: Invitation Only (max 10)

Activity Leader: Mrs N. Long

Curriculum Support is an additional opportunity for students to receive support with aspects of the curriculum that have been more challenging. This may include areas such as structuring an essay, methods of revision, study skills, or supporting with a more challenging prep. This is currently offered to Fourth Form but will also be opened up to Third Form during Michaelmas Term and is by invitation only.

Debating and Public Speaking for Lower School

Day: Thursday

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 students to participate in various events and competitions.

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: Mr D. Lynes

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, slowing 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.

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 1,000-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 course that we are offering to the Lower Sixth. 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: WL1

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

Activity Leader: Mrs N. Guzenda

Students will be expected to devote their own time to reading as well as 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.

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: Mr L. Harris

Develop your programming skills either by developing simple games (beginners) or for 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!

Martial Arts – Self Defence

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Dance Studio

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 charge of £7.50 per session to cover the cost of the instructor.

DT - GreenPower Electric Car Project (Michaelmas & Lent Terms)

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served (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.



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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)

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).

Scrabble

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Liddon Chapel

Open to: Third Form – Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Dr D. Herring

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

Mindfulness (Exham)

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: T24

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

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.

Animal Club

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Biology

Open to: First Form – Third Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 16)

Activity Leader: Ms R. Rostron

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 & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: 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)

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 & Second Form (5.00pm – 6.00pm)

Venue: RTC

Open to: First Form – Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leaders: Mrs E. Danby and Mrs H. Wilkes

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

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

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 stories 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.

Secret Garden

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: The Secret Garden - Stonehill

Open to: All

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

Activity Leader: Father A. Ladds

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.

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 R. Broady-Bennett

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



DT – Project Work (Lent & Summer Terms)

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

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: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Room 3

Open to: All

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Ms A. Kazem

Your chance to be part of the Bloxham voice. This is 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.



Textiles

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: All

Selection: First come, first served (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.

Sixth Form Yoga

Day: Tuesday (Lower Sixth) and Thursday (Upper Sixth)

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH6

Open to: Sixth Form

Selection: First come, first served (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.

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 & Second Form (5.00pm – 6.00pm)

Venue: RTC

Open to: First Form – Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Mrs E. Danby and Mrs H. Wilkes

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!

Warhammer Club

Day: Tuesday

Time: 4.55pm – 5.55pm

Venue: Liddon Chapel

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Father A. Ladds

Warhammer is a tabletop wargame that sees you playing battles on a tabletop, ideally with miniatures that you have built and painted yourself. You do not need any previous experience of the game, or even your own models to join the club. Come along and learn a great game, learn modelling and painting skills and most importantly, have fun!

Pilates

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: VLR

Open to: Third Form – Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 15)

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.

Allies Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: All

Venue: GH1

Activity Leader: Miss H. Woodward

A group that is keen to celebrate diversity and be good allies so that everyone – whatever their race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality – feels included and supported.



Languages

Beginners Greek

Day: Monday

Venue: GH5

Open to: All

Activity Leader: Mrs V. Moir

What do diploma, isosceles, colon, catastrophe and bacteria all have in common? Answer: they are all ancient Greek words! Come along and learn the language of Homer, Plato, Pythagoras, Sophocles and the apostle Paul - expand your ideas*, your horizons* and your English vocabulary at the same time! (*also Greek).

GCSE Spanish

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH9

Open to: Fifth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Ms C. McCaffrey

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.

Beginners Mandarin

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH11

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 15)

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 by arrangement

Venue: GH11

Open to: All (solo and paired groups)

Activity Leader: Mrs X. H. Pan

Solo and paired Mandarin lessons are available for anyone wishing to take their languages skill 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.



Fourth Form Challenge

Challenge yourself, step out of your comfort zone and be of Service to others by taking at least one of the following options.

Dance

Day: Wednesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Jubilee Park Hall

Activity Leader: Ms E. Busby

Develop your dance skills and create pieces for a showcase across a number of forms: Contemporary, Street, Musical Theatre, Jazz.

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.45pm – 5.55pm

Venue: CCF Headquarters, Park Close

Open to: Fourth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: Open – but students should have completed weapons handling training on the cadet A2 rifle.

Activity Leader: Second Lieutenant G. Gamble

Military activities, adventure, and leadership training.

Two 48-hour overnight exercises, range days and summer camp.

Cost: After an initial charge of £80 (including the first pair of boots and sweatshirt), subscriptions are £25 per term.

Silver DofE

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Merton (Mr Dann's classroom)

Activity Leader: Mr R. Dann

Students who have been successful at the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award have the opportunity to enrol on the Silver Award. The requirements are similar, however, they do need to be continued for a longer period of time. The expedition is in wilder country and is for 3 days and 2 nights, necessitating a greater commitment and love for the outdoors.

Cost: £250 to cover Award enrolment and expedition.



Drama

Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Selection: Audition

Venue: Great Hall/The Wesley Theatre

Activity Leaders: Miss A. Winch & Miss J. Single

First, perform in our whole school production of *Cyrano de Bergerac* (Michaelmas Term) followed by using your Drama skills to perform externally and even learn how to run a workshop to explore identity with community groups (Lent/Summer).

Please note it is possible to perform in the school production and select another 4th Form Challenge.

Finance Award Activity

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Fourth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

Venue: Business Studies

Activity Leader: Mr F. Bevans-Brown

Do you want to deepen your understanding of money and finance? Join us for the Level 2 Award in Financial Education which provides an introduction to public finance and the economy, financial management skills and enterprise. Develop your knowledge, as well as a range of transferable skills, and build foundations for further study in business and other finance-related disciplines.

IT Bronze Award Activity

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Fourth Form

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

Venue: RT7

Activity Leader: Mr L. Harris

An opportunity to develop your IT skills and interrogate the importance of cyber security and the role of IT in the wider world.

Exham Enrichment

Each term Exham students will select from a range of options that will not only facilitate the learning of new skills and spark joy but will also contribute towards their Exham Award.

Wednesday 5.00pm-5.50pm.

Outdoor Education

Climbing

Venue: Dewey Climbing Wall

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

Activity Leader: Mr P. Sanderson

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.

Triathlon

Venue: Dewey

Selection: First come, first served (max 15)

Activity Leader: Mr. R. Hughes

With increasing global popularity, there is excellent opportunity to develop athletic skill with an external coach.

Cooking

Venue: RTC

Activity Leader: Miss A Hickling

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 Arts

Dance

Venue: Jubilee Court Hall

Selection: First come, first served (max 16)

Activity Leader: Ms E. Busby

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

Selection: First come, first served (max 14)

Activity Leader: Mrs K. Solie

This 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.

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.

Academic Enrichment

Beginners Mandarin

Venue: GH11

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

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.

Book Club

Venue: Library

Selection: first come, first served (max 12)

Activity Leader: Ms E. Kuhne

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

Community Services

The founding principles of Bloxham School are based on service. Service is about getting out of your own bubble. It is not only about helping others – you expand your worldview, develop empathy; responsibility, and leadership skills, and realise how your actions can have a positive impact. It is also good for your physical and mental health! Volunteering has been shown to help counteract the effects of stress and to raise feelings of self-worth.

Peer Listening

Day: Monday

Time: 5.00pm – 5.40pm

Venue: VLR

Open to: Sixth Form

Selection: Invite Only

Activity Leaders: Mrs J. Skevington and 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.

The Secret Garden

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 5)

Venue: The Secret Garden (Stonehill)

Activity Leader: Father A. Ladds

Helping with the upkeep of the schools' cooperative garden.

Sustainability at Bloxham

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5.00pm

Open to: All

Venue: GH5

Activity Leaders: Mr D. Bowden & Miss L. Manning

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..

TEFL Certification

Day: Thursday

Selection: First come, first served (max 8)

Venue: TBC

Cost: £225

Activity Leader: TBC

Do you love to talk? Are you thinking in the future you may wish to take a gap year and work/volunteer abroad? Then you may wish to gain a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) qualification. We have found a provider who will come and do in-school training on a weekly basis. The course will run on: 15th, 22nd, 29th September & 6th, 13th and 20th October. We will then be endeavouring to set up links with a local refuge organisation to allow you to put your qualification to good use by helping young people who cannot afford lessons to develop their English skills.

Harmonix

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Selection: Invite only

Venue: SKMS

Activity Leader: Mr J. Ramm

Our top singers to perform challenging and rewarding music.

Tech Team

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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.

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Lifeguard Training

Day/time: TBC

Venue: Bloxham Swimming Pool

Cost: Will vary depending on numbers
– 10 students would cost £155 each

Activity Leader: Mr S. Sherington

The NPLQ is the most awarded lifeguard qualification in the UK and Ireland and is also internationally recognised. Gaining this qualification could be of value to future paid and volunteer work. For this to qualify as a service across the rest of the year, you will be expected to volunteer some time along with your peers to supervise the pool when activities are occurring.

Green Pastures Nursing Home

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.40pm – 5.30pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

Activity Leader: Ms S. Clitheroe

We have a partnership with our local nursing home. Students visit weekly to provide enrichment and entertainment for the elderly. This can include music, baking, crafts, or just spending time chatting with the residents. They absolutely light up with visits from young people and those who have attended previously have really enjoyed it.

First Aid Training

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Cost: £25

Activity Leader: Mr S. Sherrington

Are you interested in medicine or thinking about summer work in the leisure or customer facing industries? Or are you someone who can keep your head in a crisis? You will achieve your Emergency First Aid at Work qualification before using your skills to support some external school events and to train younger students.

Bloxham Primary School Animal Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth. First come, first served.

Venue: Biology

Activity Leader: Ms R. Rostrom

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 them out, so you gain experience of what it takes to be responsible for looking after the animals.

Bloxham Primary School Art Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth. First come, first served.

Venue: Art School

Activity Leader: Mrs R. Lehmann

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. First come, first served.

Venue: RTC

Activity Leaders: Mrs E. Danby

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. First come, first served.

Venue: RTC

Activity Leader: Mr R. Broady-Bennett

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: 3.50pm – 4.50pm

Open to: Lower Sixth. First come, first served.

Venue: Maths Department

Activity Leader: Mrs C. Bridge

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. First come, first served.

Venue: MFL Department

Activity Leader: Ms C. McCaffrey

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 Sports Coaching

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: 12 maximum, 8 minimum. First come, first served.

Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker

You will learn how to plan, deliver, and review a sports coaching session. This activity will involve a practical element of coaching local primary school students throughout the year. The sessions will be a mixture of theory-based classroom work, but much more practical coaching opportunities with peers. Formal qualifications through NGB courses are also part of the activity.

Student Mentors

Day/time: By arrangement according to your timetable

Venue: Various Lessons

Activity Leaders: Mr S. Brassington and Heads of Department

We have a number of students who, particularly post-COVID, are struggling with their academics. This year we would like to partner some Lower Sixth with these students to commit to developing their leadership skills by supporting them in a lesson they find challenging once a week. Miss Treeby will do some initial training with you on how to be a good support in class, but the idea will be for you to become a good role model and mentor for them across the year.

Assembly Team

Day/time: Various events throughout the year

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (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 Head of Services & Mr S. Brassington

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: Via agreement with Head of Services

Activity Leader: Mr P. Harvey (Head of Services)

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.

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Spirituality

Fish Skool

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Exham Common Room

Open to: First Form, Second Form & Sixth Form

Activity Leader: Mr M. Moir

Games and opportunities to think about faith.

Christian Union

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: T5

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Activity Leader: Mr M. Moir

Games and bible study.

Exploring Faith

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6.45pm – 7.45pm

Venue: Egerton Library

Open to: Sixth Form

Activity Leader: Father A. Ladds

Exploring faith course with an opportunity to prepare for Confirmation.



Outdoor Engagement

Duke of Edinburgh – Gold

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Maths

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: Open

Activity Leader: Miss J. Merris

This activity will prepare you 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: £395 to cover Award enrolment and both expeditions.

Climbing Wall

Day: Wednesday

Time: 7.50pm – 8.50pm

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served (max 12)

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 – 5.55pm

Venue: CCF Headquarters, Park Close

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: Open – but students should have completed weapons handling training on the cadet A2 rifle.

Activity Leader: Second Lieutenant G. Gamble

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

Cost: After an initial charge of £80 (including the first pair of boots and sweatshirt), subscriptions are £25 per term.

Third Form Outdoor Education: Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze

Day: Thursday (covered in Third Form outdoor education)

Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm

Open to: Third Form

Selection: Third Form – Compulsory

Outdoor education opportunities are an essential part of the curriculum at Bloxham. They build resilience, communication skills, empathy and understanding of the world beyond the classroom. This activity will train and guide you through the Bronze Award. Working in groups you will prepare and plan for your overnight expedition. To complete the Bronze Award, students need to have completed three areas: skills, volunteering and physical, alongside the assessed expedition.

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

Cost: £140 to cover Award enrolment and both expeditions.

Third Form Service

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Third Form

Selection: Compulsory

For 5 weeks you will complete one of the following service options as part of your Bronze DofE, including Leadership, Sustainability and Fundraising.

Sailing (Summer Term)

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Boddington Reservoir

Open to: All

Selection: First come, first served (max 10)

Activity Leader: Mr M. Skevington

In the Summer term, Third Form students can sail as part of the Outdoor Education options, and Senior students can choose to sail as a Games option. Sessions take place at Boddington Reservoir.





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