

# READING WAY ELECTIVE PROGRAM

*From September 2022*

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**elect:** to opt for or choose to do something

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# Electives for Years 7-10; from Sept 2022

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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 in 2022-2023 they encompass an even broader and inspiring range 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.

Working in partnership with students, staff and parents, we seek to support this journey by providing a structure and a 'balanced diet'. As such students pick activities from three broad groups of activities which encompass:

- ***Collaboration, Sport and Wellbeing***
- ***Skills Based Learning***
- ***Intellectual Curiosity and Cultural Capital***

Please take the time to look at this information carefully as a student, or as a parent and follow the instructions in order to 'elect' by July 11<sup>th</sup> 2022.

# The offer: Year 7&8 2022

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Students in Year 7&8 choose four Electives per week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Year 7 and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Year 8.

Electives conclude the school day taking place in period 7 from 14:40 with most finishing at 15:25. Some activities, particularly those offsite, which require additional travel run until 16:00,

Students make their elective choices now, 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 12 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 curriculum activities.

On Wednesday, 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.

We encourage students to try and choose a range of activities from each of the 3 types of activity colour coded accordingly:



# The weekly program Year 7&8:

	Monday 7 (Year 7 only)	Tuesday 7 (Year 8 only)	Wednesday 7	Thursday 7	Friday 7
COLLABORATION SPORT AND WELLBEING			Canoeing	Canoeing	Ripper, Touch & Rugby 7s
			Run Reading 5KM	Volleyball	Squash
			Cricket with BCF	Paddle Boarding	The Great Outdoors
			Frisbee		Badminton
			Yoga, stretching and mindfulness		5 a-side Football
			Cadet leadership tasks and challenges		
SKILLS BASED LEARNING		Mandarin	Electronics	Coding for Beginners	Beginner's Chess
		Geography Fieldwork Activities	Lego Engineers	Recording & Producing	Intermediate Coding
		GIS Club - Use Gis to explore contemporary issues	Cooking and Bushcraft	Practical Language Activities	
		Bushcraft	Illustration	Pop Up Orchestra	
		Drama - Developing Scenes and original work			
		Robotics		Bridge	
INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AND CLTURAL CAPITAL	Retro Computing	German Cinema	Out of Africa; a long look at human anthropology	Around the world in 80 games: culture & sport from Afghan kite flying to Bangladeshi kabaddi	Model UN
	Anatomy and Physiology	World Building	MiG25	Bicycles: Design and Make	French Cinema: films, exploration and quizzes
	Geography Fieldwork Activities		Green Council	Cooking	Spanish Culture: games and sports
	Language Olympiad			Product Design	Geography Correspondants
	Beginner's Drum Kit			Literature, reading and oration	4000 years of Chinese History
	Creative Writing			It's All Greek To Me	Mathematical problem solving strategies and their history
	History of Money				The Science History Mystery Tour

# The offer: Year 9&10 2022

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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 2 electives per week. One with a mix of both year groups to foster positive relationships and collaboration between year groups, and one in single year groups with a specific focus.

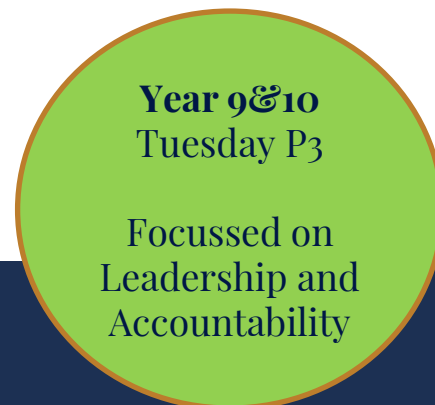
As students shift their attention towards taking a lead in their learning, rightly, the value leadership will be emphasised within electives.

- Tuesday Period 3: Year 9&10 – **Leadership and Accountability:**

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

- Tuesday Period 1: Year 9 only – **Technology and Enterprise Electives**
- Monday Period 1: Year 10 only – **Life Skills Electives**

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 6 different activities per academic year.



# The weekly program – Year 9&10:

	Year 9&10	Year 9 Only	Year 10 only
COLLABORATION SPORT AND WELLBEING	The Great Outdoors		
	Sports Leaders		
	Scripted Expertise and Student Directed Pieces.		
	Young Enterprise		
	UN Rights and Respecting Award		
SKILLS BASED LEARNING	Product Design	Robotics	Real life Problem Solving: cars, bikes and fixing
	Formula E	Investment	Cooking and Nutrition
	Music Technology	STEAM Team: science industry stem competitions	First Aid skills
	Problems & Puzzles: Dextrous and collaborative responses to the world's trickiest challenges	Embedded Systems Coding	Fitness Plans
		Electronics	Personal Finance
		Launchpad: entrepreneurial solutions and business problems	News Room
		Med Tech Challenge	Learn to coach with Reading FC
INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AND CLTURAL CAPITAL	Mandarin Year 9&10		
	Geography Society: debates, discussion and		
	Critical Readers: books and discussion		
	Rockband Workshop		
	Advanced Chess		
	Everything is Politics		

# For all students:

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Please complete your choices for 2022 now; by clicking on the links below and completing the MS FORM.

This one form, will be for all your electives for 2022-23 and you will be allocated activities, based on your preferences across the 3 terms.

You will have to rank all activities on each day.

Please note that you should complete this form by 09:00 on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**Year 7 from Sept** – students and parents: click on this link and complete the form together.

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**Year 8-10 from Sept** – students only: click on this link.

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Students taking Mandarin will be allocated to Mandarin for multiple days:

- Year 8 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Year 7 on Monday and Wednesday, after October Half Term for students that choose to take the MEP threshold test and are selected for the program.