



**Bloxham School**

Broader Curriculum  
2023 - 2024



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

## **First Form:**

Four options (three options plus Musicians of the Future programme in Michaelmas)

## **Second Form:**

Four options

## **Third Form:**

Two options plus Third Form Outdoor Education

## **Fourth Form:**

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

## **Fifth Form:**

A minimum of two options  
(including one Library Revision choice in Lent & Summer)

## **Lower Sixth:**

A minimum of one option,  
plus a Community Service choice

## **Upper Sixth:**

A minimum of one option



# How to sign up



Image by F. Harvey

## **Tutor Discussion – Tuesday 5th September**

At the start of the year, you will have dedicated time to sit down with your tutor, review 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 Thursday 7th 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

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 Blackwell 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

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### Art

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Art School

Open to: Fourth & 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

**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.

### Art

**Day: Tuesday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Art School

Open to: Third 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 SAS – Special Art Status

**Day: Tuesday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Art School

Open to: By invitation only

Activity Leader: Mr R. Matthew

Activity allowing the recognised high achieving artists and award holders to extend their art practice.



Image by Mr R. Matthew.

### Open Art Studios

Time: 6.45pm – 9.00pm

Open to: Sixth Form

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

### Podcasting

**Day: TBC**

Open to: Sixth Form

Activity Leader: Mrs R. Freeman-Gray

Selection: Applications to [r.freeman-gray@bloxhamschool.com](mailto:r.freeman-gray@bloxhamschool.com)

Discover the exciting world of podcasting with Bloxham School's Podcast Team, a hands-on activity designed for those passionate about storytelling, technology, scriptwriting, and editing. Join our tight-knit team as we collaborate to develop and share high-quality content that showcases our school's exceptional educational experiences.

# Drama

## School Production

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** VLR

**Open to:** Second Form – Upper Sixth

**Activity Leaders:** Mr J. Hornsby & Ms F. Mikel

Working with the Drama and Music departments, learn new skills in singing, acting and dancing to collaborate to produce this year's school production of Shrek The Musical at the end of the Michaelmas Term.

## 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,  
Miss J. C. Single & Ms F. Mikel

Work as a team to stage the Exham production taking place in the summer of 2024.

## NT Connections: Third and Fourth Form Production (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Wesley Theatre

**Open to:** Third & Fourth Form

**Activity Leaders:** Miss J. C. Single & Ms F. Mikel

Work as an ensemble cast to produce a piece of new work as part of the National Theatre's Connections competition with the opportunity to perform at a professional theatre in the local area.



## Dance

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Recital Room

**Open to:** Third Form (max. 4)

**Activity Leader:** Ms F. Heywood

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

## LAMDA – Speech and Drama Examinations

**Day: By arrangement**

**Open to:** All

**Activity Leaders:** Mr J. Hornsby & Ms F. Mikel

**Cost:** See Mrs Blackwell 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 Blackwell 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.*



# Music

## Award Holders Music Practice

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

**Time:** 8.00am – 8.30am

**Venue:** SKMS

**Open to:** Second Form – Upper Sixth

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Redpath & Mr J. Ramm

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

## Music Practice

**Days: Monday, Thursday & Friday**

**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.

## School Production – Music Rehearsal

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Activity Leaders:** Mr A. Redpath & Mr J. Ramm

## Band Coaching

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.50pm

**Open to:** All

**Selection:** First come, first served

**Activity Leader:** Mr G. Houchen

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...!

## Chapel Choir

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Chapel

**Selection:** By invitation 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.



## Windstars

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Redpath

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

## String Band

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Selection:** By invitation 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.

## Jazz Band

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Selection:** By invitation 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.

## Orchestra

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**Venue:** SKMS

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Activity Leader:** Mr A. Redpath

An ensemble for players to perform fun and exciting music.

# Physical

## Michaelmas - Senior Sport

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### Senior Rugby Activity

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Courtington Lane

Open to: Senior rugby players

Selection: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV priority, (max. 25)

Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker

An additional training session for senior rugby players.

### Senior Hockey Activity (Girls)

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Senior hockey players

Selection 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority, (max. 22)

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

An additional training session for senior hockey players.

## Lent - Senior Sport

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### Senior Hockey Activity (Boys)

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Senior hockey players

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority, (max. 22)

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

An additional training session for senior hockey players.

### Senior Netball Activity

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority, (max. 22)

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

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### Senior Cricket Activity

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority, (max. 22)

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: Monday

Time: 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: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Third & Fourth Form boys

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 30)

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

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

### Pre-Season Netball, Third Form & Fourth Form

#### Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Third & Fourth Form girls

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 21)

Activity Leader: Miss L. Manning

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

### Club Tennis

**Days: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm,  
Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm, Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm (One of)**

Venue: Banbury West End Tennis Club

Open to: All years

Selection: Please contact Miss Andrew direct:

r.andrew@bloxhamschool.com to 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: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: First & Second Form boys

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 30)

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: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: First & Second Form girls

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 22)

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: Tuesday

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form - Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 25)

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

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

### Cricket Pre-Season Skills

#### Day: Tuesday

Time: 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: All Years

Activity Leader: Mr G. Setterfield

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

### Pre-Season Netball, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

#### Day: Friday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 22)

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

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

## Pre-Season Sport - Lent

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

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sport Centre

Open to: Third & Fourth Form

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 22)

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 Tennis, Third Form & Fourth Form

**Day: Monday**

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

Venue: Dewey Hard Courts

Open to: Third & Fourth Form

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 18)

Activity Leader: TBC

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

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

**Day: Tuesday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Hard Courts

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: 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: Tuesday**

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI priority, (max. 22)

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: Thursday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: First & Second Form

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 22)

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

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### Pre-Season Rugby, Third Form & Fourth Form

**Day: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Raymond Field

Open to: Third & Fourth Form

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 30)

Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker

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: Monday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Third & Fourth Form girls

Selection: First come, first served, (max. 30)

Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss R. Andrew

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





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

#### **Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Astro

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

**Selection:** First come, first served, (max. 30)

**Activity Leaders:** Mr C. Roberts & Miss. R. Andrew

Skill focussed sessions in preparation for the main hockey season.

### **Pre-Season Rugby, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth**

#### **Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Raymond Field

**Open to:** Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served, (max. 30)

**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: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Astros

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

**Selection:** First come, first served, (max. 25)

**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: Tuesday**

**Time:** 5.00pm – 6.00pm

**Venue:** Raymond Field

**Open to:** First & Second Form

**Selection:** First come, first served, (max. 30)

**Activity Leader:** 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: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Astros

**Open to:** Third – Fifth Form

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

**Activity Leader:** Miss C. Roberts & Miss L. Hynes



## **Alternate Games**

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### **Club Tennis**

**Days: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm, Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm (One of)**

**Venue:** Banbury West End Tennis Club

**Open to:** All years

**Selection:** Contact Miss Andrew to request: r.andrew@bloxhamschool.com

**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.

### **Squash (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Terms)**

#### **Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Squash Courts

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr E. Selby-Lowndes

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.

### **Swimming**

#### **Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Swimming Pool

**Open to:** All years

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

**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.

### **Martial Arts – Self Defence**

**Day: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm Third Form – Upper Sixth**

**Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm: First Form – Second Form**

**Venue:** VLR

**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.

### **Golf (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Terms)**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 6.00pm

**Venue:** Rye Hill/Wychwood in M1, Cherwell Edge in M2

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr E. Selby-Lowndes

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

### **Rugby Forwards Practice (Michaelmas Term)**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Courtington Lane

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr J. Walker

Lineout throwing, jumping, and scrummaging clinic.

### **Rugby Half Back and Back Three Practice (Michaelmas Term)**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 5.00pm – 6.00pm

**Venue:** Courtington Lane

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

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

**Activity Leader:** Rugby coach

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

### **Hockey Goalkeeper Clinic (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Astro 2

**Open to:** All years.

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Activity Leader:** Miss R. Andrew

A clinic for hockey goalkeepers.

### **Girls' Cricket (Lent Term)**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Sports Hall

**Open to:** All years

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

**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: Tuesday**

**Time:** 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.

### **Cricket Batsman and Bowlers (Summer Term)**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 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.

### **Fives (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Terms)**

**Days: Tues 8.00pm-9.00pm**

**Venue:** Fives Courts

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr E. Selby-Lowndes

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, Fives is a fast and exciting games suitable for boys and girls alike, and for all ages.

### **Rugby 7s, (Lent Term)**

**Day: Tues 3.55pm-4.55pm Third – Fourth Form – Raymond Field**

**Tues 3.55pm-4.55pm Fifth Form to Upper Sixth – Courtington Lane**

**Thurs 3.55pm – 4.55pm First & Second Form – Raymond Field**

**Selection:** First come, first served, (max. 21)

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

### **Indoor Hockey (Michaelmas & Lent Terms)**

#### **Day: Thursday**

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form - Upper Sixth

Selection: By invitation only

Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts

Develop your hockey skills through indoor hockey.

### **Basketball (Boys) (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Terms)**

#### **Day: Thursday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey

Open to: Fifth Form & Upper Sixth

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

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 Terms)**

#### **Day: Thursday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Fives Courts

Open to: First & Second Form

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

Activity Leader: Mr R. Matthew

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 Terms)**

#### **Day: Thursday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Squash Courts

Open to: First & Second Form

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

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 Terms)**

#### **Day: Thursday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: First & Second Form

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

Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Mrs S. Heathcote

### **Exham Water Polo (Michaelmas & Lent Terms)**

#### **Day: Thursday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Swimming Pool

Open to: First & Second Form

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

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: Thursday**

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro 2

Open to: First & Second Form

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

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 £52.00 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: Tuesday**

**Time:** 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. Charges: Regal - £50 - £55 per session, including Horse Hire. Regal riders should provide their own hats, jodhpurs, boots, and back protectors. Owned Horses - £30 - £55 per session (depending on venue hire and numbers).

## Strength and Conditioning

### Gym

**Days: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Gym

**Open to:** Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr J. Sissons

A gym slot to be utilised by TAPS students.

### Gym – 1st Team Rugby

**Days: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Gym

**Open to:** Sixth Form

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr J. Sissons

An opportunity for senior squad students to spend time in the gym.

### Gym – Girls' 1st Team Gym

**Days: Tuesday**

**Time:** 4.55pm – 5.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Gym

**Open to:** Sixth Form

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr J. Sissons

An opportunity for senior squad students of hockey and netball to spend time in the gym.

### Gym

**Days: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Dewey Gym

**Open to:** Upper Sixth Form

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

**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. You will be provided with a tailored programme to help achieve your personal goals.





# Academic Enrichment

## Chemistry Olympiad (Michaelmas Term)

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Chemistry

**Open to:** Upper Sixth

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Activity Leader:** Ms C. Limpkin

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.

## MCAT

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Biology

**Open to:** Sixth Form

**Selection:** By invitation only, (max. 10)

**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 practice the skills required for BMAT, UKCAT and Cambridge Natural Sciences Pre-Assessment tests.

## Eunoia Society Activity

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** GH3

**Open to:** Third & Fourth Form (by invitation 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:** TBC

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.

## 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. We will explore our position in the Universe, the movements of planets and stars, the cycles in the night and daytime sky, and how 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 our Universe.

## LitSoc

**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

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

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.

## Debating and Public Speaking (Lent and Summer Term)

**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 students to participate in various events and competitions.

### Physics Olympiad (Michaelmas Term)

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Physics

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Activity Leader:** Ms C. Linton

If you intend to apply to study 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.

### History Society (Michaelmas & Lent Terms)

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** H1

**Open to:** Fifth Form & Sixth Form

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

**Activity Leader:** Mr R. Hudson

Explore the world of History 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, but 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 Lectures and Subject Societies

**Day: Selected Wednesdays**

**Time:** 5.00pm – 6.00pm

**Venue:** VLR for lectures, subject departments for activities

**Open to:** Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

**Activity Leader:** TBC

**Selection:** Lectures are compulsory for academic scholars, exhibitioners and other students identified from the previous year's exam performances. Other students will be very welcome if they would like to attend.

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.

### Chemistry Club

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** T3

**Open to:** First & Second Form

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

**Activity Leader:** Ms C. Limpkin

Love slime, potions and explosions? Come along to Chemistry Club and find out what the excitement is all about. Follow in the footsteps of great Chemists, make toothpaste for elephants, discover what makes fireworks so colourful, and cast your own gold coins from 2ps. Let's get into Chemistry – and see how you react!

### Debating and Public Speaking

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Open to:** Fifth Form and Upper Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served, (6-12 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.

### Model United Nations

**Day: 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:** TBC

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, to 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.

# Languages

## Intermediate Greek Certificate

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** GH5

**Open to:** Second Form – Upper Sixth

**Activity Leader:** Mrs V. Moir

What do diploma, isosceles, colon, catastrophe and bacteria all have in common? Answer: they are all ancient Greek words, along with much of our higher level, subject specific English vocabulary. The Intermediate Greek Certificate course will give you an opportunity to learn the foundations of the language of Homer, Plato, Pythagoras, Sophocles and the apostle Paul and to gain a qualification in ancient Greek at the end of the year. This was the culture that the Romans admired the most so if you enjoy Latin, this is for you!

## Beginners' German

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** MFL Department

**Open to:** All

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

**Activity Leader:** Mrs J. Rose

If you would like to learn a new language for fun, then here is your opportunity! We shall look at both the fascinating language and the culture of the German-speaking world. German is very influential as it is the most widely spoken native language in Europe. German shares about 40% of its vocabulary with English which makes it quickly accessible to English speakers. The German language and Germany also have a fascinating history. German language skills are currently in high demand in all job sectors in the UK. Learning German will enrich your understanding in your wider academic studies and will open a new world of culture, opportunities and experiences. Most of all, it will be great fun!

## Pre-A-Level Spanish

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** MFL Department

**Open to:** Third – Fifth Form

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

**Activity Leader:** Mrs A. Kazem

The perfect grounding to extend your learning and fluency in Spanish, whilst preparing you for A-Level success.

## 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 Blackwell.



# 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.

## Bloxham Sustainability Challenge (BSC) in Partnership with Dalcour Maclaren

A curriculum-community-partnership approach to sustainable teaching and learning at Bloxham School.

The aim of the Bloxham Sustainability Challenge (BSC) is to provide a whole-education approach to sustainability, linking the teaching and learning to the broader curriculum provision, whilst also partnering with an award-winning environmentally responsible national business enterprise (Dalcour Maclaren). Students taking part in this initiative will:

- Work together to find solutions to a real-world challenges (provided by Dalcour Maclaren), whilst applying their knowledge and skills in the creation of a solutions-based project.
- Learn about sustainability and develop excellent critical thinking skills;
- Gain employability skills and valuable experience for UCAS applications and CVs;
- Develop new skills and utilise leading innovative technologies such as ArcGIS;

- Collaborate with and present ideas to Dalcour Maclaren and their clients (e.g., Thames Water, Network Rail and national utility providers);
- Make a tangible contribution towards raising awareness of real-world sustainability issues at the local level;
- Receive a certificate, and a Challenge Cup will be awarded to the winning the team (with a sponsored prize from Dalcour Maclaren).

The BSC programme is for any Lower Sixth student who's keen to explore the complexities of sustainability and to become a leader in helping to build a greener future. By the end of the year, students will have developed a range of personal and work-based skills, particularly teamwork, communication and leadership competencies. Throughout the course there will be plenty of opportunities to network and to secure work placements across the summer holiday.



# Clubs

## Book Club

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Library

**Open to:** All

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

**Activity Leader:** Ms E. Kuhne

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

Hello World! Coding Club provides a space to develop your programming skills by creating simple applications and games or for the more experienced programmers, complete an individual, self-led project.

## 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!

## 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.

## Finance Award

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** B2

**Open to:** Fifth Form

**Activity Leader:** Mrs S. Clitheroe

The London Institute of Banking and Finance Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education is for students who have successfully completed the LIBF Award in Financial Education in Fourth Form. We cover Unit 3- Financial capability work and enterprise. Students will take a written exam based on a pre-released case study in May 2024 and the results are added to their results in units 1 and 2 completed in Fourth Form. The Certificate in Financial education is graded A\*- C and is a Level 2 qualification equivalent to a GCSE.



### GreenPower Electric Car Project

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** RTC

**Open to:** First & Second Form

**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.

### 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:** 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.

### Climate Café

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** T21

**Open to:** First Form – Third Form

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

**Activity Leader:** Dr. C. Evans

Come along to our Climate Café – a space for students to get together to talk, learn and act on climate change! As a club, we pick a 'Key Climate Concern' at the start of each term (such as rising sea levels, severe wildfires, water scarcity or catastrophic storms). Each week, we enjoy documentaries, games and activities to help us learn about our chosen concern and its solutions, whilst also raising awareness about it within our Bloxham School community.



### 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 J. Cochran and Mr S. Moulder

Experimenting with food to make it edible, fun and fascinating. Making meals that are tasty and cost effective to enable you to make meals during your time in school but essentially to prepare you for your time beyond school. We will make soups, pasta and rice based dishes, to name just a few! In addition to this we will make sweet treats and the favourites that are always requested such as cookies and brownies! You will be a better cook after you have completed this activity than when you started it regardless of how well you can cook.

### Creative Writing Club

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** English

**Open to:** Third – Fifth Form (Michaelmas), Exham (Lent Term)

**Selection:** First come, first served, (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 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.

### 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.

### Mindfulness

**Venue:** TBC

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

**Activity Leader:** Mrs A. Kazem

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



### School Newspaper

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** GH12

**Open to:** All

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

**Activity Leader:** TBC

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. 10)

**Activity Leader:** Mrs D. Raper & Mrs J. Rose

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

### 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, (max. 10)

**Activity Leader:** Mr R. Broady-Bennett & Mr M. Skevington

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



### Sixth Form Yoga

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

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** GH5

**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.

### Warhammer Club

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Liddon Chapel

**Open to:** All

**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!

### Board Games (Exham)

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** T20

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

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

**Activity Leader:** Ms S. Russell

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

### Allies Club

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Open to:** First Form, Fifth Form & Upper Sixth

**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.



# 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 triathlons gaining increasing in global popularity, this is excellent opportunity to develop athletic skill with an external coach.

### Cooking

**Venue:** RTC

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

**Activity Leader:** Miss A. Hickling

Experimenting with food to make it edible, fun and fascinating. Making meals that are tasty and cost effective to enable you to make meals during your time in school but essentially to prepare you for your time beyond school. We will make soups, pasta and rice based dishes, to name but a few!

In addition to this we will make sweet treats and the favourites that are always requested such as cookies and brownies! You will be a better cook after you have completed this activity than when you started it regardless of how well you can cook.





## Creative Arts

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### Dance

**Venue:** Recital Room

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

**Activity Leader:** Miss F. Heywood

Develop your dance skills and create routines across Contemporary, Street, Musical Theatre, and 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.

## Academic Enrichment

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### 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 C. Jenkins

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

### Mindfulness

**Venue:** Exham Quiet Room

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

**Activity Leader:** Ms C. Pepper

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.

# 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. You will follow this option throughout the year.*

## **Dance**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Recital Room

**Activity Leader:** Ms F. Heywood

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

**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.

## **Primary School Service – Geography Explorers**

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.40pm – 5.00pm

**Venue:** Geography Department

**Open to:** GCSE Geographers

**Activity Leader:** Dr. C. Evans

The Geography Explorers' Club is an opportunity for students to design and engage in lots of fun activities to help develop individuals' geographical understanding of the world around them, whilst also building important life skills. Our programme of activities will be led by A-Level and GCSE Geographers, and consist of local treasure hunts, orienteering and map-skills exercises, world-wise quizzes, Google Earth challenges and hazard management tasks based on Minecraft Education software.

## **Silver DofE**

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** B1

**Activity Leaders:** Mr R. Dann & Mr A. Shepherd

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## **Finance Award Activity**

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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

**Venue:** Business Studies

**Activity Leader:** Mr L. May

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.



### Fourth Form Computing Challenge

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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

**Venue:** RT7

**Activity Leader:** Mr L. Harris

The Fourth Form computing challenge is a space for you to develop your already established IT skills as we take a closer look at cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, games development, and virtual reality and learn about the importance of their real-world application.

### Film Making

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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

**Venue:** TBC

**Activity Leader:** Mr R. Taylor

Filmmaking begins on the page; in Filmmaking Club, students will deepen their understanding of film while honing their screenwriting skills with the ultimate goal of producing and refining one original script for film or television.

### Higher Project Qualification

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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

**Venue:** Library

**Activity Leader:** TBC

Equivalent to half a GCSE, this mini project is an opportunity to develop your skills in an area of interest beyond the scope of GCSE courses. This will help to develop research and written skills whilst exploring an area of passion.

### Debating and Public Speaking

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Selection:** First come, first served, (min. 8)

**Venue:** Mrs Summers classroom

**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.

### Exham Hockey Support

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Selection:** By application to Mr Roberts

**Venue:** Dewey

**Activity Leader:** Mr C. Roberts

Students will support Exham Hockey sessions, and so you will need to be experienced hockey players with a desire to develop your coaching skills.



# 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:** By invitation 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.

## Lifeguard Training

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 5.55pm

**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.

## Tech Team

**Day: Wednesday**

**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.

## 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.

## Harmonix

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Selection:** By invitation only

**Venue:** SKMS

**Activity Leader:** Mr J. Ramm

Our top singers to perform challenging and rewarding music.

## 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.

### Primary School Service – Geography Explorers

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.40pm – 5.00pm

**Open to:** Lower Sixth Geographers

**Venue:** T21

**Activity Leader:** Dr. C. Evans

The Geography Explorers' Club is an opportunity for students to design and engage in lots of fun activities to help develop individuals' geographical understanding of the world around them, whilst also building important life skills. Our programme of activities will be led by A-Level and GCSE Geographers, and consist of local treasure hunts, orienteering and map-skills exercises, world-wise quizzes, Google Earth challenges and hazard management tasks based on Minecraft Education software.

### Bloxham Primary School Animal Club

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.40pm – 4.40pm

**Open to:** Lower Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served

**Venue:** Biology

**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 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

**Selection:** 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.

**Selection:** First come, first served

**Venue:** RTC

**Activity Leaders:** Mrs C. Bridge

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

### Bloxham Primary School DT Activity

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.40pm – 4.40pm

**Open to:** Lower Sixth.

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

**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 MFL Club

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.40pm – 4.40pm

**Open to:** Lower Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served

**Venue:** MFL Department

**Activity Leader:** Mrs J. Rose

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:** First come, first served

**Activity Leader:** Mr G. Setterfield

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.



### **Bee-Keeping**

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Open to:** Lower Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served, (max. 4)

**Activity Leader:** Miss L. Manning

Be part of setting up Bloxham's first ever beehives. The first two terms will be spent learning about bees, making hives and preparing the site to welcome the bees. From Easter onwards time will be spent looking after the bees themselves and learning how to handle these amazing creatures.

### **Exham Prep Support**

**Day/time: Various opportunities throughout the week**

**Open to:** Lower Sixth

**Selection:** First come, first served

**Activity Leader:** Mr P. Harvey

Use your talents and academic skills to support Exham students during one prep session each week.

### **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. Mr Harvey 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, and 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

Relaxed fun setting to grill a Christian and find out more about Jesus.

## **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 to find out more about the Christian faith.

## **Exploring Faith and Life's Big Questions**

**Day: Friday**

**Time:** 10.55am – 11.20am

**Venue:** Liddon Chapel

**Open to:** Third Form – Upper Sixth

**Activity Leader:** Father Alex Ladds

Exploring faith and life's big questions, with an opportunity to prepare for Confirmation.



# Outdoor Engagement

## Duke of Edinburgh – Gold

**Day: Monday**

**Time:** 3.55 – 4.55pm

**Venue:** Maths

**Open to:** Lower Sixth

**Selection:** Open

**Activity Leader:** Miss J. Merris

**Cost:** £395 to cover Award enrolment and both expeditions

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.

## Climbing Wall

**Day: Wednesday**

**Time:** 6.50pm – 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. There are periodic trips to Northampton Climbing Wall, and then some to Wales, Peak District and Lake District.

## Silver DofE

**Day: Thursday**

**Time:** 3.55pm – 4.55pm

**Venue:** B1

**Activity Leaders:** Mr R. Dann & Mr A. Shepherd

**Cost:** £315, including enrolment and all training

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## 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

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

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

## 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

**Cost:** £150 to cover Award enrolment and both expeditions

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.

MIND

Global Awareness PERSEVERANCE  
Adaptability Tenacity

Commitment

CULTURE SELF-MANAGEMENT

Curiosity Ambition

RESILIENCE Analytical  
FINANCE

FRIENDSHIP Articulate INDEPENDENCE Challenge

POSITIVITY Problem-Solving COLLABORATION

Emotional Intelligence

LISTENING CRITICAL-THINKING

Passion Communication

BODY

EMPATHY LEADERSHIP TEAM-WORK

FUN Well-Being Spirituality Time Management

SELF-BELIEF LAUGHTER

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