

The London Oratory School



Co-Curricular Programme 2026 -2027

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	Keen 3 rd 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.

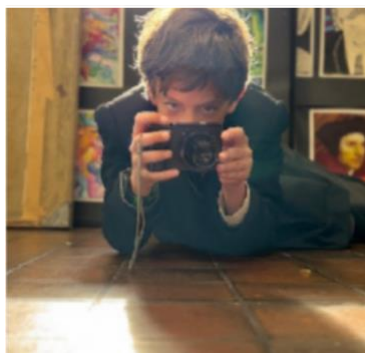


Staff	Miss S Dyce
Location	710
Time	Thursday, 3.45 – 4.45pm
Pupils	KS2 & KS3

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

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 range of activities on offer in between camps and Parade nights include: military skills; fieldcraft; orienteering; survival training; climbing; water sports; canoeing; obstacle courses; paintballing and military study visits.



Staff	Capt W. MacLennan, Capt L. Philiotis, Flt Lt G. Taylor, PI Briscoe.
Location	Peninsula Lodge
Time:	Friday, 3.45pm
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 – 4.30pm
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 I Parker and Miss P Shevlin
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	Mr Tilbury
Location	Bespoke daily rehearsal schedule
No. of pupils	Approximately 20 pupils

DRAMA

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 second Tuesday, 3:40-4:30pm
Pupils	3 rd -5 th Form

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Duke of Edinburgh Award

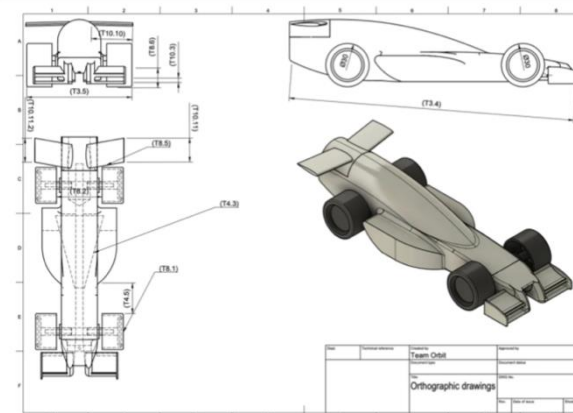
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a national, non-competitive and progressive award which is open to pupils at the following levels: 4th form, Bronze; 5th form, Silver, 6th form, Gold (two years). The DofE is open to all and requires pupils' regular extra-curricular participation and effort in developing 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



ENGINEERING

F1 in Schools

F1 in Schools is a national engineering competition in which teams design, manufacture and race a miniature Formula 1 car using industry-standard CAD software and precision manufacturing techniques. Pupils go through a genuine engineering design process – modelling, testing and refining a car for aerodynamics and performance – before competing regionally against other schools. Top teams progress to the National Finals, and from there, the very best go on to represent the UK at the World Finals alongside a real Formula 1 Grand Prix.



Staff	Mr G Sutton
Location	48
Time	Wednesday, 3.30-4.30PM
Pupils	3 rd and 4 th Form

ENGLISH

Literary Film Club

Our GCSE and A-Level English Literature Film Club provides an exciting opportunity to see the curriculum brought to the screen. We pair classic and contemporary literary texts with their most acclaimed cinematic and theatrical adaptations.

This club aims to enhance pupils' comprehension of canonical literature (as specified by OCR and AQA), as well as introducing some American cult classics. Shakespeare, Dickens, Scott Fitzgerald and Larson, are just a few of the authors we will explore on film.

This club is an exciting opportunity to increase the cultural capital of all GCSE and sixth form pupils



Staff Mrs C Walsh

Location: 211

Time: Fortnightly, 3.30 – 5.30pm Friday

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Pupils GCSE and A Level pupils

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 & Mr Battye

Location 164

Time Monday, (fortnightly)
3.30-4.30pm

Pupils 4th 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
(Fortnightly)

Pupils 3rd – 5th Form

ENGLISH

Senior Literary Society

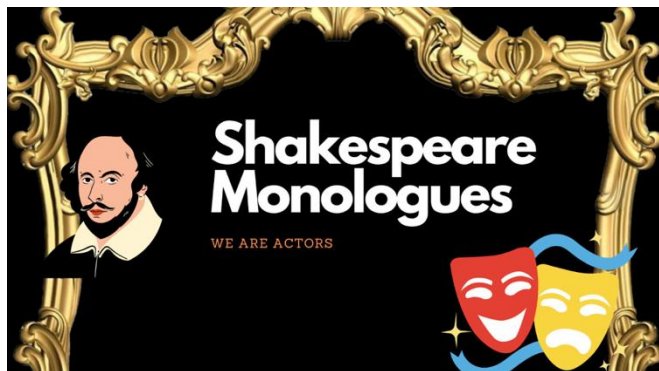
Literary Society is a fortnightly meeting open to all sixth formers interested in extending their reading of literary texts. At meetings, we read and discuss novels, plays and poetry covering a range of styles and periods. There will also be theatre trips to see some of the texts we have been reading. 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

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

GAMES

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

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

Warhammer

A creative and strategic co-curricular activity where pupils build, paint and command miniature armies, developing tactical thinking, patience, creativity and sportmanship through friendly games and competitions.



Staff	Miss M d'Aversa
Location	114
Time	Wednesday, 3.45pm Michaelmas and Lent terms
Pupils	J4 & KS3

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

KS3 History Club

This club will offer pupils an opportunity to think about history beyond their lessons. Each half term will have a different theme – a historical figure balloon debate, reading and writing historical fiction, creating a history-themed board game, a local history project – and more!



Staff	Miss L Davenport
Location	115
Time	Wednesday 3.30-4.30
No. Of Pupils:	1st-3rd Form

Middle School Politics Literacy Society

Do you have views on social media regulation, censorship, freedom of speech, or human rights? Do you ever wonder who really runs the country, or why voting matters?

The Politics Literacy Society will explore how democracy works, how laws are made, and how to spot media bias. Through structured debates and discussions, pupils will build critical thinking and public speaking skills to confidently advocate for the issues they care about. Joining will build your confidence, boost your academic skills, and empower you to become an active citizen equipped to be a powerful voice for change in society.



Staff	Miss P Shevlin
Location	Room 117
Time	Thursday, 3.45pm
Pupils	3rd-5th 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.

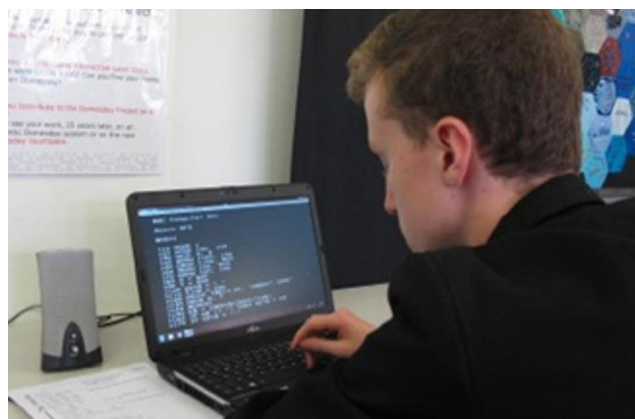
Pupils can follow online courses or use websites such as Hour of Code or Learn Python to develop their skills and understanding of the main concepts underpinning coding. The club is a hive of activity as pupils are keen to share ideas and help each other. Beginners are welcome. We were all beginners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



Staff	Miss A Croce
Location	38
Time	Thursday, 3.40pm
Pupils	1st to 3 rd Form

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

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 A Naudi
Location	Astro
Time	3.30-4.30pm – Lent & Trinity Terms only
Pupils	J1, J2, J3, and J4

Board Games Club

A chance to play games with your friends of the traditional board game type or card based games. JH has plenty of board games but you are welcome to bring your own games / cards to play with as well. We welcome



Staff	Mrs Olech
Location	J1 classroom
Time	Wednesday, 3.45 – 4.15pm
No. of pupils	20

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 classroom
Time	Tuesday, 3.30 pm - 4.15pm (J3& J4 (J1& J2) TBC
No. of pupils	Approximately 20 pupils

The Junior Book Club

A chance to read and discuss books that you might not normally read by authors you might not have heard of before. This is to extend reading beyond the classroom and enjoy reading for pleasure



Staff	Mrs Olech
Location	J2 Classroom
Time	3.30-4:15pm
No of Pupils	20

Gardening Club

Gardening Club's recent activities have included decorating the Junior House grounds with springflowers 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 E volunteers
Location	Junior House
Time	To be confirmed
No. of pupils	No limits Junior House and 1st & 2nd form

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)
- 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 Club

Boost Your Fluency & Confidence!

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 environment.



Staff Miss I Parker & Miss A Postel

Room 113

Time Monday 3.30pm

Pupils VI Form

Classical Reading Club

This is an opportunity to broaden sixth form engagement with the classical corpus. The club aims to introduce pupils to a variety of Greek and Roman authors that are not strictly prescribed by OCR but would certainly supplement their understanding of the ancient world and not a few timeless truths. We are open to any and all sixth form pupils who have an interest in antiquity and want to feel more well read. Upon arrival, you will receive a selected translation from an epic poem, history, tragedy, comedy, satire, philosophical treatise or dialogue. We will read this together and discuss key themes, ideas and possible interpretations. Where you feel a connection with the author, you will be directed to further reading.



Staff Mr W Shawe-Taylor

Location 212

Time Fortnightly, Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

Pupils: AS and A Level Pupils

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

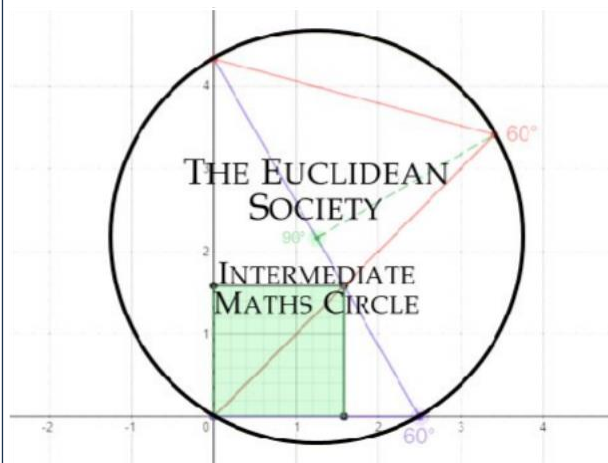
- Weekly opportunities to play chess
- All pupils
- Various competitions



Staff	Mr A Sztranyovszky
Time	Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Location	37

Intermediate Maths Circle

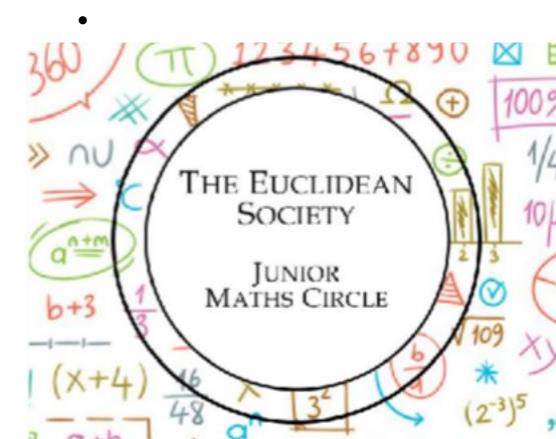
- Open to pupils in 4th and 5th forms
- Intermediate Mathematics Challenge - Fourth and Fifth form pupils only
- Ibstock Place Fourth Form Competition
- Four 4th form pupils take part in an afternoon of problem solving and challenges.



Staff	Mr Z Iqbal
Time	Thursday 3:45pm
Location	217

Junior Maths Circle

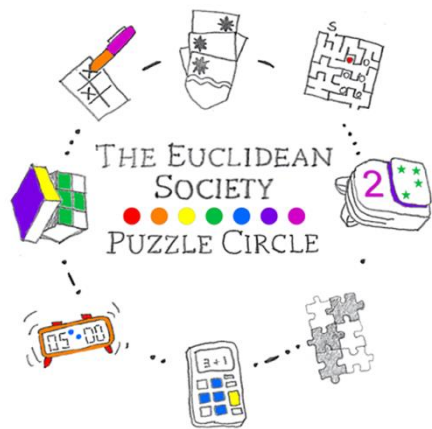
- Primary Mathematics Challenge
- Junior House pupils only
- Weekly activities led by two lower sixth form pupils
- Activities include using maths to cheat, solving riddles and sending coded messages



Staff	Mr Z Iqbal and Maths Prefect
Time	Thursday, 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, 3:45pm

Location 220

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

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 Ward
Location	Room 616
Time	Wednesday 1.20pm
No. of pupils	10-15 pupils, Senior School

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	Miss E Mitchell & Miss C D'Arcy
Location	Theatre
Time	Wednesday 8am
No. of pupils	No limit

Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir is an auditioned choir of about 40 boys and VI form girls who also sing in the School Choir. Pupils the opportunity to learn challenging choral repertoire, and sing for Masses and concerts in venues in London and further afield. The choir has recently sung for Mass at Westminster Cathedral, Choral Evensong at Southwark, and Rochester Cathedrals, and with the Choir of Exeter College Oxford. They enjoy a long-running association with the Cardinal Hume Centre Charity in Westminster, and sing carols annually at the Churchill Hotel. In 2025 they were invited to sing at the Palace of Westminster for the launch of a report by the Children's Commissioner for England, and at an event at London's historic Guildhall. The Choir undertake an annual tour, with recent destinations including Vienna, and Normandy. They will be travelling to the Netherlands in October 2025.

Staff	Mr Speakman
Location	Music Department

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

Camerata String

Select string group for advanced players specialising in Baroque and classical chamber repertoire. By invitation only.



Director	Mr Saunders
Location	Room 616
Time	Thursday 3:30pm
No. of pupils	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	Miss Clare-Hunt
Location	Room 608
Time	Monday lunchtime
No. of pupils	10 and 20 singers

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

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 like-minded 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

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 D'Arcy
Location:	Theatre
Time.	Thursday lunchtime
No. of pupils	No limit

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

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, Miss Clare-Hunt and Mr D Saunders

Location Theatre

Time. Wednesday lunchtime

No. of pupils No limit

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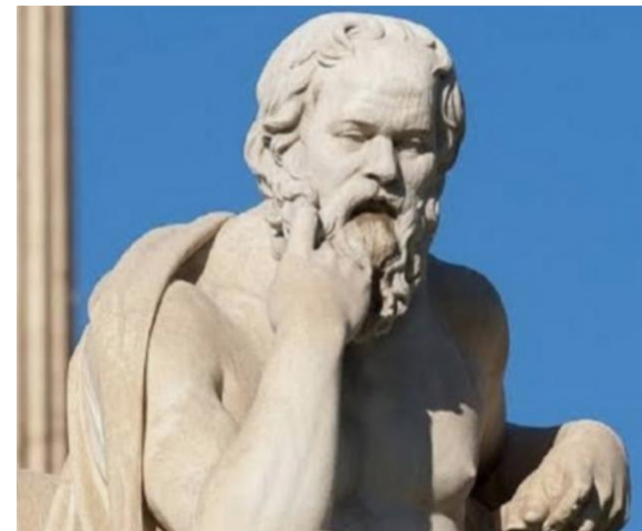
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The Socratic Society

For pupils interested in an informal discussion of philosophy.



Staff	Mr D Sullivan
Location	117
Time	Tuesday Lunchtime
Wednesday	V1 Form

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

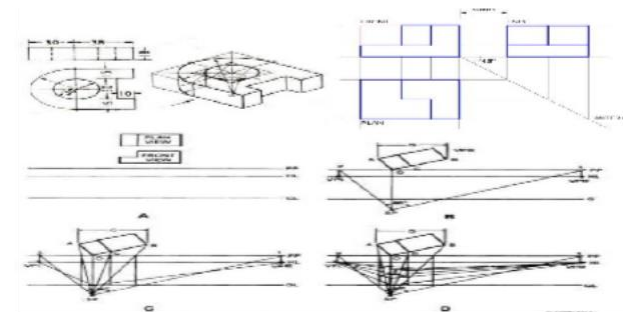
The biology clinic is open to all AS level pupils. Here you can come along and deconstruct classwork, construct understanding of biological processes, stretch and challenge yourself into learning exam techniques and apply/utilise previously learnt knowledge. A variety of resources will be used to support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



Staff Dr G Clotney
Location Room 318 - Science Suite
Time Wednesday 3.45 – 4.30pm
No. of pupils VI form only

Engineering + Skills

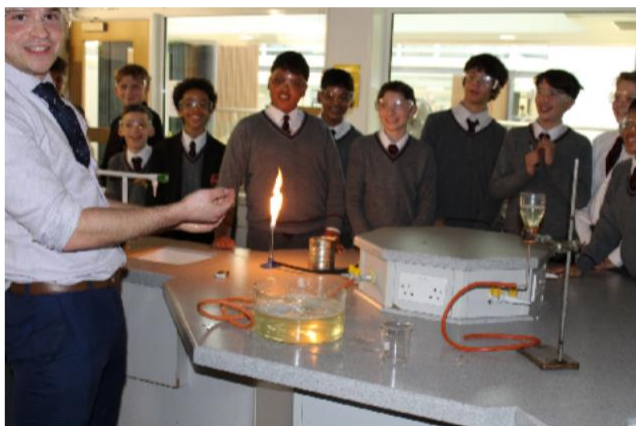
The fundamentals of engineering will be introduced, including technical drawing as the language of engineers used to show how machines, products, and structures are designed. Practical projects will also be undertaken to explore branches of engineering, from building simple machines to working with circuits,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

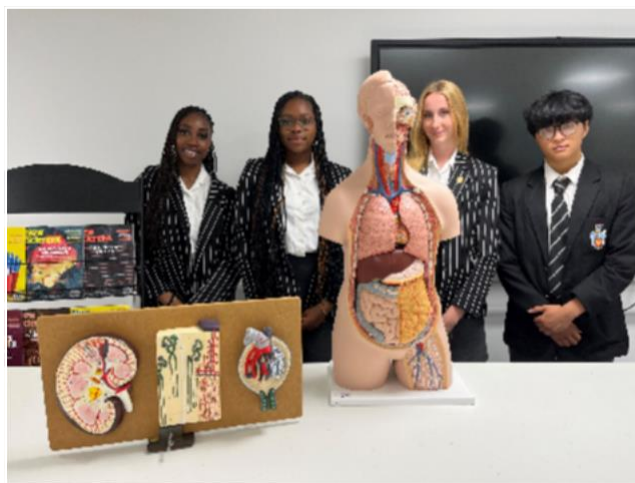
A group for pupils 1st to 2nd form who enjoy exploring a range of exciting experiments with help from Sixth Form volunteers. There is a positive competitive element is encouraged with some activities such as: building the Crafty Raft that will float will added mass or designing the most aerodynamic Super 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

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 5th 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

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, 3:40 – 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	Mr Heathfield
Location	Astro/ Barn Elms
Training Form	Up to 20 pupils, KS3-VI
Matches	11

Gaelic Football

Gaelic football is played in the Trinity Term during games lessons and we enter the All British Championships (ABCs) at the end of the summer. In the past 2 years we have won both at U13 and U15 at the National Championships.



Staff	Mr McDonough & Mr Heathfield
Location	Barn Elms
Time	During Games
Pupils	1 st 4 th

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, and Tuesday-Thursday, 4.00-4.45pm
Pupils	1 st - 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 J Gallagher
Location	Hurlingham Park
Time	TBC 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 3.30-4.30pm
Pupils	VI form girls

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.



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	1 st 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 (JH & 1 st), Tuesday (U16 & U18) & Thursday (U13 & U14)
Pupils	JH – VI (by invitation only)

Golf

We are looking to build on the golfing opportunities for established players. There are a few tournaments that have been entered and players are recommended to speak to Mr Devlin if interested.



Staff	Mr Devlin
Location	Off Site
Time	N/A
No. of pupils	1 st -UVIth (boys and girls)

Rugby & Rugby 7s

Rugby is the most popular extra-curricular activity with up to 18 teams across 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, 16 and 18 sides enter the national competition each year and all sides also play in the Middlesex Cup competitions., which we have won in various age groups frequently in recent years.

For up-to-date information on teams, matches and dates, please visit SOCS website ([London Oratory School | Sports Home](#)); passwords will be emailed out later when necessary.

Rugby 7s is played in the Lent term and each year group will train at Barn Elms. These squads are smaller and thus these teams are invitation only and the teams (U12-18) will play 4-6 tournaments each year. These tournaments are mostly mid-week, rather than the weekend.

U18 A	King’s House sports ground	Mr B Lewis	VI Form	Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday	2.30 – 5.00 pm
U18 B	Astro	Mr W MacLennan		Monday	4.00 – 5.30pm
U16 A	Barn Elms	Mr N McFarlane	5 th Form	Wednesday	2.00 – 4.30 pm
U16 B	Astro	Mr L Philiotis		Monday	4.00 – 5.30pm
U15 A	Barn Elms	Mr N McFarlane	4 th Form	Thursday	2.00 - 4.30pm
U15 B		Mr J Edgar			
U14 A	Barn Elms	Mr M McDonough	3 rd Form	Tuesday	2.00 – 4.30 pm
U14 B	Astro	Mr C Lawson		Wednesday	3.30 - 4.30pm
U13 A	Barn Elms	Mr J Harnett & Mr K Moran	2 nd Form	Monday	2.00 – 4.30 pm
U13 B	Astro	Mr Sutton		Tuesday	3.30 - 4.30pm
U12 A	Astro	Mr J Harnett	1 st Form	Thursday	3.30 - 4.30pm
U12 B		Mr Heathfield		Friday	2.00 – 4.00 pm
U12 C		Mr Paull			
	Barn Elms	Mr Naudi			