



# **Reading Way Elective Programme**

## **From September 2024**



# Electives from Sept 2024

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 and accountability and are a positive feature of our rich and ambitious curriculum offer.

Over 90% of students surveyed in 2024 agreed that: *'Electives encourage me to collaborate with peers who I would not normally work with'* and *'I look forward to my elective sessions.'*

The programme complements and extends our academic curriculum in different ways for students in different year groups by offering 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.





# The Offer 2024 - Years 7 & 8

Students in Years 7 & 8 each take Electives two or three times a week at the end of the school day. This creates a balance to their daily routine. Some electives finish at 15:25, and others, particularly those offsite and taking place on Friday afternoons, may require additional travel and run until 16:00.

Year 7 students make their elective choices in the first week of the school term in September 2024, and Year 8 students in July 2024. Electives begin in the first full week back in September 2024 and rotate to new activities each term.

The programme offers students the opportunity to go beyond what is normally taught at KS3 and supports students to access the broadest possible range of curriculum activities.

There is an array of opportunities for students in Years 7 & 8 that focus on collaboration and each Year will work alongside one another. We support students to find joy and develop curiosity for new interests, and develop their sense of belonging, as they contribute and collaborate with peers they may not normally get to work with.





# The weekly program - Years 7 & 8 #1

Year 8 - Tuesday Period 8	Years 7 & 8 - Thursday Period 8	Years 7 & 8 - Friday Periods 7 & 8
History of War	Chess	Street Dance
Calisthenics - Strength Training	Introduction to coding with Java	Lego Engineers
The Mathematics of Cryptography	Chess	Squash
The World's Greatest Generals	RW80G	Canoeing
Mandarin Excellence Programme	Greek Myths	Model UN
Bushcraft	Jazz	Spikeball
Cooking	Genius Strategy Games	Rugby
-	Dungeons & Dragons	Model UN



# The weekly program - Years 7 & 8 #2

Years 7 & 8 - Thursday Period 8	Years 7 & 8 - Friday Periods 7 & 8
Civil Rights & History	Build a Band
Star Wars	5-a-side
Board Game Cafe	Chinese History & Culture
European History & Politics	Badminton
Bridge	Lacrosse
Mandarin Excellence Programme	Manga & Design
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# The Offer 2024 - Year 9

Students in Year 8 progressing to Year 9 have been used to a diet of electives, and whilst we think it is appropriate for this to taper off in Key Stage 4, we did not want students to lose the opportunities that Electives provide.

So from September 2024, students will continue with two electives per week. One is a 'go long' elective which takes place for the whole year and gives students the chance to develop a specific area of interest, the other changes termly and focuses on technology, giving students exposure to important real-world skills including creativity, design and collaboration.

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 six different activities per academic year.

Year 9 'go long' Electives include: MEP, Drama, Bands, Physiology, Geology, Architecture & Design, Gardens, Landscaping and tools.

Year 9 'Design and Technology' Electives: include: Apps for good, Electronic Engineering, Wheels, Robotics, What if?, Real-world Physics, STEM innovation, Product Development and Board Game design.





# For all students

Students in Year 7 - please complete your choices for 2024 by Friday September 6th.

Students in Years 8 & 9 - please complete your choices by Monday July 15th.

One form will be for all your electives for 2024-5 and you will be allocated activities, based on your preferences across the three terms.

You will have to rank all activities on each day.

Please note, if your form is not completed by the deadline you may not get your choice of elective.

Parents - please note that your child must complete these choices using his school account.

Students taking Mandarin will be allocated to their elective for multiple days.

