# **The London Oratory School**



Co-Curricular Programme 2025 -2026

#### Introduction

At The London Oratory School we strongly believe that education is not just about activities defined by an examination syllabus. We encourage all our pupils to engage in a range of activities to develop their sporting, cultural and intellectual lives. Through participation in extra-curricular activities, pupils develop a variety of skills, ranging from teamwork, time management, leadership and technical proficiency. This booklet gives details of the activities presently on offer. We recommend that pupils are involved in at least one co-curricular activity each week. Participation will appear on a pupil's report.

Some activities are aimed at the VI form pupils and are therefore not available to lower school pupils.

When you read this booklet, try to keep the following advice in mind:

- Get involved! Identify two or three clubs you would like to be involved in, and choose them not necessarily because your friends do, but because you are interested in widening your own horizons.
- Think about your own personal qualities, and what you would benefit from improving. Try and match them with an activity which will help.
- Commit yourself to attending regularly for a term to give it a proper chance.

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## **ART & DESIGN**

## **Painting Club**

This weekly club is open to Third to Fifth Formers who want to improve their painting technique. No experience is necessary, but GCSE pupils can use this as an opportunity to build on their coursework portfolio. Over the year, a variety of genres and styles will be approached and contextualised.



Staff Mr D Deegan

Location 703

Time Wednesday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

Pupils 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> form

### **DT Club**

This club will involve learning how to program, design and use the 3D printers as well as using the laser cutter. There will be a opportunities to learn new skills and use materials not generally used in class. Projects that have been completed this year have included a Pop-Pop steam boat, a balsa wood glider, pewter casting, jitterbug motorized toy and a penny whistle! No experience necessary!



Staff Mrs S Harris

Location 48

Time Wednesday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

Pupils KS3

### **Pottery Club**

Pottery Club is open to all from first to third form. No prior experience necessary as we will introduce the processes of clay over the weeks. We explore the possibilities of the material and all the amazing things that can be created from slip casting; mould making; coiling; slab roiling and then leading on to glazing and decorating your pottery. We use a variety of clays from earthenware to terracotta. Come along and explore this exciting material. All you need to attend is a creative mind and an apron.



Staff Miss S Dyce

Location 710

Time Thursday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

Pupils KS2 & KS3

## **ART & DESIGN**

### **Photography Club**

Each week you will be given a digital camera and a theme to photograph.

The themes vary but may be linked to the season – autumn colours, the grey tones of winter, blooming spring or the warmth of colour in summer. We also look at different techniques and methods for you to experiment with and learn about some tricks of the trade with capturing a magic moment with a camera. To visually inspire you, we look to examine and discuss photographer images that correspond with the current weeks' theme. Looking at famous photographs, helps refine your photographic eye so you begin to recognise the details of what makes a good photograph.



Staff Miss P Madigan

Location 708

Time Thursday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

No. of Pupils Max 15

### **Art Club**

Are you bursting with ideas, sketches, or just love expressing yourself through art? Then Art Club is your space to experiment, learn and shine. Come along one afternoon each week to experience new skills in painting, drawing, sculpture and

more! No experience needed.



Staff Miss Arcari

Location 701

Time Tuesday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

Pupils First and Second Form

### **CADETS**

#### **Combined Cadet Force (CCF)**

The CCF provides many exciting experiences that are not available outside of a military organisation. There are two sections linked to the regular services: Army (cap-badged to the Irish Guards) and RAF. The main event each week is Parade on Friday afternoons. During Parade, each section follows their own training program taught by NCOs in the Sixth-Form. Around once a half term, the Cadets go away on camps or competitions. The RAF Cadets get the chance to fly and/or glide about once a term. In addition to the UK based camps, there are some chances to travel abroad for competitions, military history studies and adventurous training.





Staff Capt W. MacLennan, Capt L

Philiotis, Flt Lt G. Taylor, PI Briscoe.

Location Peninsula Lodge

Time Friday, 3.45pm

No. of pupils No limits. 3rd – VI form

## DEBATING

#### **Junior Debate Club**

Junior Debate Club challenges pupils in the First to Third Form to respond to topical, thought provoking debates each week. In the past we have debated issues such as, "Should we ban nuclear weapons?" or "This House would reinstate capital punishment." The club provides the opportunity for pupils to learn new skills or hone existing ones in the much needed art of debating, and gives them a chance to learn to respond to the objections of others. Debating remains a fundamental skill in life and so, whichever profession you are intending to join, come and develop this essential skill whilst you can!



Staff Mr M Murray

Location 114

Time Thursday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

No. of Pupils Up to 20

## **Senior Debating Society**

The Senior Debating Society will continue to meet the growing interest in debating and public speaking at The London Oratory School. The team will continue to participate in competitions including The Oxford Union, English Speaking Union and Debating Matters. This team is primarily lead by sixth formers but 4th and 5th formers are welcome to join. Debating Team gives anyone an opportunity to try debating for the first time, simply to enjoy a topical debate or train in the British Parliamentary style. This group will allow all pupils with an interest in critical enquiry, communication and team work to engage in lively and impassioned discussion each week.



Staff Mr J Battye

Location 163

Time Monday, 3.30 – 4.30pm

No. of Pupils Up to 20 V1 Form

### **Model United Nations (MUN)**

The Model United Nations Society is open to 5th and 6th Formers, and the 4th Form can join from Lent onwards. Members role-play delegates representing different countries, to debate a broad range of issues which require resolution according to the procedures of the United Nations.

There are regular weekly meetings chaired by Upper Sixth Formers on Mondays after school, lasting an hour. Members travel to debate regularly in Conferences with leading schools from all over the UK, and we host a major Conference of our own in November. MUN experience is highly valued by universities, as it develops essential skills in advocacy and the ability to make good arguments in an adult way.



Staff Miss C Maddams, Miss M Ley

& Mr R Beinart

Location 18/19

Time Monday lunchtime

Pupils GCSE & 'A' Level

## DRAMA

### **Backstage Theatre Club**

The show must go on! Sixth Formers, if you want to work in the entertainment industry, or just want to see what is involved in staging a performance, this is a good place to start. Take an active role in school productions which happen each term, to learn about and help with lighting, sound, set, props, make-up and costume; as well as being part of the stagehand crew. The numbers who can be involved are limited so it is a good idea to sign up and even make yourself available well before a production. You don't have to be artistic or technical, just reliable, willing and ready to get involved.



Staff Mr N Spellward

Location Arts Centre

Time Please see the Art and Arts Centre

Technician for a schedule

Pupils Sixth Form

### **Lower School Drama Club**

Junior Drama Club is designed to encourage KS3 pupils to develop their acting skills in an enjoyable, collaborative environment. Pupils will get the opportunity to take part in drama games, and devise and perform scenes together. Pupils will work with and learnt from experienced mentor actors from the sixth form. No prior experience of drama is necessary. The Club should help those taking part in the school's summer KS3 production by developing their acting skills.



Staff Miss A Wicks & Mr J Battye

Location Theatre

Time Thursday, 3.30pm

No. of pupils Approximately 20 pupils

#### **Senior School Drama**

The Senior School Michaelmas Term drama production has been an established tradition for many years. Auditions are held in September for boys and girls interested in performing in the play that usually takes place towards the end of November. This is an ideal opportunity for those interested in drama and the performing arts, but is also gives pupils a chance to meet others with similar interests and work on a collaborative project with a clear goal. Recent very successful productions range from *Private Peaceful* and *Guys and Dolls*. There are also opportunities afforded to those interested in helping 'behind the scenes' with things such as lighting and sound, make-up, costumes and props and sets.



Staff Miss A Wicks & Miss C D'Arcy

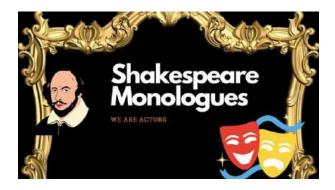
Location Bespoke daily rehearsal schedule

No. of pupils Approximately 20 pupils

## **DRAMA**

### **Shakespeare Monologue Club**

Speak with confidence and push your imagination to its known limits. In this fun, dynamic, and immersive club, you will get to make new friends, hone your acting skills, and get a chance to enter a regional competition where you will perform Shakespeare's great works. Join today and let the Bard's fiery words ignite your passion for performance!



Staff Mr K Iwumene

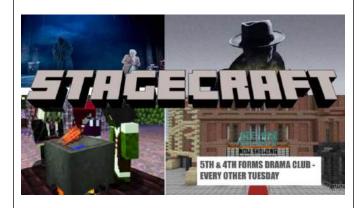
Location 120

Time Monday, 3:45pm

No. of Pupils C.20

### **Stagecraft**

Stagecraft is the new drama club for Years 4 and 5 where we quite literally play around with GCSE English texts as theatre producers, directors and actors. No exams, no homework, lots of experiments and lots of performance.



Staff Mr C Hunter

Location VICR

Time Every other Tuesday, 3.40-4.30pm

Pupils 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Form

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a national, noncompetitive and progressive award which is open to pupils at the following levels: 4th form, Bronze; 5th form, Silver, 6th form, Gold (two years). The DofE is open to all and requires pupils' regular extra-curricular participation and effort in developing a skill, increasing physical exercise, volunteering one's time for others, and undertaking an expedition section. Approximately 120 pupils at Bronze level, and 40 pupils each at Silver and Gold each year train at school to prepare for two self-reliant walking expeditions at each level in areas such as the Surrey Hills, the New Forest, the Brecon Beacons, the Lake District and Snowdonia. At Gold level, there is the option to learn sea kayaking for the expedition section as well as the requirement to spend a week's residential project away from school, family and friends. The DofE is ideal for young people who wish to challenge themselves to attempt a new skill or activity, improve physical health, meet new friends and learn teamwork. It is also a brilliant way to give credit for the many existing ways in which our pupils already push themselves to develop beyond the classroom. See www.DofE.org or speak to Mr Edwards for more information. DofE Manager - Mr S Edwards



## **ECONOMICS**

### **LOS Investment Society**

Interested in in financial markets and investment strategies? This year, for the first time, we are entering 5 teams in the Wharton Investment Challenge, a global competition for high school pupils. In teams, you will have access to an online stock market simulator. You will learn about strategy-building, teamwork, communication, risk, diversification, company and industry analysis, and many other aspects of investing.



Staff Mr D Compton & Mr R Frumkin

Location 110

Time Thursday, 3.30-4.30PM

Pupils VI Form

## ENGLISH

### **Creative Writing Club**

The Writing Club is designed to allow all pupils the opportunity to experiment and write in a variety of styles; read and critique others' work; enter in some of the impressive competitions offered at school and national level. Our focus will vary from term to term as we explore the various styles of writing from creative, nonfiction, poetry, blogs, interviews and scripts. Come along with an open and imaginative mind as we develop writing skills together!



Staff Miss A Wicks & Miss C D'Arcy

Location Bespoke daily rehearsal schedule

Time

No. of pupils No limits

### **Senior Literary Society**

Literary Society is a fortnightly meeting open to all sixth formers interested in extending their reading of literary texts. At meetings, we read and discuss novels, plays and poetry covering a range of styles and periods. There will also be theatre trips to see some of the texts we have been reading. Literary Society is ideal for all keen readers; you don't have to be taking A Level English to join in. It is essential preparation for those students who are hoping to read English Literature at university.



Staff Mr K Mullooly

Location 163

Time Thursday, (fortnightly)

3.30pm

Pupils VI Form

## **ENGLISH**

#### **New Views**

New Views is a national playwriting programme and competition run by the National Theatre and delivered in schools. The exciting opportunity to be part of this year's New Views programme at the London Oratory is open to just 10 pupils who have a keen interest in developing, writing and potentially staging their own short play. The writing workshops take place fortnightly after school and include two sessions with an established and successful professional playwright from the National Theatre. Pupils will learn creative writing skills, develop the craft of playwriting and develop their ability to reflect critically on their writing. In addition, the pupils involved will have the opportunity to attend a theatre production at The National Theatre. In the past, London Oratory pupils have had plays longlisted and shortlisted, with shortlisted pupils getting to see their plays performed by professional actors at the National Theatre.



Staff Mr R Beinart

Location 163

Time Monday, (fortnightly)

3.30-4.30pm

Pupils 4<sup>th</sup> to VI Form

### Middle School Literary Society

Middle School Literary Society is a lively club for 3rd, 4th and 5th formers who love books. We meet fortnightly after school to discuss a broad range of fiction, ranging from works by contemporary authors, to classic novels, short stories and poetry. No preparation in advance is required, simply a love for things literary! Snacks are provided!



Staff Mr R Beinart

Location 163

Time Wednesday, 3.30-4.30pm

Pupils  $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$  Form

## **GAMES**

### **Gardening Club**

Gardening Club's recent activities have included decorating the Junior House grounds with spring flowers grown from bulbs, building bug hotels and harvesting our own fruit and veg. We are actively seeking members from 1st and 2nd form to form our new committee for future planning.



Staff Mrs L Quinn & D of Evolunteers

Location Junior House

Time To be confirmed

No. of pupils No limits Junior House

and 1st & 2nd form

### **Board Games Club**

Board Game Club is open to 1st to 5th form. Here you can come along and play games which involve a skill, strategy and chance with people of all ages. Plenty of games to choose from but feel free to bring your own along.



Staff Miss M d'Aversa & Mr Artro

Morris

Location 114

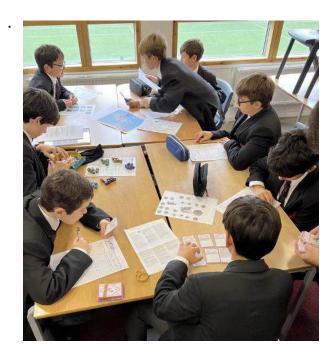
Time Wednesday, 3.45pm Michaelmas

and Lent terms

Pupils KS3

### **Dungeons and Dragons**

Dungeons and Dragons is open to KS3. Here you can come along and play a game which involves skills and strategy.



Staff Mr W Shawe-Taylor & Mr C

Miller

Location 115

Time Wednesday, 3.45pm

Pupils KS3 pupils

## **HISTORY & POLITICS**

### **The History Society**

History Society is a weekly meeting for sixth formers who wish to explore history beyond their A Level. It involves learning about aspects of history not studied on the curriculum, considering different ways of studying history, and thinking about history as a discipline. It is vital preparation for those wanting to study history at university, but it is open to all who are interested. In addition, at regular intervals throughout the year, History Society hold talks open to all pupils given by a wide range of excellent speakers. Over the years, these have including Lady Antonia Fraser, Dr. Richard Rex (University of Cambridge), Professor Eric Evans (Lancaster University), Professor John Morrill (University of Cambridge) and Professor Edward Vallance (University of Roehampton). Look out for advertisements for the next talk!



Staff Miss L Davenport

Location 117

Time To be confirmed

No. of pupils No limits

### **Politics Society**

A discussion group to debate current events in politics and explore political ideologies and theories in more depth. We will read articles and extracts, choose particular issues to discuss, and hold informal debates on a wide range of topics.



Staff Miss P Shevlin

Location 117

Time

Pupils VI Form

### **KS3 Coding Club**

The Coding Club allows pupils computer access to develop their coding skills with the support of their peers and a Computer Science teacher.

Pupils can follow online courses or use websites such as Hour of Code or Learn Python to develop their skills and understanding of the main concepts underpinning coding. The club is a hive of activity as pupils are keen to share ideas and help each other. Beginners are welcome. We were all beginners once!



Staff Miss A Croce

Location 38

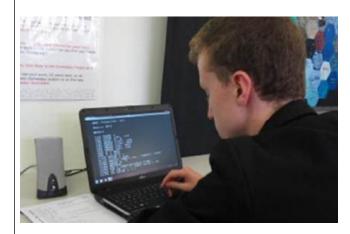
Time Thursday, 3.40pm

Pupils 1st to 3<sup>rd</sup> Form

## **ICT**

### KS4 & KS5 Computer Club

Access and advice for pupils to develop their coding skills. This will support their studies in preparing for their programming coursework and enable pupils to move towards solving substantial problems with elegant code. Pupils who are not studying Computer Science can attend to practice coding, but only if there is space.



Staff Miss A Croce

Location 38

Time Tuesday, 3.40pm

No. of pupils 4th and 5th form, Computer Science

pupils have priority

## JUNIOR HOUSE

### **Sports Club**

This is an afterschool sports club for the Junior House. There will be a range of sporting activities on offer with a particular focus on those sports that are most popular amongst pupils.



Staff Mr Naudi

Location Astro

Time 3.30-4.30pm

Pupils J1, J2, J3, J4

#### **Chess Club**

Chess Club is a popular activity for pupils of all ages and ability. It is a great opportunity for Junior House pupils to meet boys from other forms and to develop a useful skill. No experience is needed.



Staff Mrs Olech

Location J1 Classsoom, Wednesday 3.45pm

Time 3.30-4.30pm

No. of Pupils No limits

## JUNIOR HOUSE

#### Junior House Drama Club

Junior House Drama Club is open to all Junior House boys. It is designed to encourage KS2 pupils to develop their acting skills in an enjoyable way. Boys will get the opportunity to take part in drama games, and devise and perform scenes together, using props, poetry, pictures, opening lines and scenarios from which to improvise. No prior experience of drama is necessary. The emphasis is on FUN!



Staff Miss A Wicks

Location J2 Classsoom

Time Tuesday, 3.30-4.15pm (J3&J4)

J1&J2TBC

No. of Pupils Approximately 20 pupils

## LANGUAGES

### Japanese Club

Open to anyone with an interest in learning about Japanese language and culture. We will start speaking Japanese from scratch. There will be the chance to study kanji for those feeling adventurous! We will look at a diverse range of cultural topics about Japan each week, such as:

- · Films and literature (including anime and manga)
- $\cdot$  History (who the samurai were and what they did)
- · Food (the difference between sushi and sashimi)
- · Martial Arts (Karate, Kendo, Sumo)
- · What life is really like in Japan (you think *you* have a lot of homework!)

No prior knowledge is necessary, but an interest and willingness to read up on the different topics outside of the club would be useful.



Staff Mrs R Sundt

Room 111

Time Wednesdays Week B, 3.45 -4.30

Pupils Senior School

### French A Level Conversation

Boost your confidence and your fluency! Are you studying French at A Level and keen to sharpen your speaking skills in a relaxed, engaging environment? Join our French Conversation Club, a co-curricular opportunity designed for high-achieving 6th Form pupils who want to go beyond the classroom.

- Practice real-life conversation
- · Enhance your fluency and spontaneity
- Support your A Level success
- Explore French culture and current affairs Led by experienced staff, this weekly session is perfect for building confidence, preparing for oral exams, and enjoying the language in a dynamic, interactive way.



Staff Ms I Parker and Miss A

Postel

Location 113

Time Monday, 3.30pm

Pupils VI Form

## **MATHS**

### The Euclidean Society

Over the last few year, extracurricular mathematics has continued to grow. From fun activities and puzzles all the way up to national competitions, if you're interested, there will be a circle for you.

#### **Chess Club**

- Weekly opportunities to play chess
- All pupils
- Various competitions



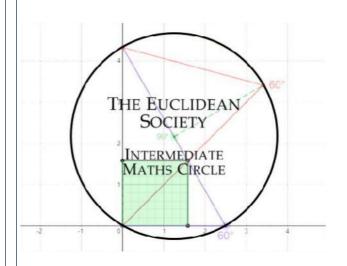
Staff Mr A Sztranyovszky

Time Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

Location 39

### **Intermediate Maths Circle**

- Open to pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> forms
- Intermediate Mathematics Challenge Fourth and Fifth form pupils only
- Ibstock Place Fourth Form Competition
- Four 4<sup>th</sup> form pupils take part in an afternoon of problem solving and challenges.



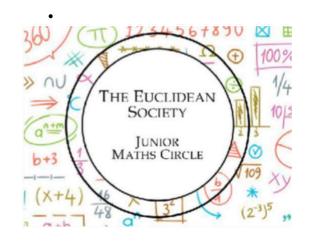
Staff Mr Z Iqbal

Time Monday, 3.30pm

Location 217

#### **Junior Maths Circle**

- Primary Mathematics Challenge
- Junior House pupils only
- Weekly activities led by two lower sixth form pupils
- Activities include using maths to cheat, solving riddles and sending coded messages



Staff Mr Z Igbal and Maths Prefect

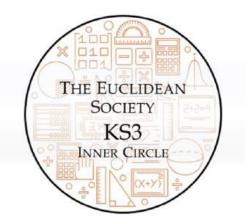
Time Thursday, 3.30pm

Location 217

## **MATHS**

### **KS3 Inner Circle**

- Open to pupils in 1st, 2nd and 3rd forms
- Junior Mathematics Challenge First and Second form pupils only
- Team Mathematics Challenge
- Two pupils from 2nd form and two pupils from 3rd form join forces to compete in a fast paced competition for a position in the regional finals.



Staff Mr Z Iqbal

Time Monday, 3:30pm

Location 217

#### **Senior Maths Circle**

- Open to pupils in 6th form
- Senior Mathematics Challenge Sixth form pupils only
- Senior Team Challenge
- A team of four sixth form pupils engage in a challenging and varied event against many of the prestigious independent schools in London.
- Senior Mathematics Challenge Sixth form pupils only
- Hans Woyda Mathematics Challenge A team of four are entered in a league
- competition in which schools in London compete against each other in mathematical problem-solving.
- Olympiads work through some of the more challenging problems from the UKMT mentoring program.
- Kangaroo and Olympiad competitions High scoring individuals get the
- opportunity to compete in the tougher follow on rounds

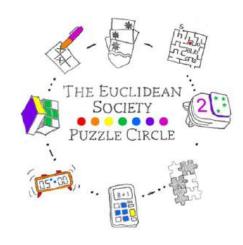
Staff Mr Z Iqbal

Time Monday, 3.30pm

Location 217

#### **Puzzle Circle**

- · Open to all pupils
- Explore a variety of puzzles to develop problem solving techniques
- Compete as part of a team ~4 pupils
- Take part in various puzzle hunt events



Staff Mr Rubio

Time Monday, 3.30pm

Location 220

MUSIC 17

### **Big Band**

The Senior school Big Band are looking to recruit new players in all sections. Speak with Mr Ward if you are keen to develop your ensemble playing and improvisation skills if you enjoy Jazz, Blues, Funk and related styles. Members of this ensemble range from roughly grade 5 grade up to grade 8 level. The Big Band performs in both the Senior Instrumental concerts and at other informal events in school.



Director Mr J Speakman

Location Room 616

Time Thursday lunchtime

No. of pupils 10 (by invitation)

#### **Brass Ensemble**

The Brass Ensemble welcomes all Brass players from 1st-6th form. This flexible ensemble will perform music in a wide range of musical styles from classical and jazz to film and popular music.



Director Mr W Rose

Location Room 608

Time Monday lunchtime

No. of pupils 10 and 20 singers

#### **Chamber Choir**

The Chamber Choir is an auditioned ensemble of around 40 boys and Sixth Form girls, drawn from the School Choir. They perform challenging repertoire for Masses and concerts in London and beyond, with recent appearances at Westminster Cathedral, Southwark and Rochester Cathedrals, and alongside the Choir of Exeter College, Oxford. The choir maintains close ties with the Cardinal Hume Centre, singing annually at the Churchill Hotel, and in 2025 performed at the Palace of Westminster and London's Guildhall. They tour each year, recently visiting Vienna and Normandy, and will travel to the Netherlands in October 2025.



Staff Mr Speakman

Location 608

Time: Trebles and Sopranos - Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings; Altos - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning; Tenors and basses - Monday lunch, Thursday morning; Full choir - Tuesday, 3.30 MUSIC 18

### **Close Harmony**

The Close Harmony ensemble comprises a group of talented sixth form boys who all read music and sing at a high standard. They perform a range of barbershop, folk-song and popular music arrangements. The group has performed at concerts in and out of school.



Director Mr J Speakman

Location Room 616

Time Thursday lunchtime

No. of pupils 10 (by invitation)

### Girls' Choir

The London Oratory Girls' Choir is open to all Sixth Form girls who enjoy singing. In previous years, the choir sang in chapel, at the school carol service, and gave a couple of short recitals at Chelsea and Westminster hospital. The choir usually rehearses once a week, although there are occasionally extra rehearsals as needed.



Director Mr W Rose

Location Room 608

Time Monday lunchtime

No. of pupils 10 and 20 singers

### **Jazz Appreciation Club**

The Jazz Appreciation Club is a new club open to any pupil interested in learning about the history, ideas, and people important in the development of jazz and its various styles. This will all be covered in fortnightly sessions while listening to various examples and, in some cases, playing as well. While there will be some discussion of jazz theory, no previous experience is required or necessary, just an open ear.



Staff Dr. R Terri

Location 608

Time Friday, 3:45-4:30

No. of pupils No limit

#### **Lower School Choir**

The Lower School Choir is open to all pupils in 1st-2nd Form keen to sing music in all styles and genres. The emphasis is on enjoyment. No previous experience or audition is necessary and all are welcome. Please speak to Mr Saunders or Mr Rose if you are interested.



Director Mr W Rose & Mr D

Saunders

Location Music Department

Time Tuesday Lunchtime

No. of pupils No limit

### Piano Duet Club

An opportunity for Pianists at grade 3 level and above to develop their ensemble through playing fun repertoire in a range of styles with other likeminded musicians. This group is particularly suited to pianists and keyboard players working towards the completion of their GCSE ensemble performance.



Staff Mr D Saunders

Location Room 616

Time Friday at 1.20pm

No. of pupils 16-20 pupils

#### **School Choir**

The School Choir is open to all pupils in 1st-VI Form after a short audition, and is made up of about 80 pupils including the Chamber Choir at its core. It joins forces with the LOS Choral Society twice a year to perform large-scale works with professional orchestra and soloists; recently Mozart Requiem, Bach Magnificat, Mendelssohn Elijah, Haydn Nelson Mass, John Rutter's Feel the Spirit, and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. Parents can find out more about the Choral Society via the school website



Director: Mr J Speakman & Mr D Saunders

Location: Music Department

Time: Trebles and Sopranos – Monday and Friday mornings; Altos - Wednesday and Friday morning; Tenors and basses - Thursday morning; Full choir - Tuesday, 3.30

No. of pupils: Approx. 40 1st – VI form (by audition)

### **Saxophone Ensemble**

The Saxophone ensemble is open to all intermediate and advanced Saxophone players. The groups performs a wide range of exciting repertoire from classical works to Jazz and contemporary music. This ensemble performs in all Senior Instrumental concerts led by professional Saxophonist and Mr Maddock.



Staff Mr C Maddock

Location Room 616

Time Wednesday lunchtime

No. of pupils 5-10 pupils

#### **Schola Cantorum**

The Schola is the school's liturgical choir which sings for school Masses and also for the Saturday Vigil Mass at the Oratory Church. In addition the Schola gives regular concerts and goes on tour annually. The choir also makes recordings for CDs and soundtracks. The Schola recruits primarily from Junior House however boys entering the Upper School of advanced vocal/musical ability are also eligible to audition. Many of the Schola's Tenors and Basses go on to win Choral Scholarships to Oxbridge.



Director Mr C Cole

Location The Song Room

Time Weekdays 8am

No. of pupils 55 boys J2 – VI form

#### Senior Orchestra

The Senior Orchestra is the largest instrumental ensemble in the school, and comprises the most experienced performers. The group is open to all string players of grade 5 standard or above, and wind, brass and percussion players by selection. Repertoire played ranges from classical overtures to film and TV scores. The orchestra performs twice a year in the theatre, also taking part in an annual workshop led by professional players. Please speak to Mr Ward if you are interested in joining.



Director Mr M Ward

Location Theatre

Time Wednesday from 3.30 – 4.30 pm

No. of pupils No limit

## **MUSIC**

### **String Orchestra**

String Orchestra is a popular lunchtime activity for string players. They learn a varied repertoire of classical and popular music with recent pieces being The Wizard of Oz, *Jupiter from the Planets* and Christmas Medleys. They perform in the Christmas and summer concerts in the theatre. Pupils have the opportunity to make music with friends and find out how enjoyable ensemble playing is. Pupils can be of any standard but must be able to read music and have their own instrument. Music Scholars who learn a string instrument are expected to be members.



Staff Miss E Devaney, Mr W Rose and

Mr D Saunders

Location Theatre

Time Wednesday lunchtime

No. of pupils No limit

### **Wind Orchestra**

The Wind Orchestra is a well-established and large ensemble. The group is open to all pupils who play a Woodwind, Brass or Percussion instrument. Members of this ensemble range in ability level from recent beginner up to grade 8 standard. The repertoire performed covers many styles from Classical to Jazz, Film Music and Popular genres. Public performances take place at Senior Instrumental concerts in the Theatre each term. This group is ideal for instrumentalists who want to improve their playing, ensemble skills and general musicianship through rehearsing and performing interesting and fun pieces. Please speak with Ms D'Arcy if you are interested in joining.

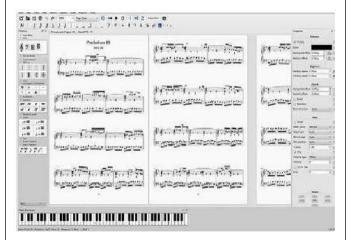


Staff Miss C D'Arcy

## **MUSIC TECH**

### **Composition Drop-in**

This drop-in class provides an opportunity for all pupils to develop their own composition work using MACs and a range of composing software. Priority will be given to GCSE and A Level musicians in the first instance, but pupils may speak with any of the curriculum music teachers if they wish to attend a session.



Staff Music Department

Location 617

Time Every day 8am, Thursday and

Friday, 3.30pm

No. of pupils Maximum 20 pupils

## **PHILOSOPHY**

#### The Newman Society

The Newman Society exists to stimulate debate and discussion in the sixth form on matters theological, philosophical, moral and political. It is named after the schools patron Blessed John Henry Newman who believed that students should be taught "to think and to reason and to compare and to discriminate and to analyse".



Staff Mr O Newton

Location RE Department

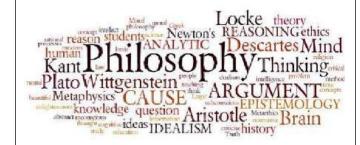
Time 3.45pm, individual days throughout the year

No. of pupils No limits

### **Junior Philosophy Club**

Junior philosophy will be a discussion group learning about philosophical methods through enquiries based on some major questions in philosophy. It will broadly use an open discussion format, loosely based on the Philosophy Foundation and Philosophy for Schools methods, which have been proven to develop critical thinking skills and improve attainment in other subject areas. It's also fun and could be characterised as 'thought play', in a similar way that one might consider team sports a preparation for warfare.

It will start by looking at a series of questions based on the IF machine by Peter Worley.



Staff Mr O Newton & RE Department

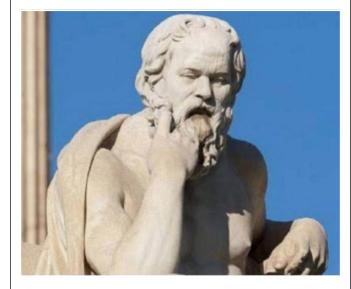
Location 232

Time Tuesday, 3.45pm

No. of pupils  $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$  form

### The Socratic Society

For pupils interested in an informal discussion of philosophy.



Staff Mr D Sullivan

Location 117

Time VI Form

Wednesday 1.1

## PHILOSOPHY

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Staff Mr O Newton

Location RE Department

Time 3.45pm, individual days

throughout the year

No. of pupils No limits

## SCIENCE

### GCSE Physics Olympiad Club

"To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science." Albert Einstein. The Physics Department invites enthusiastic 5<sup>th</sup> form pupils to meet every Friday lunchtime and take on the challenge of Oxford University's Physics Olympiad Papers. The club has proved popular with pupils hoping to study Physics at A-Level and beyond. The tasks set each week are suitably mind-boggling; pupils relish the chance to discuss their ideas and get 'stuck in' to each open ended problem. Mathematical aptitude is a key factor behind the reasoning involved with these unique set of problems. Pupils display genuine pleasure weighing up the countless possibilities when approaching each new task, and passionately attempt to justify their first ideas. The Physics Olympiad Challenge takes place during March and is an optional examination for club members. Many club members choose to participate and compete for the much coveted Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards



Staff Dr R Terri & DR L Chan

Time Friday lunchtimes, Michaelmas

and Lent terms only

Location 311

#### **AS Physics Olympiad**

The AS Physics Olympiad club runs once a week, after school. This serves as an excellent opportunity for enthusiastic pupils to enhance their understanding of Physics and improve their problem solving skills. Each question is designed to stretch gifted pupils and develop their resilience and level-headed approach towards tricky problems. The AS Physics Olympiad Challenge is run in March by Oxford University and assesses Lower Sixth pupils across the country, to determine the most talented.



Staff Dr R Terri & DR L Chan

Time Tuesday 3.45pm

Location 311

## **SCIENCE**

#### **Aspiring Chemists Society**

The Aspiring Chemists Society aims to help pupils cultivate an interest in Chemistry that extends beyond schoolwork. All those considering application for science-based subjects – in particular Chemistry, Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering or Materials Science – are encouraged to attend. The year's events will begin with introductory sessions for LVI, led by the senior members of the group. Later in the year there will be several extended experimental sessions which will provide opportunities to use a number of laboratory techniques. We will be looking to prepare pupils for two prestigious competitions; LVI members will be able to enter the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge in June while UVI members will be able to enter the Chemistry Olympiad in January.



Staff Mr L Cahill & Dr E Drudi

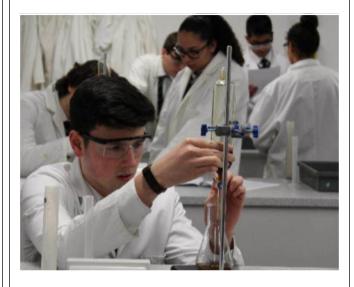
Location Room 314

Time Thursday, 3.45—4.45pm

No. of pupils Up to 30

### **Biology Clinic**

The biology clinic is open to all AS level pupils. Here you can come along and deconstruct classwork, construct understanding of biological processes, stretch and challenge yourself into learning exam techniques and apply/utilise previously learnt knowledge. A variety of resources will be used to support your transition into sixth form.



Staff Dr G Clottey

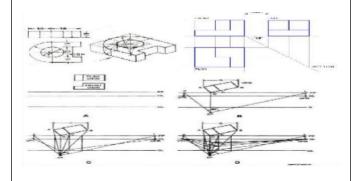
Location Room 318 - Science Suite

Time Wednesday 3.45 – 4.30pm

No. of pupils VI form only

#### **Engineering + Skills**

The fundamentals of engineering will be introduced, including technical drawing as the language of engineers used to show how machines, products, and structures are designed. Practical projects will also be undertaken to explore branches of engineering, from building simple machines to working with circuits, mechanical devices, and aerospace systems.



Staff Dr L Chan

Location 302

Day Friday, 3:45-4:45pm

Number of pupils KS3 & KS4

#### **Key Stage 3 Science Club**

A group for pupils 1st to 2nd form who enjoy exploring a range of exciting experiments with help from Sixth Form volunteers. There is a positive competitive element is encouraged with some activities such as: building the Crafty Raft that will float will added mass or designing the most aerodynamic Super Looper. Working as part of a team and scientific knowledge are regularly enhanced. The activities involve all three sciences: Biology, Chemistry and Physics and aim to develop pupils' knowledge beyond the syllabus in a fun and practical way



Staff Miss C Ragheb

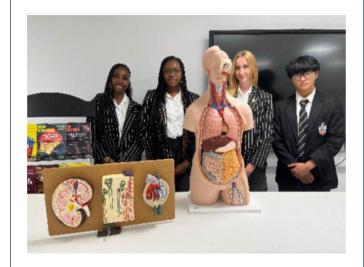
Location 302

Day Wednesday, 3:45-4:45pm

Number of pupils 32 max

#### **Medical Society**

A group of prospective medics meet weekly to navigate through the medical and veterinary school application process. The pupils support each other, share information and discuss current medical topics in the news. Help is provided by sitting UKCAT and BMAT examinations, volunteering and work experience placements, as well as information on differing course requirements and admissions criteria.



Staff Mr C Lawson

Location 319

Day Wednesday, 1.15

Number of pupils 15-20 VI Form

### **Science Society**

The Science Society is a co-curricular group lead by members of the Sixth Form. It aims to contact individuals working in academia, industry and other fields, with a view to inviting them in to talk on their subjects of expertise within Science. Science Society has had a history of inviting very prestigious speakers, and has consistently provided excellent enrichment to the study of Science in the school. Previous guests have included Professor Stephen Brickley speaking on the neuroscience of the aging brain, Dr Greg Hunt who detailed the Cassini Mission to Saturn, and Professor Robert Palgrave who discussed the chemistry of crystals and their use in solar cells. The Society is also increasingly looking to involve pupils from younger year groups, making the most of the opportunity to foster a love for Science. There are diverse roles available for application, each of which provides an opportunity for personal development, and the chance to further expand and improve the activities of the Society.

Staff Mr L Cahill & Dr L Chan

Talks  $4^{th} - UVI$ 

Visits: VI form only

Day 3.45pm, various afternoons

#### **Boxing**

Boxing is open to all pupils in the Senior School. There is not a requirement for previous boxing experience to join the Club. The Boxing Club is a recent addition to the co-curricular activities and will prove to be challenging yet fulfilling experience for the pupils. The Club hopes to enter interschool competitions in the near future. For more details please see Mr McLennan.



Staff Mr W MacLennan & Mr R

West

Location Gym

Day Tuesday and Thursday,

3.30 - 4,45pm

Number of pupils  $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ ,  $4^{th} - VI$ 

#### Cricket

The Cricket Club is a well-established Trinity
Term activity for pupils from First to Fourth
Form. Once per week training sessions take place
after school on the Astroturf and onsite-nets,
focusing on skill development and games
understanding. Training is open to all pupils,
regardless of ability or prior experience. In recent
years, the school teams have been very successful
when competing in the Hammersmith and
Fulham Cricket League. Matches take place after
school at Barn Elms or at other local schools,
lasting between 16-20 overs.



Staff TBC

Location Astro

Training Up to 40 pupils, KS3-VI

Form

Matches 11

#### **Cross Country Club**



Staff Mr R Tilbury

Location Offsite running route (5-10 km)

Time Monday 3.30-4.30pm

Pupils 1<sup>st</sup> – VI (suitable runners only)

## **SPORT**

#### **Fitness Club**

Fitness club is open to all from pupils and runs throughout all Three Terms. The club aims to meet a range of needs whether pupils wish to take part in fitness sessions such as group cycling, learn new exercise techniques or take advantage of the opportunity to socialise and make new friends.



Staff Mr W McLennan

Location Gym

Time Every morning, 7.30 – 8.20pm

Pupils 1<sup>st</sup> - VI

#### Football – VI Form Boys

The VI form football team runs from September – April. The squad enter a range of regional competitions and last year managed to make the final and semi-final of the two county cups.



Staff Mr D Compton & Mr J

Gallagher

Location Hurlingham Park

Time Friday 3.30-5.00pm

Pupils VI form boys

#### Football - VI Form (girls)

The VI form football team will run in the first term initially and the team has been entered into the county cup for this year. All pupils are welcome, regardless of experience or ability.



Staff Miss I Thornton

Location Astroturf

Time Friday 3.30-5.00pm

Pupils VI form girls

## **SPORT**

#### Football - 1st - 5th

Football runs in the Lent term, with matches being played in the second half term. The teams play a range of competitive matches against local schools.



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Staff	Games staff

Location Barn Elms

Time Games days 3.30-

4.30pm

Pupils 30 in a squad

#### **Triathlon Club**

Mr Naudi has over eight years' experience competing in triathlon and is part of the Great Britain Age Group Team. You will be given the opportunity to get fitter at running, cycling and swimming, and receive coaching in these disciplines. There will also be coached weight training and S&C based work. Whilst the emphasis is very much enjoying the process of getting fitter and learning together, Mr Naudi is hoping to find a group of committed individuals that would like to represent the school in competitions like the London Junior Series Events (British Triathlon), such as the Crystal Palace triathlon in May 2026. No need to commit to a term, turn up on any week which you are able to.

Staff Mr Naudi

Location Gym

Time Tuesday, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Pupils 1st to UVI Form

#### **Water Polo**

Water polo is open to select pupils from the Junior House and Senior School who have prior experience of water polo or club swimming. The water polo team have been incredibly successful in recent years, winning the South of England Schools Competition in 2015. For further details, please speak with Mr Rocha



Staff	Mr R Rocha

Location Pool

Time Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 3.30-

5.00pm

Pupils JH – VI (by invitation only)

#### **RUGBY**

Rugby is the most popular extra-curricular activity with multiple teams in every year group represented on Saturday mornings throughout the Michaelmas Term. We compete against a range of state and independent schools across the first term. U14, 15 and 18 sides enter the NatWest national competition each year and all sides also play in the Middlesex Cup

competitions.



U18 A U18 B	King's House sports ground	Mr B Lewis & Mr W MacLennan	VI Form	Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday	2.30 – 5.00 pm
	Astro	- Tritozomian		Wednesday	3.30 – 5.00pm
U16 A U16 B	Barn Elms	Mr N McFarlane & Mr L Philiotis	5 <sup>th</sup> Form	Tuesday Wednesday	2.00 – 4.30 pm
U15 A U15 B	Astro	Mr J Harnett & Mr K Moran	4 <sup>th</sup> Form	Monday	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Barn Elms	MI O Harlett & MI K Moran		Thursday	2.00 - 4.30pm
U14 A U14 B	Barn Elms	Mr C Devlin & Mr J Edgar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Form	Tuesday	2.00 – 4.30 pm
U13 A U13 B	Barn Elms	Mr M McDonough & Mr C Lawson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Form	Monday	2.00 – 4.30 pm
U12 A U12 B U12 C	Astro	Mr Heathfield, Mr Paull & Mr Naudi	1 <sup>st</sup> Form	Astro	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Barn Elms	,		Barn Elms	2.00 – 4.00 pm