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Our Mission

Through excellence in education we are an inclusive community, that embraces choice, opens doors and creates opportunities. With kindness and collaboration, we empower everyone to be the best version of themselves. We are confident, curious and creative individuals who contribute positively to our community.



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Dear Students,

The new electives programme is designed to instil our vision of 'Excellence and Ambition' for all. We believe that all students should have the opportunity to take part in enrichment beyond the curriculum to realise their talents and interests to reach their full potential.

With the electives programme, you can take part in three electives per academic year. We would like you to pick one from each pillar academic, physical health and wellbeing and community. This will support developing your whole character.

Academic Elective

This will focus on driving deep knowledge beyond the curriculum learning. In this elective you will develop a disposition for lifelong learning and be highly confident in applying critical, enquiry-based and problem-solving approaches to conceptual and practical challenges.

Physical Health & Wellbeing Elective

Part of physical health and well-being is paramount to leading healthy successful lives. In these electives you will develop strength, stamina, resilience, flexibility team-working and co-ordination skills. Additionally, wellbeing strategies which support positive mental health such as mindfulness.

Community & Leadership Elective

We are a community school and are always looking to strengthen our links with the wider community. We have worked with residential care homes, primary schools, nurseries, church and food banks and we are passionate about how you can make a difference. Community and leadership pillars are designed to support you develop skills and talents to support others building their confidence, oracy, collaboration, project-based learning.

You should pick **five** electives that you would like to study in term 2 using **this form** by 26th November. After this deadline you will be assigned an option. You must pick from different pillars than last time.

If you are not successful with your first choices, you may be assigned this elective on a different term.

From Year 7 to Year 10 you will have the opportunity to take part in 12 electives which will strengthen your personal development and cultural capital.

Electives are part of our compulsory offer for all students. Therefore, once assigned these cannot be amended for timetabling purposes. Electives are planned to take place 2.35 - 3.30pm and commence Wednesday 8th January 2025 for term 2.

Please read the guide carefully before making choices to stretch and challenge your talents and interests.

Thanks in advance,

Miss G. Lowe (Assistant Headteacher)

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Criminology



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

The aim of this elective is to develop critical thinking, awareness, and empathy about society and behaviour. This phase helps you understand social issues, crime, and the justice system, making you more informed citizens. By learning about these topics, you become more aware of their roles in the community and may consider careers in related fields, leading to a more socially aware perspective.

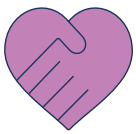
What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will learn about different types of crime and their causes, including social and psychological factors. You will understand the criminal justice system's structure and roles of police, courts, and prisons. You will explore social inequalities related to race, class, and gender, and their links to crime. You will also learn about the impact of crime on victims and communities, crime trends, and how institutions like family, education, and media influence behaviour.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Research skills including data collection, reading skills and social and diversity awareness.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in A Level Sociology, A Level Criminology, Journalism, Social Work and Law.

Further Reading and Information

 Prospects: www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/criminology

 Criminology - A Sociological Introduction: ISBN 9781138566262

Debate Club



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

In this elective, you will be given the opportunity to discuss and debate the biggest topical and moral issues across our world. You will learn to successfully argue and defend your points across to others in a fun and safe environment. A trip visit to see a debate / school debate to be arranged.

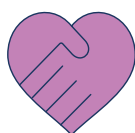
What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will have an understanding of big issues in the news. You will understand the diversity of different groups in society, learning about moral problems that affect society around us.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will gain the ability to analyse moral issues. To think outside the box by figuring out arguments to both agree and disagree on points regardless of own views, and the ability to evaluate the impact of big topics.

Which Value does this link with?



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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level English Language, religious education and theology. This could lead to further study in philosophy, ethics, sociology, criminology and law. Possible careers could be in: Law practice, journalism, business (ethics), charity or health & social care.

Further Reading and Information

 Watching, listening or reading the news will help e.g. BBC: www.bbc.co.uk/news

 Teens guide to debating and public speaking by Claire Duffy: 1459741781

Film and Media Studies



Open to:

- ✓ Year 9
- ✓ Year 10

Introduction

This elective is designed to impart knowledge of the different effects created in films through various techniques that filmmakers use. It will give you the opportunity to analyse films and enable you to view them in a different way.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Knowledge about techniques such as camera angles, use of sound, film promotion, script writing amongst many others.

What Skills Will I Gain?

The skill of being both analytical and creative in this form of media.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level English Language and would benefit those wishing to study media. Possible careers include filmmaking, creative writing and journalism.

French for Beginners



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

French for beginners will give you an insight into the French language and culture and offer the opportunity for knowledge of another language as well as Spanish. Perfect for any aspiring polyglots!

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will learn French from beginner level, including greetings and how to introduce yourself. Eventually we will move onto a range of topics to strengthen your language skills.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Learning a language allows you to widen cultural capital with a wider view of the world around us. It shows that you are willing to take on a challenge alongside gaining extra interpersonal and cognitive skills. The brain uses a lot of power to learn a language and having knowledge of two shows that you have what it takes to use this. Language learning is impressive and shows you are willing to immerse yourself into something other than just your first known language.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level French and may inspire an interest in learning other languages. Future career options are plentiful and include interpreting, teaching, translation, international relations and business, event planning internationally or becoming a tour guide. Further options include copy writing, careers in customs, becoming an au pair or undertaking childcare work abroad or even becoming a flight attendant or subtitler.

Japanese Culture Club

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective you will get the opportunity to learn about the different aspects of Japanese culture. In our sessions we will be learning about the geography of Japan, Japanese traditions, music, art, language and cuisine. We will be looking into Japanese manga and anime, as well as having the opportunity to make your own manga art.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will gain the knowledge of another culture and learn about how others live. You will also have the opportunity to learn a new language and new customs.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will gain new language skills, art skills and observation skills.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

In the future you may work in Japan or work with people who come from Japan, so it is really important to know about their customs and traditions.

Logic Maths Problems



Open to:

✓ All year groups

Introduction

In this elective, you will solve logic maths puzzles that will exercise your brain. You will learn how to figure things out in multiple different ways by developing your reasoning and thinking skills and will solve problems that will help develop your logical reasoning. Students of all abilities and ages will be challenged to solve problems of varying difficulty, with opportunities to stretch their skills as far as they'd like!

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

We will learn about problem solving and explore the human brain and thinking processes.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will improve your mental processing skills, communication skills and ability to problem solve.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level maths, further maths, economics and statistics. It will help you with resilience, reading and understanding and approaching problems in a methodical way.

Small Animal Welfare



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

In this elective you will learn about each small creature scientifically and then how to care for them. You will deepen your knowledge on adaptations to survive. Animal Care has arranged trips and visits to see a range of different animals in different settings and animals coming into school on rotation. We also have our own school pet rabbit, Rupert, that students care for.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

This will be an introduction to KS5 courses such as BTEC in small animal care.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will learn about various small animals (mice / gerbils / hamsters / rabbits) care, maintenance, health problems, gestation.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level Biology and BTEC animal studies. This will be an introduction into working with small animals and links to veterinary science.

Further Reading and Information

-  RSPCA: www.rspca.org.uk/whatwedo/care

Sociology

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

Sociology is the scientific study of human society and social behaviour. It explores the intricacies of how individuals and groups interact, the structures and institutions shaping our lives and the impact of social interactions on our thoughts, actions and relationships.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

In this elective, you will begin to understand the complexities of the world around you looking at topics such as family, education, politics, religion. Studying Sociology is an excellent choice for those who want to better understand the world and have a positive effect on society. Sociology delves into subjects such as culture and social norms. This understanding promotes the school's value of respect as well as empathy and tolerance and having an awareness of the diverse world we live in.

What Skills Will I Gain?

The skills students will develop through this elective are critical thinking, effective communication, debate, problem-solving, research, collaboration and teamwork skills. These skills help to empower students to make informed decisions, tackle social problems, and connect with people from diverse backgrounds.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective links to careers in social work, human resources, market research and data analysis, community development, education and research / academia.

Baking

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective, we will give you an introduction to baking; learning about ingredients, equipment and cooking temperatures and exploring different baking techniques. You will have a chance to make some different baked goods, both sweet and savoury.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will gain knowledge of how to be safe in a kitchen and you will learn how to replicate some simple savoury and sweet bakes.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Listening - following the demonstration lessons and being able to replicate them.

Problem solving - adapting recipes and learning how to correct bakes when there are problems.

Creativity - having the opportunity to add your own twists to certain bakes.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective would support further study in GCSE and A Level food, hospitality and catering. It links to future careers in the catering industry as a cake maker, bakery owner or pastry chef.

Cheerleading and Pom Dance Award



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

In 2013 Longdendale High School won the first ever Tameside Cheer Competition to become borough champions. We are keen to re-establish these routes and create a new LHS Cheer Squad, with the aim to enter local competitions once the team is trained and established. If you have cheer experience already we are looking for KS4 to become LHS cheer student coaches to assist and lead the club.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Knowledge of principles and methods for cheer technique and training effects. Knowledge of anatomy and physiology.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Athleticism with dancing skills because pro cheerleading performances involve stunting and long durations of dancing. Obedience, teamwork, courage, organisation and good communication. Perseverance, motivation, and the ability to work under pressure.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in BTEC performing arts and A Level Dance and can lead to careers as a cheer teacher, coach, choreographer or community sports leader.

Further Reading and Information

-  UK Cheerleading Association: www.ukca.org.uk

Chess Club

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

The chess clubs goal is to help you enjoy and get better at chess while having fun with friends. You'll learn how the pieces move, smart ways to start the game, and cool tricks to win more often. We'll teach you strategies for the middle of the game and how to finish strong. You'll also get to play in tournaments and learn from each game you play. Plus, you'll improve your thinking skills and learn to be a good sport whether you win or lose.

What Knowledge and Skills Will I Gain?

Playing chess improves strategic thinking, problem-solving, patience, foresight, memory, planning, decision-making, pattern recognition, and sportsmanship.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level maths and further maths. Chess enhances skills like strategic planning, critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making, valuable in careers such as law, finance, technology, engineering, and management, where these abilities are essential.

Further Reading and Information

Chess links with wider reading and academia by improving critical thinking, enhancing concentration, fostering strategic planning, and encouraging the study of historical games, biographies, mathematics, and cognitive psychology.

Comics and Craft



Open to:

- ✓ Year 7
- ✓ Year 8

Introduction

Comics and Craft is designed for students to explore their creativity and imagination. Students will gain skills such as design/art and will be able to link this with their most beloved fictions comic characters. A display of work from this elective will be created in the school library.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education should engage, inspire and challenge you. This equips you with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create your own works of art, craft and design. Through your passion for comics and graphic novels you will gain a more in-depth knowledge of the background to the characters and learn different themes.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop listening skills and teamwork building by working together to build and design. Creativity will be evident in your designs. Problem solving is a key skill used throughout the process of building and constructing. Arts and craft benefit your self expression, confidence and self-esteem, fine motor skills, patience, concentration and planning and organisational skills.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE art and design and also English Language. As you progress, you should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. You should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

Further Reading and Information

-  Comic Boom: www.comicboom.buzzsprout.com

Cricket (winter)

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective, you will be learning the basics of how to play cricket including learning about the equipment and rules as well as the skills and techniques. You will be using 4 nets, split up by age and ability, in order to develop your batting and bowling through a variety of drills and techniques - there will also be the opportunity to play matches against different groups.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will gain knowledge of where cricket originated, the rules, and the roles each player in a team has. You will also learn about professional cricket and how this is played around the world.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will learn how to hold the bat correctly and play different strokes such as the drive, sweep, cut, pull and hook. You will be shown the body action involved in bowling and will have plenty of opportunity to practise your bowling in the nets. You will learn how to score a match, learn the meanings of cricketing terms and explore how you can be a good team player and show good sportsmanship.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This would be a good elective for those studying or wishing to study BTEC sport and those thinking about studying sports science or similar courses in the future. It links to careers in sports science, professional cricket, teachers of sport and jobs in the fitness industry.

Cross-Stitch

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

You will learn the basics of Cross-stitch and work from a pattern to produce your own piece of work.

What Knowledge and Skills Will I Gain?

You will learn about the art of cross-stitch including different types of stitches and how they create different effects. You will also learn how to count and follow patterns. Alongside this, we will reflect on mindfulness and self-care.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop a range of basic cross-stitch skills including threading a needle; following a pattern; basic cross-stitch and a running stitch.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level art and textiles and would be of interest to those thinking about careers in the textiles, fashion, design or theatre industries.

Cycling Proficiency and Bike Safety



Open to:

- ✓ Year 7
- ✓ Year 8
- ✓ Year 9

Introduction

In this elective, you will understand how to maintain bikes and also learn a range of different cycling skills to keep themselves safe whilst cycling.

What Knowledge and Skills Will I Gain?

You will gain knowledge of how to be safe when cycling and will gain confidence riding. You will gain knowledge with regards to the highway code and learn basic first aid knowledge in regards to common cycling injuries. You will have the opportunity to cycle different routes and courses set up on school grounds. You will learn how to maintain and clean bikes, gears, brakes, chain and tyres with practical sessions including changing tyres and inner tubes, mending punctures, adjusting the seat and handle bars, changing cables, building a bike from the frame and running routine services on a bike. You will also learn what to carry with you while cycling.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in BTEC sport and A Level sports studies. Possible careers could include jobs at British Cycling, bike mechanics, aspirations to future hobbies and ambitions, healthy lifestyle.

Darts



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

Darts is a sport which is hugely on the rise due to the success of 16 year old Luke Littler. In this elective you will have the opportunity to take part in an upcoming sport and develop skills in a new area.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will gain knowledge of the rules and regulations of a new sport. You will understand the scoring system and what is required in the sport to be a success. You will develop a knowledge of a wider range of sports not just ones delivered through the National Curriculum.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop your practical sporting ability. You will develop cross curricular links through the scoring system in darts. You may find a sport which you wish to continue in later life to ensure you have an active lifestyle. You will also develop your resilience as starting a new sport can be tough but this will develop over a period of time.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in BTEC sport and A Level sports science. You could pursue a career in the professional sports industry.

Further Reading and Information

-  Rules of Darts: www.pdc.tv/players/rules-darts

Gardening

Open to:

✓ All year groups



Introduction

Gardening can build self-esteem, is good for your heart, boosts your vitamin D levels, reduces stress, improves your hand strength and can make you happy. Gardening benefits others and is good for the whole community.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will learn about the different conditions needed by different plant species and the ideal conditions needed for plants to thrive and grow. You will gain knowledge around germinating seeds, planting seedlings and maintaining plants.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Digging over, germinating, planting and nurturing skills.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level geography and science. It could lead to an interest in careers such as gardening, garden planning, horticulture, landscape design and conservation.

Hair Design

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

You will build your own portfolio of hair designs ready to take to college and the world of work. You will research types of designs such as heatless styles, hair ups, festival braiding and recreate these in our elective sessions. We will look at best rated hair products considering costs and benefits to stylists and consumers.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Braiding methods and styling techniques.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Communication skills through consumer service and satisfaction; Hair styling skills and safe use of hair appliances.

Which Value does this link with?



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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in hairdressing courses at colleges and could lead to career opportunities in hair styling whether at a salon or mobile business.

Knitting

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

Knitting is a mindful activity, allowing you to be creative and productive whilst reducing anxiety. The programme is ideal for experienced knitters who wish to have a calm atmosphere to unwind or beginners who want to learn a new skill. You will learn basic knitting skills whilst working to create a blanket to be auctioned for charity.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Problem solving - working to correct mistake and using purposeful practice to improve work.

Creativity - using texture and colour to express individuality.

Staying positive - repetitive action of needlework can induce a relaxed state like that associated with meditation and yoga.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

Knitting links to a range of careers in arts, fashion and the yarn industry. Further study post-16 could include A-levels in Textiles, Vocation A-level in Fashion & Clothing, BTEC Level 3 in Fashion & Textiles. Future careers may include knitting instructor, pattern designer, yarn dyer as well as jobs in the growing sustainable British wool industry.

Further Reading and Information

 British Wool: <https://shop.britishwool.org.uk/sustainability/>

Lego Construction

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

This elective will help you learn to build and construct models. It will also support with mental health and wellbeing.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Improved knowledge of construction types and building to ratio and scale.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Construction, problem solving, planning, making.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in BTEC construction. Careers in the construction industry and engineering could follow.

Expedition Skills



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

You will look at navigation skills, route planning, kit selection and equipment types, campcraft putting up tents, organising gear, outdoor cooking and bush craft and hiking. Students will link in with the Duke of Edinburgh students about their expeditions.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Navigation will cover part of the geography curriculum but will also link in with DofE and any outdoor activity. You will learn how to select and maintain gear, how to put up tents and the different types and applications, how to cook on stoves and fire and build shelters.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Survival, navigation and team-working skills.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level geography and PE/sport. Careers could be in mountaineering, scouting, armed forces, public services or outdoor pursuits and links to the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Further Reading and Information

-  Scouts: www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/activity-badges/survival-skills

Racket Sports

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective you will learn the rules and skills of table tennis, badminton and tennis.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will gain knowledge of sports not usually studied in PE lessons such as tennis and table tennis.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Team work, communication skills, improved hand eye coordination and resilience.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in BTEC sport and A Level sports studies. This elective can support future careers in the fitness industry.

Tim Burton Film Study



Open to:

- ✓ Year 7
- ✓ Year 8
- ✓ Year 9

Introduction

You will explore a film studies elective that analyses elements of Tim Burton's cinema style. This will give students an insight into a potential future in film, media studies and film criticism. The horror genre is a popular interest and a Tim Burton theme has been chosen to suit students of secondary age. As media studies is something not offered currently in schools it gives you an opportunity to explore this area.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will gain a knowledge of cinematic features stop motion and the gothic cinema genre.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Analytical skills of film and cinema techniques linked to media.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in media studies. Leadership skills and knowledge is highly valued by colleges, universities and employers. The course will provide students with a comprehensive foundation of skills, experiences and insights that are directly applicable to future careers.

Further Reading and Information

-  Various books on the art and cinema of Tim Burton will be offered to students to read.

Childcare Vocational



Open to:

- ✓ Year 9
- ✓ Year 10

Introduction

In this elective you will have an introduction to the law and guidelines around childcare. This will prepare you for the looking after of young children in the future. You will complete a mini first aid awareness course to learn how to keep children safe. You will meet babies needs including handling, changing nappies and feeding. This includes planning and using appropriate activities and toys. You will also understand a checklist of dealing with challenging childcare situations. You will gain underpinning knowledge of childcare duties within a family setting for friends or relatives as employment.

Childcare has strong links with Hollingworth Primary to support with EYFS students and arranged parent and baby events.

What Knowledge and Skills Will I Gain?

Knowledge of health and safety, laws, allergies, caring responsibilities, practical childcare skills and knowledge, awareness of appropriate first aid and keeping safe.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in BTEC child development. You will be able to develop skills which can support part time employment in this area. You can also add this to your CV or college applications for further training in childcare or community or public services courses.

Eco-Schools Award



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

Eco-schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a simple framework to help make sustainability an integral part of school life.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

At Eco Club, you'll gain knowledge of sustainable practices, biodiversity, conservation techniques and how to be more conscious about the world's environment.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You'll gain skills in sustainability, environmental awareness, teamwork, project management and innovative thinking, all focused on protecting the planet.



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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level geography and science. Attending an Eco Club at school can help with careers by fostering skills in sustainability, teamwork, and project management, directly linking to careers in environmental science, conservation, and sustainable business practices both in white and blue collar industries.

Further Reading and Information

-  No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg
-  You Are Eating Plastic Every Day by Danielle Smith-Llera & Plastic Sucks! by Dougie Poynter
-  This Book is Not Rubbish by Isabel Thomas & A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton
-  Earth Heroes: Twenty Inspiring Stories of People Saving Our World by Lily Dyu

First Aid

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective, you will be following a weekly First Aid Course put together by St John Ambulance. The first aid toolkit from St John Ambulance will give you everything you need to learn in terms of lifesaving skills at your own pace, and it can also be counted towards the DofE award, as part of the skill section. It will be broken down to a weekly course. Each week will include a new skill via videos, activities, role play and practice at home. On completion of the course you will earn the St Johns Ambulance, DofE approved, certificate.

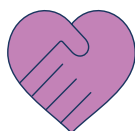
What Knowledge Will I Gain?

St John Ambulance teaches people first aid so it can be the difference between life and death, and that includes everyone.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Life-saving, practical and health and safety skills.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level Biology. This elective links to careers in the NHS and study of health and social care.

Further Reading and Information

-  NHS First Aid: www.nhs.uk/conditions/first-aid

Matilda School Production



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

Join us for this year's school musical: Matilda! To access this elective, you will have already auditioned and been given a part in the show. If you have not been given a part, then unfortunately, you will be unable to join this elective. Perhaps audition next year.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop skills in acting, singing, dancing, collaboration & communication, stage presence and empathy.

Which Value does this link with?



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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level drama and music. Future careers could include acting, broadcasting, presenting, directing or working as a runner or behind the scenes in the TV, theatre or film industries. Jobs where your skills would be useful include: arts administrator, choreographer, community arts worker, further education teacher, media researcher, music producer, secondary school teacher, special effects technician, talent agent, television floor manager or as a theatre/stage manager.

Photography

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective you will develop photography skills for complete beginners and keen amateurs. You will learn the principles of digital photography and have the opportunity to explore a range of styles. You will learn how to critically evaluate the work of others and your own work. You will also explore the purpose of images and be able to interpret images as you would other artwork. You will develop an understanding of composition, light, exposure, focal length, colour and critical evaluation. A gallery of work forms part of the display to the school community. Please note that having a camera phone or access to a digital camera is essential for this elective. Students will agree to a code of conduct to allow use of their phones for the purpose of this elective only.

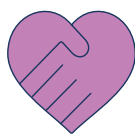
What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will develop an understanding of composition, light, exposure, focal length, colour and critical evaluation.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Photography and the skills listed above.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level art & design and BTEC photography. Career opportunities include the ability to progress into creative roles such as photography, however this would also support to develop transferable skills such as resilience, problem solving and interpersonal skills.

Printmaking

Open to:

✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective, you will develop new skills in printmaking processes and be able to make your own products. This elective will work with photography to display work for the wider community. An exhibition event of the work created in this elective will be arranged.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will gain an understanding of how to design, create and develop multiple prints.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Independent thinking, creativity, technical skills.

Which Value does this link with?



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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level art, design and 3D design. You could become an artist who creates prints and would be useful knowledge and skills for future study in art and design in KS5 and beyond.

Further Reading and Information

Research monoprinting, lino printing and etching.

School Newspaper: Journalism



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

You will work closely with the 'School Newspaper: Publishing and Marketing' elective. Collectively, you will plan the stories, content and layout of the newspaper or magazine, writing and editing articles, before working with the publishing team on print layout. You will explore student existing media and analyse it before replicating the style in our own publication.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Media layout/language/tone etc analysis. Understanding and replicating other features of magazines - puzzle pages, competitions, etc. Article analysis and replication.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Writing and editing; interviewing; planning; working to deadline.

Which Value does this link with?



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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level English Language and could lead to careers in Journalism, other writing careers or photography.

School Newspaper: Publishing & Marketing



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

You will work closely with the 'School Newspaper: Journalism elective'. You will explore student existing media and analyse it before replicating the style in our own publication. You will take the stories and learn how to turn them into a product which is read and communicated widely across school, developing your ICT and design skills.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Knowledge of different marketing processes and publishing styles.

What Skills Will I Gain?

Confidence, Professionalism, time management, literacy skills and image development.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in BTEC enterprise and marketing. This will appeal to those that want to study ICT or marketing at college or university. Anyone that wants a job that they will have to work to strict deadlines collaborating with others.

Set Design

Open to:

- ✓ All year groups



Introduction

In this elective, you'll dive into the world of theatrical design by bringing the magic of Matilda to life. Together, we'll design and create props, backdrops, and set pieces that reflect the enchanting and quirky world of Roald Dahl's beloved story. You'll learn how to plan, sketch, and build sets, collaborating with the team to transform the stage into Matilda's imaginative universe.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

In the set design for the school production elective, you will gain a variety of knowledge that will enrich your understanding of set design, including learning the key elements of set design, including how to create spaces that enhance storytelling and character development and understanding how to design sets that fit the stage, considering size, depth, and actor movement. This knowledge will not only help you contribute creatively to Matilda but also give you a deeper appreciation for the technical aspects of theatre production.

What skills will I gain?

Students will gain a range of valuable skills, including creative design and problem solving. These skills will not only help create an amazing Matilda production but also build a strong foundation for future creative projects!

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

The skills and knowledge gained in the Set Design for the School Production elective can open doors to various future pathways and careers in both the arts and technical fields, including: set design, where designers create environments for theatre, film, and television productions, prop design and fabrication, or theatre production. These pathways allow you to explore creative industries, blending artistic vision with practical construction and design skills!

Slam Poetry



Open to:

- ✓ All year groups

Introduction

In the distant past, poetry was never written down. Poems were composed, memorised, and performed. Slam poetry is a form of performance poetry that combines elements of performance, writing, competition, and audience participation.

What Knowledge Will I Gain?

The poetic form based on slam poetry.

What Skills Will I Gain?

You will gain a variety of skills based on writing and performance, such as the use of metaphor, rhythm, sound devices, imagery, anecdote, repetition, and others. You will also gain confidence in public speaking and listening to others.

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How Does it Link to Future Study & Careers?

This elective will support future study in GCSE and A Level English Language and literature. It links to future careers that involve creative writing and public speaking or presenting.

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