



READING WAY ELECTIVE PROGRAM

Parent information September 2023

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elect: to opt for or choose to do something

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Electives for Years 7-10; from Sept 2023

Electives are an integral part of our ambitious curriculum that seeks to develop excellence across the broadest possible spectrum of subjects, skills and sports.

Electives emphasise collaboration, are built on the Reading Way and its character framework and as such support our students in their journey from Learn, to Lead and to Serve.

Electives are a positive feature of our rich and ambitious curriculum offer and following two years of development and refinement in 2023-2024 they encompass a clear structure of progression, in addition to a breadth of opportunities to flourish.

Electives complement and extend the academic curriculum, in different ways for students in different year groups. They offer age and stage appropriate activities. We ask our students to be imaginative, collaborative and receptive; we ask them to be accountable for their contributions and their character and, through harnessing choice, our students are supported and challenged to create energy, enhance intellectual curiosity and to embark on a journey of personal development.

Significantly by incorporating such a diverse range of activities within the school day we create an inclusive school community in which cultural and social capital is leveraged for all students.

Finally in 2023 we will also be inviting some students from one of our partner primary schools to join us for one afternoon a week of electives: this will give our students in Year 7 the chance to support and nurture a passion for growth in other young people in our local community.

The offer: Year 7&8 2022

Students in Year 7&8 choose three Electives per week.

They start the week as a year group, taking part in activities that are not offered within the taught curriculum; they work together in activities on a Thursday, collaborating with students outside of their house and year group which supports the development of healthy relationships with a range of students. On a Friday students have a 'double elective' which enables us to offer a range of offsite activities, sports and practical sessions which benefit from an extended duration

Electives taking place in period 8 from 14:40 with most finishing at 15:25. Some activities, particularly those offsite, which require additional travel may run until 16:00,

Students make their elective choices early in July, start Electives in the first full week back in September and rotate to new activities each term. The majority of students will take part in 9 electives per academic year.

The options on Monday and Tuesday are based on specific threads and offer opportunities to go beyond what is normally taught at KS3 and as such are overtly pitched at supporting students to access the broadest possible range of activities.

On Thursday and Friday there is an array of opportunities, focussed on collaboration. We hope students will not only find joy and develop a passion for new interests, but also will develop in their sense of belonging as they contribute and collaborate with peers they may not normally get to work with.

Year 7&8

Focussed on
belonging,
collaboration
and cultural
capital

The weekly program Year 7&8: (Draft – June 2023)

Just 7: The New
7 Ev - P8 MONDAY
The Big Questions
Through an African Lense
Canoeing
Bushcraft
Space travel and aerospace engineering
Civil Rights and history
Chinese Culture
MEP from January

Just 8: looking beyond
8 Ev - P8 TUESDAY
Young Leaders Book Club
Greek Myths
Debating
Bushcraft
The Worlds Greatest Generals
Investment
Mandarin

7and8: Culture Building
7/8 Ev - P8 THURSDAY
What if - Real world physics
Lego Engineers
Global New and Current Affairs
Chess
History of War
Theatre
RWI80G
OutofAfrica
Jazz and Improvisation Masterclass
Culture and Volleyball
Starwars
Illustration
Bridge
Creative Writing

7and8 double: Diversity
7/8 Ev - P7&8 FRIDAY
Squash
Canoeing
Model UN
City Building
5 aside
Drama and Performance Skills
Canoeing
Lego
Spike Ball
Canoeing
Rugby
Build a band
Chinese History and Cultrual Activities
Lacrosse
Badminton
Climbing

Next Steps

Read through the list of activities and discuss this program with your son.

Please ask him to make choices – he will be the one doing them and it is important that he is accountable for this process from now!

Once he is ready, click on the forms link below carefully ranking each choice. Complete this form by Sunday 9th July in order that his preferences can be taken into account.

<https://forms.office.com/e/YPZSZJg2bv>

We will process choices in the coming weeks and this activity will appear on your sons timetable in September.

Please do ensure your son recognises that in providing choice for all students we also need to recognise that none of us can get all of our preferences all of the time: there is an amazing range of activities and we will do all we can to allocate students the highest order of preference.

Thanks for supporting this program and we hope that your son will enjoy his elective provision.