



READING WAY ELECTIVE PROGRAM

Year 8-10 from September 2023

“

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 2023

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
Chineese 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
Round The World in 80 Games
Out of Africa
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
Chineese History and Cultrual Activities
Lacrosse
Badminton
Climbing

The offer: Year 9&10 2023

Students in Year 8&9 progressing to Year 9&10 have been used to a diet of electives, and whilst we think it is appropriate for this to taper in Key Stage 4 we did not want students to lose the opportunities that Electives provide. So in September, both year groups will continue with elective.

Both Year groups will take part in an elective, with a specific focus giving them a practical experience of a range of activities with a focus on learning skills. Year 9 will also take part in year long project based elective with a link to careers and areas of interest that lie beyond the curriculum and have been planned to allow students to access hinterland knowledge and understanding.

What is expected of me? What is my opportunity? How can I share ideas?

- **Year 9:** **Design, Technology and Enterprise Electives**
Launchpad, Coding, Food Technology, Formula E, Electronic Engineering, Eco-solutions and STEM
- **Year 9:** **Go long – year long project**
Performing, Enterprise, Physiology, Coding, Political and Current Affairs, Mandarin
- **Year 10: –** **Life Skills Electives**
First Aid, Mechanics, Make do and mend, Football Coaching, Personal Finance, Personal Training, cooking

Students will be asked to rank all the activities offered and will take one activity per term in each of the slots; thus taking part in 3 different activities per academic year, with year 9 students taking the additional ‘go long’ project.



Year 9&10

Focussed on
Leadership and
Accountability

Next steps – Year 7, 8 & 9 (Year 8, 9 & 10 in 2023-24)

Read through the list of activities and discuss with your parents as required.

Make your choices carefully: it is important that you are accountable for this process from now!

Once you are 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 timetable in September.

Please be clear: 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.