



Bloxham School

Broader Curriculum
2024 - 2025



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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 Bower).

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

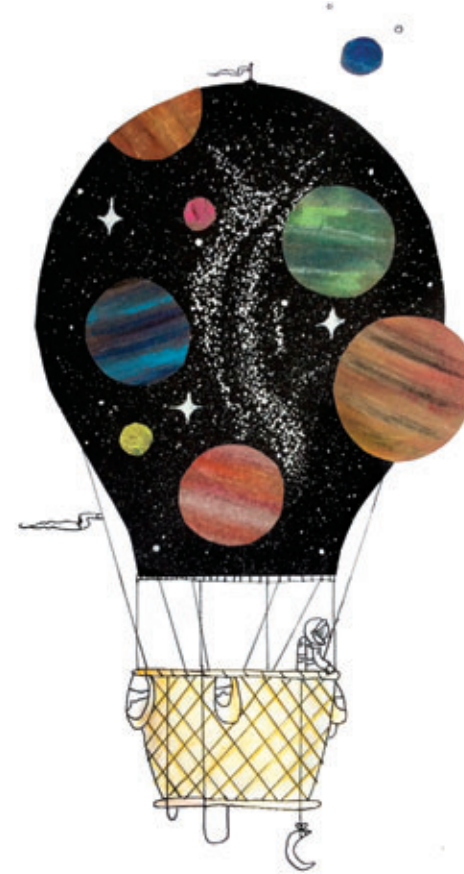


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Choosing your preferences

Instructions will be sent out, via email, to both parents and students informing them of the choices available as well as how to select these. Please take time to look through the Broader Curriculum booklet to ensure you are aware of the many choices available to you. It is important that you make your selections prior to the start of term.

Once you have made your preferences, you will be allocated your options based on availability. Wherever possible you will be given your first choice. Mr Bower will be able to keep a record of when you might not have been given your first choice so that you will be given preference in another term for more popular activities.

There will be an opportunity to review and discuss your options during tutor time in the first week of term.

Some options are invite only, and students will be preselected on these. If you would like to attend these, but have not been invited, please contact the Activity Leader directly.

Certain options are compulsory for certain students, which 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. Students are asked to attend any activity for at least two weeks before making any changes to give it a proper chance. Following this, there will be an activity change request form available on the Student Dashboard where you can request to make changes to your activity. You should communicate clearly with your current Activity Leader to explain your reasons for wanting to change and think carefully about choosing an alternative activity 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.

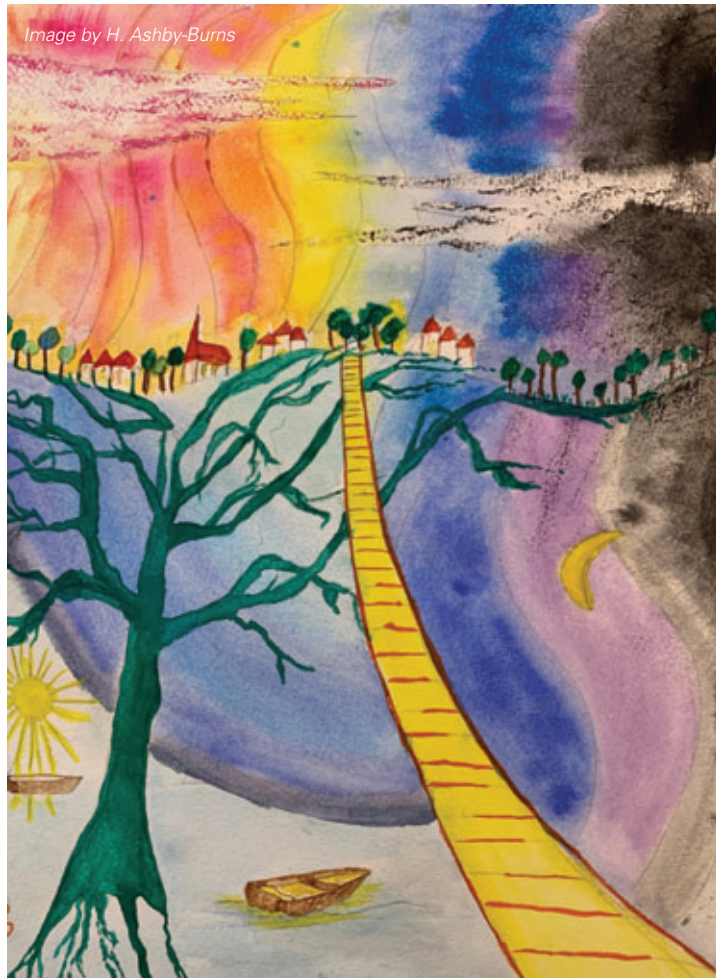


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Creative Arts

Visual Arts

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 (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: All years, by invitation only

Activity Leader: Mr R. Matthew

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

Open Art Studios

Time: 6.45pm – 9.00pm – no sign up required

Open to: Sixth Form

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

Drama

School Production (Michaelmas Term)

Day: Monday and Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: VLR

Open to: Second Form – Upper Sixth

Activity Leader: Mr J. Hornsby

Work together to prepare a production of Carl Grose’s *Robin Hood* to be performed at the end of the Michaelmas Term. Rehearsals will be run as ‘calls’ so you will not be needed at all rehearsals.

Sixth Form Production (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: White Lion Sixth Form Centre

Open to: Upper Sixth

Activity Leader: Ms E. Exelby

An exciting opportunity to work with Mr Hornsby and Ms Exelby putting together a play that is written, directed and performed by Sixth Form students. The focus in the first term will be planning and writing with some early rehearsals; Lent term will focus on rehearsals and final performance before the Easter break. As well as support from staff, we will also have three writing and performing workshops with a professional dramatist.

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

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Wesley Theatre

Open to: Third Form

Activity Leader: Miss J. C. Single

Take part in the National Theatres’ ‘NT Connections’ competition. Take on the performance of a brand-new play to be performed both in school and at a professional theatre.



LAMDA – Speech and Drama Examinations

Day: By arrangement

Open to: All

Activity Leaders: Mr J. Hornsby & Mr P. Dukes

Cost: See Mr Hornsby 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 Mr Hornsby 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

If you have any questions about Musical activities, or wish to be included in one of the “invitation only” options, please contact Mr Redpath to discuss further.

Music Practice

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: SKMS

Open to: All

Activity Leader: Mr A. Redpath

A designated time for you to work on your musical instruments, or voice, either individually or as part of a group.

Band Coaching

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.50pm

Open to: All (max. 12)

Activity Leader: Music teacher

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...?

Brass Ensemble

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Selection: By invitation only

Activity Leader: Mr A. Redpath

An ensemble for the finest brass players to take on a musical challenge with exciting repertoire and top-quality performances.

Chapel Choir

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Chapel

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Activity Leader: Mr J. Ramm

The heart of worship at Bloxham, the stellar Chapel Choir lead whole school services at St Mary’s and Evensong at churches around the country. Be part of this special ensemble and you are guaranteed lifelong musical memories.

Exham Chapel Choir

Day: Tuesday

Time: Lunchtime

Venue: Chapel

Open to: Second Form

Selection: By invitation only

Activity Leader: Miss R. Clifford

An introduction to the prestige of Chapel Choir (see above description) for Exham students.

Exham Concert Band

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Second Form

Selection: By invitation only

Activity Leader: Mr J. Howse

Enjoy the experience of performing a selection of more complex pieces within a band.

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: 6.15pm – 7.00pm

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.

Show Choir

Day: Wednesday

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: M2

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth

Selection: By invitation only

Activity Leader: Miss L. Jackson

If you love songs from the musicals, this is the ensemble for you. Take on the music you know and love, add a sprinkle of challenge and fun and imagine yourself on the West End stage....!

Orchestra

Day: Thursday

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: SKMS

Selection: By invitation only

Activity Leader: Mr A. Redpath

The showcase for instrumental music at Bloxham performing engaging, challenging and enjoyable music. From popular ear worms to unusual pieces which stretch your musical horizons, be part of an exciting musical journey.

Physical

Michaelmas - Senior Sport

Senior Rugby Activity

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Courtington Lane

Open to: Senior rugby players

Selection: 1st and 2nd 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 1st and 2nd XI priority (max. 22)

Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts

An additional training session for senior hockey players.

Lent - Senior Sport

Senior Hockey Activity (Boys)

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: Senior hockey players

Open to: 1st and 2nd XI priority (max. 22)

Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts

An additional training session for senior hockey players.

Senior Netball Activity

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey

Open to: 1st and 2nd 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

Senior Cricket Activity

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets

Open to: 1st and 2nd XI priority (max. 22)

Activity Leader: Mr G. Webber

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



Senior Tennis Activity

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Hard Courts

Open to: Senior tennis players

Activity Leader: Mr A. Hawthorn

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 (max. 30)

Activity Leader: Miss C. Seaman

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 (max. 40)

Activity Leader: Miss L. Manning

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

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

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Dewey Astro

Open to: First & Second Form boys (max. 30)

Activity Leaders: Mr E. Selby-Lowndes & Miss C. Seaman

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 (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 (max. 25)

Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts

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

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

Pre-Season Netball, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Dewey Sports Hall

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth (max. 25)

Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & Miss S. Heathcote

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

Pre-Season Sport - Lent

Pre-Season Cricket, Third Form & Fourth Form

Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Sport Centre
Open to: Third & Fourth Form (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 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 (max. 18)
Activity Leader: Mr A. Hawthorne

Prepare and develop your technique and game by working through technical skills ahead of the tennis season.

Pre-Season Tennis, First Form & Second Form

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Hard Courts
Open to: First & Second Form
Activity Leader: Mr A. Hawthorne

Prepare and develop your technique and game by working through technical skills ahead of the tennis season.

Pre-Season Athletics

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Raymond Field
Open to: Third Form Upwards
Activity Leaders: Mr D. Fowler & Mr U. Zilioli

Prepare and develop your techniques and discover new events ahead of the Athletics season.

Pre-Season Cricket, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

Day: Tuesday
Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets
Open to: 1st and 2nd XI priority (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 Cricket, First Form & Second Form

Day: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Sports Hall/Cricket Nets
Open to: First & Second Form
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: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Raymond Field
Open to: Third & Fourth Form (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, (max. 30)
Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss C. Seaman

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

Girls’ Rugby

Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Raymond Field
Open to: All years
Selection: By invitation only
Activity Leaders: Mr A. Awcock & Ms C. Towey

Learn and develop the basic techniques for rugby, which has become a very established sport for females around the world. These sessions will begin as non-contact (tag rugby).

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

Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Astro
Open to: First & Second Form girls (max. 30)
Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss. C. Seaman

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 (max. 30)
Activity Leader: 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) (max. 25)
Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss C. Seaman

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 (max. 30)
Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker

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



Alternate Games

Club Tennis

Days: Mon 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 3.55pm – 4.55pm, Tues 5.00pm – 6.00pm, Thurs 5.00pm – 6.00pm (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 (max. 12)
Activity Leader: Mr D Busby

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 (max. 12)
Open to: All years
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 and during the swim season. Students who take part will be given priority for swimming as a games option.

Exham Fives (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Terms)
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Fives Courts
Open to: First & Second Form (max. 12)
Activity Leaders: Mr E. Selby-Lowndes & 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.

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
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: 3.45pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Rye Hill/Wychwood in M1, Cherwell Edge in M2
Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth (max. 12)
Activity Leader: Mr R. Broady-Bennett
Develop your golf skills, practising 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 (max. 20)
Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker
Lineout throwing, jumping, and scrummaging clinic.

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 (max. 15)
Activity Leader: Mr G. Webber
Girls’ specific preparation 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: Courtington Lane
Open to: All years
Selection: Open
Activity Leader: Mr A. Awcock
Clinic to help any wicketkeepers for girls’ or boys’ teams.

Ultimate
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Sports Hall
Open to: All
Activity Leader: Ms C. Towey
Come and try the fast and exciting sport of Ultimate (sometimes known as Ultimate frisbee). This skillful and fun game is very popular in the USA and you will learn plenty of different ways to throw the disc.

Pre-Season Netball, First Form & Second Form
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Sports Hall
Open to: First & Second Form girls (max. 22)
Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & Mrs S. Heathcote
Skill focused session in preparation for the main netball season in the Lent Term.

Cricket Batsman and Bowlers (Summer Term)
Day: Tuesday
Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Park Close
Open to: All years
Activity Leader: Mr A. Awcock
Clinic to help any batsmen or bowlers for girls’ or boys’ teams.

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 (max. 10)
Activity Leader: Mr A. Trenhaile
Core skill clinic for half backs and back three players. May also incorporate kicking.

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 (max. 25)
Activity Leader: Mr C. Roberts
Skill focused sessions to develop boys ahead of the main boys’ hockey season in the Lent Term.

Pre-Season Netball, Fifth Form – Upper Sixth
Day: Tuesday
Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Dewey Sports Hall
Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth (max. 25)
Activity Leaders: Miss L. Manning & Miss S. Heathcote
Skill focused session in preparation for the main netball season in the Lent Term.

Cricket Pre-Season Skills
Day: Tuesday
Time: 8.00pm – 9.00pm
Venue: Dewey Sports Hall
Open to: All
Cricket session focusing on batting, bowling, fielding, and wicket keeper clinics.

Fives (Michaelmas, Lent & Summer Terms)
Days: Tues 8.00pm-9.00pm
Venue: Fives Courts
Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth (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
Activity Leader: Mr J. Walker
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 (max. 20)
Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss C. Seaman
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 (max. 20)
Activity Leader: Mr F. Marulanda

Year-round basketball activity. Attendees will be given preference for the ‘Bloxham Badgers’ in the Lent term.

Exham Squash (Michaelmas & Lent Terms)

Day: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Squash Courts
Open to: First & Second Form (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 (max. 20)
Activity Leaders: Mr C. Roberts & Miss R. Andrew

Exham Swimming (Michaelmas & Lent Terms)

Skill focused sessions to develop your hockey technique.
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Swimming Pool
Open to: First & Second Form (max. 20)
Activity Leader: Mrs A. Ireland
Develop your fitness and swimming techniques of the different strokes.

Exham Tennis (Boys) (Summer Term)

Day: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Astro 2
Open to: First & Second Form (max. 12)
Activity Leader: Mr M. Moir
Recreational tennis for First & Second Form boys, offering an opportunity to have some relaxed match play.

Exham Running Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Sports Centre
Open to: First & Second Form
Activity Leaders: Ms S. Russell & Ms. E. Carr

Develop your fitness and enjoyment of cross country running by joining this fun and relaxed activity.

Circuit Training

Day: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Studio
Open to: All
Activity Leader: Miss S. Heathcote

Improve your core strength and general fitness with a variety of fun and challenging exercises.

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
Activity Leader: Ms P. Eagles

Develop an existing or new skill. All shots receive tuition and there may be 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 & Thursday
Time: 3.45pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Offsite
Open to: All
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). Parental permission required.

Strength and Conditioning

Gym

Days: Mondays (3F upwards) and Thursdays (6F only)
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Gym
Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth (max. 15)
Activity Leader: Mr J. Sissons

Train, develop physically and unwind from your daily routine. Whether 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..

Gym – 1st Team Rugby

Days: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Dewey Gym
Open to: Sixth Form (max. 20)
Activity Leader: Mr J. Sissons

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

Gym – TAP Gym

Days: Tuesday
Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Dewey Gym
Open to: All years (max. 20)
Activity Leader: Mr J. Sissons
A gym slot to be utilised by TAP students.

Gym – Girls’ 1st Team Hockey and Netball

Days: Wednesday
Time: 4.55pm – 5.55pm
Venue: Dewey Gym
Open to: Sixth Form (max. 20)
Activity Leader: Mr J. Sissons
An opportunity for senior squad students of hockey and netball to spend time in the gym.



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. 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.

Literary Society

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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

Open to: Sixth Form, (max. 15)

Activity Leader: Mr R. Taylor

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.

Current Affairs Society

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: V2

Open to: First & Second Form, (max. 12)

Activity Leader: Ms L. Roberts

Model United Nations

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Open to: Fifth Form and Upper Sixth (max. 16)

Activity Leader: Dr L. Earl

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.

Bloxham Enterprise

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: V2

Open to: Sixth Form (max. 16)

Activity Leader: Mr L. May

The activity will support students to set up their own businesses by providing them with the expertise and resources they need to realise their own ideas. The activity is open to all students in Lower Sixth (and invited students from the Upper Sixth). Students with skills in design, technology, media (including social media), computing (eg web design), art, public speaking, languages, and/or have an interest in business would benefit from this activity. Students must be self-starting and prepared to commit as part of a team.

Maths Enrichment

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: M7

Open to: First, Second and Third Form

Selection: Max. 16

Activity Leader: Mr S. Moulder

Come and develop your Maths knowledge and skills through a variety of puzzles and activities. This session will provide valuable opportunities to practise for the different national Maths challenges that run across the year.

Philosophy Club (Junior)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Fourth to Sixth Form

Selection: Max. 16

Activity Leader: Mr U. Zilioli

Discover, debate and discuss some famous philosophers, past and present, in an informal setting.

Philosophy Club (Senior)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Fourth to Sixth Form

Selection: Max. 16

Activity Leader: Mr S. Moulder

Discover, debate and discuss some famous philosophers, past and present, in an informal setting.

Chemistry Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: T3

Open to: First & Second Form (max. 12)

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 (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.

Academic Scholars' Programme

An opportunity for academic scholars to be challenged and stretched based on their age group. Students will be pre-selected for these activities.

Eunoia

Day: Tuesday

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: Dr K. Perera

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.

HPQ (Higher Project Qualification)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: Fourth Form Academic Scholars

Activity Leader: Mr Saunders

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.

The Big Question

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Open to: First to Third Form Academic Scholars

Activity Leader: Dr L. Earl

Life is full of big questions that we cannot answer if we focus on one subject; in the Big Question we will seek to bring together ideas across subject areas to propose answers to some of these questions. Hone your research skills, your analytical skills and presentation skills.

Languages

Beginners' German

Day: Monday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH10

Open to: First to Third Form (max. 16)

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. Germany 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!

Beginners' Mandarin

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: GH11

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth (max. 12)

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. These sessions run during Period 6 each Monday.

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 real-world challenges (provided by Dalcour Maclaren), whilst applying 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 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.



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Clubs

Book Club
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Library
Open to: All
Activity Leader: Ms M. Miranda

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.

Cooking - Survival Skills
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: RTC
Open to: Lower Sixth – Upper Sixth (max. 14)
Activity Leader: Mr P. Harvey

Basic ‘staple’ dishes that are achievable when home alone or heading to university!

GreenPower Electric Car Project
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: RTC
Open to: First to Fourth Form (max. 20)
Activity Leaders: Mr R. Broadly-Bennett, Mr L. Elliott & Mr G. Chalmers

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

Finance Award
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: B2
Open to: Fifth Form (max. 16)
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 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.

Junior Mindfulness
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Open to: First, Second and Third form
Activity Leader: Dr. C. Linton

Participate in a range of activities to develop your mindfulness in a calm, relaxing and fun environment.



Board Games (Exham)
Day: Monday & Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: E1
Open to: First Form & Second Form, (max. 16 per group)
Activity Leaders: Dr Linton & Mrs Bridge

Enjoy playing Monopoly, Draughts, Scrabble, Go, Risk and other brain burning games.

Chess Club
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Open to: All (max. 16)
Venue: GH11
Activity Leader: Mr R. Bower

Learn, play and develop your skills with one of the most popular games in the world. There may be opportunities for matches against other schools.

Mythology Club
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Open to: First Form – Third Form (max. 12)
Activity Leader: Ms V. Moir

Do you like Percy Jackson, Harry Potter or maybe even Shakespeare? All of them heavily reference ancient mythology so why not come and investigate/interrogate the original versions? We’ll think about the stories as ancient authors retold them and the issues they raise. For example, why do we only know Medusa and the Minotaur as “monsters”? Why have generations thought it was okay for Perseus to slaughter Medusa and Theseus the Minotaur? Were either Perseus or Theseus really heroes? Come along and see what you think!

Yearbook Committee
Day: Monday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Open to: Upper Sixth (max. 12)
Venue: White Lion Sixth Form Centre
Activity Leader: Mr S. Thomas

Develop your publishing and journalistic skills by designing and putting together the Upper Sixth yearbook. This promises to be a fun and rewarding experience which will undoubtedly uncover some interesting stories about life at Bloxham.

Scrabble
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Open to: First Form – Fifth Form (max. 14)

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



Animal Club
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: Biology
Open to: First Form – Third Form (max. 16)
Activity Leader: Ms H. Edwards

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

Climate Café
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Venue: T21
Open to: First Form – Third Form (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 (max. 10)

Activity Leaders: Mrs J. Cochran & Ms K. Head

Experimenting with food to make it edible, fun and fascinating. Making meals that are tasty and cost effective 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) (max. 15)

Activity Leader: Ms C. Summers

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).

Junior DT Club

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: First to Third Form

Activity Leader: Mr A. Peck

Create some wonderful projects of your own choosing whilst developing your DT skills along the way.



DT – Project Work (Lent & Summer Terms)

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: Fifth Form – Upper Sixth

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.

Textiles

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RTC

Open to: All, (max. 12)

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: max. 12

Activity Leader: Mr M. Skevington & Mr L. Elliott

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

Sixth Form Yoga

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: White Lion Sixth Form Centre

Open to: Sixth Form (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

Activity Leader: Father A. Ladds

Warhammer is a tabletop war-game 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!

Allies Club

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

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

Venue: GH1

Activity Leader: Dr L. Earl

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.

Girls’ Indoor Hockey

Venue: Dewey
Selection: Max. 12
Activity Leader: Ms R. Andrew

Develop your hockey skills through indoor hockey.

Climbing

Venue: Dewey Climbing Wall
Selection: 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: 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.

Football

Venue: Dewey
Selection: Max. 14
Activity Leader: Mr N. Pigott

An opportunity to have fun in small match situations with a focus on improving both team and individual skills.

Cooking (Lower School)

Venue: RTC
Selection: Max. 12
Activity Leader: Ms S. Thomas

Experimenting with food to make it edible, fun and fascinating. Making meals that are tasty and cost effective 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

Dance

Venue: Recital Room
Selection: 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: Max. 16
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.

Drama

Selection: Max. 12
Activity Leader: Ms. H. O’Donnell & Ms. G. Gamble

Take part in drama games and exercises to create and perform theatre.

Academic Enrichment

Beginners Mandarin

Venue: GH11
Selection: Max. 14
Activity Leader: Mrs X. H. Pan

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

Book Club

Venue: Library
Selection: Max. 12
Activity Leader: Ms C. Jenkins

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

Crafts

Venue: Exham Quiet Room
Selection: Max. 16
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.

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.45pm – 5.55pm

Venue: CCF Headquarters, Park Close

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.

Fourth Form Challenge: Digital Ambassadors

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: RT7

Activity Leader: Mr L. Harris

The Fourth Form computing challenge is a space for you to develop your digital skills. Join our team of Digital Ambassadors and play a highly active role in promoting awareness of new software tools, best digital practices, online safety, and cybersecurity within our school community, encompassing both teachers and pupils.

Fourth Form Drama: The Company

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Activity Leader: Ms H. O'Donnell

As a working theatre company, write and prepare a performance to be entered into a National competition during the summer of 2025.

Higher Project Qualification

Day: Thursday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: Library

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.

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.

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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: Thursday
Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm
Open to: Third to Sixth Form
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
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: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Selection: By invitation only
Venue: SKMS
Activity Leader: Mr J. Ramm

Our top singers perform challenging and rewarding music.

Primary School – Geography Explorers
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.40pm – 5.00pm
Open to: Lower Sixth Geographers
Venue: T21
Activity Leader: Dr. C. Evans

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Primary School Animal Club
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
Open to: Lower Sixth
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 them out, so you gain experience of what it takes to be responsible for looking after animals.



Primary School Art Club
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
Open to: Lower Sixth
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.

Primary School Cooking Activity
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
Open to: Lower Sixth
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.

Primary School DT Activity
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
Open to: Lower Sixth.
Venue: RTC

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

Primary School MFL Club
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
Open to: Lower Sixth
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.

Primary School Sports Coaching
Day: Thursday
Time: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
Open to: Lower Sixth
Activity Leader: Ms E. Danby

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 National Governing Body courses are also part of the activity.

Exham Prep Support
Day/time: Various opportunities throughout the week
Open to: Lower Sixth
Activity Leader: Mrs C. Bridge

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

Assembly Team
Day/time: Various events throughout the year
Open to: Lower Sixth
Activity Leader: Mr R. Bower

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 R. Bower
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.



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: B1

Open to: Lower Sixth

Selection: Open

Activity Leader: Mr R. Dann

Cost: £395 to cover Award enrolment and both expeditions

This activity will prepare you and guide you through your Gold DofE Award. On Monday 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.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Day: Friday

Time: 3.55pm – 4.55pm

Venue: B1

Activity Leaders: Mr. L. Elliott, Mr. P. Sanderson

& Mr. S. Moulder

Silver Duke of Edinburgh represents a step up from Bronze. Although the requirements are similar, the expedition is in wilder country, is more adventurous and is designed to test students' teamwork and abilities. As such the training is more in-depth, teaching students all the necessary skills to be self-sufficient in the outdoors. Together with the need to be involved in volunteering, physical and skills activities for a longer period of time than the Bronze Award, to be successful students should have a greater commitment and interest in exploring more interesting countryside. Students are assessed on expedition over three days and two nights, and in keeping with the goal of a more adventurous undertaking, the plan for 2024/2025 is to venture further afield and use the west coast of Scotland during the last week of the Easter holiday for the practice and assessed expedition, though this will always be dependent on conditions and contingency plans are in place. Cost: £315, including enrolment and all training.

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.

Climbing Wall

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6.50pm – 8.50pm

Open to: Third Form – Upper Sixth (max. 12)

Activity Leader: Mr A. Shepherd

Exham Climbing

Day: Thursday

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Open to: First Form – Second Form (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.

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.







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