



King's High, Kingsley and Warwick Schools
Friday Activity Programme
Autumn 2024



The activities range from learning a new language, to conducting scientific research. There are opportunities to gain nationally recognised qualifications or simply to learn a new skill. Read the booklet, pick an option, and make the most of this opportunity.

Sign Up Procedure

Pupils sign-up for activities during the sign-up period, which is open from 10.15am on Wednesday 4 September. Once you have chosen your activity please go back into the SOCS site to check it has registered. Activities will start on **Friday 6 September**.

Sign-up is via the “Activities” tab in the **SOCS Co-Curricular software**, which can be accessed by www.misocs.com

Not all options are open to all pupils; the options available to you will appear in your sign-up dashboard. Each pupil may only choose one activity from the Friday Afternoon Activities Category.

Places on most activities are limited and, in the majority of cases, are allocated on a **first come first served basis**. Check that your choice has registered on the system. Most activities last a term but some last the whole year. If you are doing a year-long activity you must continue unless you have been given permission to move. If you are doing term activities check whether you are allowed to repeat it.

Some activities are by invitation only and cannot be chosen online. If you would like to participate in one of these activities, then please read the handbook entry carefully for details of the application procedure. If your application is successful, you will be pre-allocated to the activity and will not be able to select an alternative.

Some activities are extremely popular. If your first choice of activity is full then please select an alternative. In these circumstances, you may select an alternative, then also select your first-choice activity from the Friday Afternoon Waiting List category. If you are successful in securing your place on your first-choice activity then **DO NOT** select an activity from the waiting list category. Only add your name to the waiting list for an activity if you would prefer to do this activity than the activity you have chosen.

Pupils who do not choose an activity during the sign-up window will be allocated to those with spare capacity. Do not just turn up to an activity that you have not signed up for.

What to do now:

Check you can login to your SOCS and reset password if needed.

Read this brochure and identify at least 3 activities which may be of interest to you. With some activities we have asked for you to talk to a member of staff before the login time – please make sure you do this in advance.

We hope that you have an enjoyable time on Friday afternoon this year.

Mrs Didlick and Mrs Gray

Friday Activity Options

Activity Helpers – Year 7 Sport

Years: I I, L6th, U6th – for those who have previously done CSLA OR who have shown commitment to their sport over the time at King's

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mrs Parkinson-Mills

Location: Fields



This option is available to students who enjoy sport and who would like to assist with a Friday activity. Most commonly this is with Year 7 Games where you would help to coach either netball or hockey. Please talk to Mrs Parkinson-Mills before choosing this.

Advanced Musicianship Programme

Years: I0, I I, L6th, U6th

Duration: Two terms

Staff: Mr Albrighton

Location: KHS Auditorium



This is a specialist programme designed for advanced musicians at King's High and Warwick. The course will explore advanced skills such as working with an accompanist, conducting, musical analysis and chamber music coaching, as well as specialist sessions on the psychology of performance. The course will be designed around and tailored to the interests of the cohort and is an exciting opportunity to develop with other high-level musicians. This course is suited to any able musician with a passion for pursuing their musicianship further, be that at university or music college, or as a life skill to develop beyond their time at school.

If you are new to the school, please contact Mr Albrighton (King's) or Mr Lindsay (Warwick) as soon as possible to apply.

American Studies

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Mills

Location: KHS



American Studies is a multi-disciplinary examination of America and, specifically, the United States of America. It looks at cultural and political history, literature, art (both high and folk), American life and questions whether there is even a singular concept as 'America' or 'American' society and, if it can be defined, what makes up that definition over time as well as today and for the future. Accordingly, we will look at writings, artworks, dance, music, film and TV, class and culture and view all this through the lens of time to look at how American identity came to be and how it continues to develop.

Students will need to engage actively with activities, share ideas and questions and be prepared to read, discuss and write about what we examine. It is an excellent complement to GCSE and A level English, Art, Music, History, Politics, Sociology, Geography, etc. as well as a course for maths and science students who want to make connections as they examine the land, the peoples, the culture and ideas that can be called American.

Ancestry – Who Do You Think You Are?

Years: All

Duration: Term, no repeat

Staff: Mr Madden

Location: KHS

Cost: Ancestry subscription for 2 months (which is reimbursed)



Discover your personal family story taking advantage of Ancestry.co.uk's 30 billion searchable records. Mr. Madden will support students to discover clues about their family history and provide background to the times and events that they may have lived through or personally experienced. You will need to enrol in the Ancestry site so there will be a cost for this but this will be reimbursed.

Anatomy and Dissection

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mrs Paterson

Location: KHS



Calling all aspiring medical minds and anatomy enthusiasts! Are you fascinated by the intricate complexities of living things? Eager to delve into the realms of anatomy through hands-on on exploration? Look no further than our Anatomy and Dissections Activity – where curiosity meets precision! We will learn about anatomy, complete guided dissections and make biological drawings in our sessions. This is a great way to improve your fine motor skills, attention to detail and problem-solving skills. You may repeat this activity, however the dissections are likely to be the same.

Art for the community

Years: 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Jordan

Location: KHS Art 1



This activity will be dedicated to producing artwork for local charities, hospitals, schools and our wider community who require visual stimuli within their interior spaces. This artwork could range from painted landscapes, crafted cards, printed bookmarks – there is no end of choice to what can be created and most importantly, what can brighten someone else's day.

Art illustration

Years: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Pettipher

Location: KHS



A weekly theme to create an illustration working with various materials to develop your own illustrative style.

Beyond A level Maths

Years: L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Mrs Milsom

Location: KHS



Do you have a passion for mathematics? Are you interested in tackling challenging mathematical problems that build on your skills that you are taught for A level? Are you considering studying mathematics or another related degree? Yes? this club is for you! Each week we will look at problems that extend your A level knowledge, discuss different ways of approaching the questions and work together to reach a solution. Questions will be taken from the STEP, MAT and TMUA papers. There will be no requirement to sit an exam at the end of the year but those who need or want to do this as part of their university application will be offered support and guidance.

Bi-Plane Construction (Aeronautical Engineering)

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Walker

Location: KHS – DT



Learn the construction techniques involved in the building of a wooden plane. Use these skills to assembly a full size 'Fisher Classic 2' seater bi-plane to create a static display which demonstrates the intricate internal frame structure and various components in a plane. Speak to Mr Walker if you are interested.

Book in a Year

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Mrs DeVouge-Bernard and Mr Town

Location: WS Library



Introducing Book in a Year – where dreams take shape, one word at a time! This activity is for students who are keen to practice and develop their fiction writing skills and (hopefully) be able to write the first draft of a novel in a year! Over a series of workshops, writing sessions, feedback seminars and writer visits, each member of the activity will have a go at writing their own book. This could be in any form or style and will take a lot of planning and writing both in and outside of our meetings. It will be up to you to get to the place that so many aspiring writers never reach...the end of the literary mountain that is a first draft. This is a year-long commitment to this writing journey; all that is required is a love for writing (and reading!). As the great Maya Angelou once wrote “There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you”, so join us to tell some amazing stories this academic year!

Ceramics

Years: 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Moss

Location: KHS



Spirited Ceramics will give you a deep-dive into the diverse machinations of contemporary ceramics' practice. Only suitable for those who wish to get stuck-in and get their hands grubby! Looking at examples from a broad base of history and culture as reference material, our investigations will primarily be practical. We will explore an array of ceramic techniques; including throwing and turning on the wheel, a broad range of hand-building techniques, as well as sledging (working with profiles) and mould-making for those who can keep up! We will also utilise a breadth of decorative applications, including slipware, sgraffito, and glazing. Ceramists will have the opportunity to develop their own ideas in response to the media and processes on offer, informed by the critique of their peers. The course is most suited to advanced practitioners of Art & DT who wish to broaden their skills in this extraordinarily versatile medium.

Clay Club

Years: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Duration: Term, can repeat

Staff: Mr Parkinson

Location: WS D6



Delve into the captivating world of ceramics where tradition meets innovation in a harmonious blend of craftsmanship and creativity! Embark on an exhilarating journey through the realms of traditional and contemporary ceramic artistry. From the ancient techniques of hand building pots to the mesmerizing spins on the potter's wheel, immerse yourself in the tactile delight of shaping clay into exquisite forms.

Whether you're fashioning practical utensils for your kitchen or crafting heartfelt gifts for your loved ones, each creation is a testament to your boundless ingenuity and artistic flair. You will get to colour your work though the range of glazes we have in the department and take home all of your creations at the end of the rotation. Prepare to roll up your sleeves and dive into the immersive experience awaiting you in the vibrant confines of the art department's ceramics studio. Embrace the messiness of the creative process with gusto, for it is through experimentation and exploration that true mastery is achieved. No prior experience is necessary, only a willingness to embrace the thrill of stepping into uncharted artistic territory. Join us and unleash your inner artisan!

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Wild

Location: Wedgnock

Cost: £18 per session



This is an opportunity for anyone that has not tried clay shooting to have a go at this popular sport. It is suitable for beginners rather than team members. You will be taught how to handle a gun safely and be introduced to sporting clay shooting.

Climbing at Warwick University

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs White

Location: Warwick University

Cost: £156 per term



You will attend the incredible rock-climbing facility at Warwick University as part of Friday afternoons to complete the NICAS. You will be driven by minibus during lunchtime and will return by the end of the school day. Coaches will cover the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme at different levels, taking beginner climbers through all the essential climbing skills.

Combined Cadet Force

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th – NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SIGNING IN – already enrolled

Duration: Full Year

Location: Various



If students have passed their competency tests or if you have submitted an application, you will be automatically enrolled onto this course, so you do not need to do anything.

Community Sports Leadership Qualification – Level 3 Qualification in Sports Leadership

Years: L6th

Duration: 2 Terms

Staff: Mr Partridge

Location: WS



The Sports Leaders Award is a great introduction to leadership, giving students knowledge of how to organise and lead small games and activities that can be used as part of uniformed organisation, community club or sports club sessions. The Award aims to help learners develop leadership skills such as organisation, communication and teamwork, as well as helping to build confidence and self-esteem as they take on the responsibility of leading their peers and younger children in local Primary Schools. If you enjoy sport and would like to give something back to the local community then this is a highly recommended option. It also looks good on your UCAS form!

Cooking for University

Years: U6th

Duration: Term, no repeat

Staff: Mrs Featherstone and Mrs O'Sullivan

Location: KHS and WS Food Rooms



Whether you are a complete beginner or have some experience in cookery, these practical sessions will give you vital skills for life. We will make a sweet and savoury dish each week, as well as gain some understanding of nutrition and budgeting.

Creative Drawing

Years: 9, 10, 11

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mrs Munday

Location: KHS



A 12 week course looking at different approaches to drawing and developing your observational skills. There will be an opportunity to develop your drawing skills through using a wide variety of materials. You will draw from a range of subject matter as well as make your own sketchbook.

Cultural Odyssey

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Lavender

Location: KHS



Embark on a journey around the world with Cultural Odyssey! In this activity, we will dive into a range of countries, exploring their rich tapestries of literature, art, film and music. Join us to expand your horizons, appreciate new perspectives and immerse yourself in the creative expressions that define our world. Sign up for an adventure of learning and cultural enrichment.

Dance GCSE - AQA

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th

Duration: 2 Years

Staff: Miss Carvell

Location: KHS Studio



The GCSE Dance is broken into three parts: Performance, Choreography and Dance Appreciation. Performance includes being taught two solo dances and a duet/trio, learning all of the physical, mental, expressive and technical parts of dance in order to improve your performance. Choreography requires you to design a dance for a solo, duet, trio or group of up to five dancers. You will learn to write down what and how you created with specific vocabulary. Dance Anthology will introduce you to six dance works from professional companies. You will learn their style, how each piece was created, their intention, lighting, costume and staging for each piece.

What skills will I develop?

You will improve your physical skills for example your flexibility, balance and control. Develop your mental skills in order to prepare for performances. Enhance your expressive skills and learn technical skills and how to apply them.

How will I be assessed on the practical elements?

Within Performance you will be assessed on two solos that are set by the exam board for you to learn and perform individually. You will also be partnered for a duet or trio and given a stimulus which you will create together with the teacher.

In September of your second year you will be issued a stimulus by the exam board, from this you will create your Choreography. The three Performance pieces and one Choreography piece are marked live by the teacher and the video is sent off to the exam board for external assessment.

How will I be assessed on the theoretical elements?

In May/June of the second year of the course there is a written exam that is 1 hour and 30 minutes long. The paper is in three parts: In the Performance section you will be asked about your dances that you have learnt and choreographed over the past two years. Within the Choreography section you will be asked about the dance vocabulary and apply this knowledge to choreographing a dance. Within the Dance Anthology you will be asked about three of the six works. The questions will involve memorising key information and making comparisons across the works.

Speak to Miss Carvell if you are interested in this.

Debating

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6h, U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mrs Lance

Location: WS



During these sessions, you will prepare for and participate in a series of workshops and team debates, testing your skills in a range of lively themed activities. It is suitable for everyone, from beginners to competition-level debaters. Debating is a great way to develop your teamwork and reasoning skills. In addition to giving you the opportunity to test your ideas and debate issues that interest you, this course aims to broaden your understanding of the history and power of debating, from its ancient origins to its role in modern politics and democracy.

Dogs and our Wellbeing

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Miss Reed

Location: KHS



It is a well known fact that dogs can help to support our wellbeing and overall sense of positive self-esteem. This termly course combines a combination of techniques to support you. The King's High School, Parsnip will attend some sessions and activities will include walks, dog agility and learning about the positive benefits a dog can bring. There will also be sessions on how to support yourself and your wellbeing. Coaching will also be used to help you move forwards with confidence. This is a great course if you love dogs and want to leave for the weekend in a positive frame of mind.

Drama

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Mrs Wyatt

Location: KHS DRST



We will be working with stimuli to create our own devised work in groups – this is to aid GCSE and A level performance work and give students the opportunity to create work across KS4/5. You do not have to be studying Drama at GCSE or A level to pick this.

Evergreen School

Years: 11, L6th (Deansway), L6th, U6th (Brittain Lane)

Duration: Year

Staff: Mr Grier, Dr Yates

Location: Off site



This is a fabulous opportunity to work with children with additional needs. After receiving training in autism awareness and other areas of learning support and special needs, we will work alongside the students at Evergreen School on a variety of projects and also support in lessons.

Golf for beginners

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Ashby

Location: The Warwickshire



A group lesson at the Warwickshire from a professional starting on the Driving Range, learning to swing a club and hit the ball, progressing on to the Par three course. The aim is to introduce the basics of the game and develop these over the sessions. All equipment is provided. Please note that this is not suitable for those who already play the game. Casual wear is not permitted – you must be in full sports kit for this activity.

Gregory's Cookery Toolbox

Years: 9, 10, 11

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Gregory

Location: Warwick Hall



A 12 week course to extend your food practical skills further, by making a selection of sweet and savoury dishes that could be served for a variety of occasions. You will be working in pairs and developing your time management skills too.

History Magazine

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Hargreaves

Location: KHS



Join the editing and writing team to create a termly student history magazine! You can gain first hand experience and develop the skills needed to research, write and design a magazine that is full of fun, interesting history topics chosen by students. This activity should be of particular interest to anyone interested a potential career as a historian, journalist, writer, or magazine editor.

Introduction to Data Science

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term, no repeat

Staff: Mrs Lance

Location: WS



This programme combines statistics, mathematics and programming to analyse and interpret complex information, enabling informed decision-making. It is crucial for uncovering patterns, predicting trends and solving real world problems across industries. It is self-guided but you do not need any knowledge of programming but you will need to interact with a prewritten code. You will need a charged laptop.

Italian Language and Culture

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mrs Larucci

Location: WS L8



The course will aim to enable students to feel confident conversing in a variety of scenarios by the end of the summer term. Essential and useful grammar will be covered, and Italian history and culture will be intertwined into the course to enhance the students' new linguistic experience.

Ivy House Leadership Award

Years: 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Miss Gilbert

Location: KHS



The Ivy House Award develops leadership and life skills, giving Year 11, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth students the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to step up and take ownership of their future.

It is a 2-part programme, The Award first supports students in discovering their unique character, who they are, what they want and how they can play to their strengths and then develops a core set of skills critical to success.

The Award will run for a whole year. The Award bridges the gap between education and work, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to enable them to thrive, whatever their chosen path.

The Award delivers the very best personal learning. It will be delivered in a variety of ways: 40 core videos, combined with a series of quizzes, psychometric tools, bespoke exercises and discussion topics. The group will work progress together through the award.

Jewellery and Craft Making

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term, no repeat

Staff: Mrs Craven

Location: KHS Art2



Have you ever fancied trying your hand at silver-smithing or perhaps have an interest in working with glass? You will learn to design items such as rings, earrings, cuff links, key fobs and pendants. You will learn techniques such as soldering, forming, texturizing and polishing whilst working with silver to create your own bespoke piece. You will also experiment with the effect and reactions of different types of glass and learn all the skills of a glass artist – building up layers, etching, copper inclusions, decals, cutting and shaping – to name but a few.

Joy

Years: 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Jewell

Location: KHS



This course will begin based on the inquiry “What is joy and why is it important?” discussed as a Philosophy for Children session.

You will then use the “Book of Joy” to inform your approach to the “taught” element of this course and to look at joy through the lens of Biology, History, English and Philosophy. You will work collaboratively throughout to discern their views and approach.

The second half of the course will be a practical approach to joy, where everyone will either work together or collaboratively to plan one session on something that brings them joy- this could be anything from us all getting out in the fresh air and moving our bodies, to sitting reading a book, to learning the art of origami etc. This will be entirely led by the you and we will then record our activities and compile them in to a Guide for Joy or a Joy Journal, to be distributed throughout our community.

Judo

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Nichols

Location: WS



Judo is the most popular Japanese martial art and an Olympic sport. Pupils will learn how to grapple and throw one another in a safe fashion in a well-equipped environment with a top ex-international competitor and qualified coach with decades of coaching experience. What's more, after a term learning Judo, pupils will be confident and competent in a self-defence situation. This activity has been widely reported by our pupils as one of the best they have done!

Kayaking

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Browne, Mr Clarke

Location: River



Novice or experienced kayakers will have an opportunity to develop their skills under the expert tutelage of instructors from Leam Boat Centre. This activity will involve an opportunity to complete the Cadet Leader Award. Please note that this is a full year commitment.

'Kissing It Better' for Year 9 – Nursing home visits and crafts

Years: 9

Duration: term,

Staff: Mrs Didlick, Mrs Cooper, Ms Kumar

Location: KHS



Pick this if you are interested in making a difference to the elderly people in residential care. You will alternate between visiting Park View Nursing Home and making crafts and puzzles for those in residential care.

'Kissing It Better' for Years 11-Upper Sixth – Course in creative thoughtfulness and crafts

Years: 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: term,

Staff: Mrs Didlick, Mrs Cooper, Ms Kumar

Location: KHS



You will follow a course written by the KiB team on creative thoughtfulness (including helping those with dementia with reminiscence, communication and hygiene). In addition, you will develop resources for use in hospital and visit a range of patients in Warwick Hospital once a fortnight.

'Kissing It Better' Volunteering Skills

Years: 9, 10

Duration: term,

Staff: Mrs Didlick, Mrs Cooper, Ms Kumar

Location: KHS



You will start with a first aid course and create items for use in hospitals and Park View Nursing Home. You will visit Park View once per fortnight and end the term carol singing on the wards at Warwick Hospital.

Learning languages with AI

Years: 9, 10

Duration: term,

Staff: Miss Alonso

Location: KHS



Whether you're a beginner or already multilingual, this workshop will show you how AI can be your smart companion in becoming a confident language speaker. Come ready to explore, interact, and most importantly, have fun while learning!

Mandarin Chinese Club

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Miss He

Location: KHS



Join the Mandarin Chinese Club to enhance your language skills, make new friends, and gain a deeper appreciation for one of the world's oldest cultures. Whether you're just starting or looking to expand your knowledge, this club offers a fun and enriching experience for all.

Medical Pathway

Years: 10, 11

Duration: Full year, can be repeated

Staff: Miss Yeldham

Location: WS



As part of the WSF Medical Pathway, this activity will provide an opportunity for Year 10 and 11 pupils to begin preparing for their applications to study Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Sciences, and other healthcare professions. Pupils will explore the various careers and fields of Medicine, develop their critical thinking skills, explore ethical scenarios, and improve their manual dexterity.

We will be looking at Biology beyond the GCSE specification, performing dissections for comparative anatomy, learning basic sign language and much more.

Model United Nations

Years: 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Dr Gannon

Location: KHS



How can we resolve the conflict in Syria? What can we do about rising sea levels? Should drone warfare be banned? Is there an international solution to the plastic pollution problem? How should we respond to the growing threat of cyber warfare?

Model United Nations offers you the chance to research, debate, and hopefully resolve international issues and crises. Each week you will explore a different issue from the perspective of a particular country. You will research your country's position, negotiate with like-minded countries, propose and debate solutions in order to get a resolution passed. Model United Nations will help you to hone your debating skills as well as develop an awareness of global affairs. The programme is valued particularly highly by international universities but would also provide valuable support for students applying to study history, politics and international relations, particularly those involving an interview. To get the most out of Model United Nations you must be prepared to argue your case. If you are interested in international affairs and enjoy problem solving, negotiation, and debate then consider joining this activity.

Music Workshop

Years: 9,10

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Dr Barwell

Location: KHS



We will have lots of fun on Fridays, exploring different arrangements with instruments, various music genres and singing. You will be experimenting, creative music making as well as hopefully recording your own music.

This is a starting point, but you will have many more ideas

Singing together
Song writing ideas
Sound effects
Recording techniques

Learning songs
Poetry to music
Art & Music
New skills

Music & Drama
Playing together
Guitar techniques
Creative Music Making

Experimenting
Group work
Record a 'cover'

Collaboration
Different guitar tunings
Explore opportunities

Exploring Genre
Garageband input
Improve musical skills

Musical Theatre

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Miss Stiles

Location: WS Drama Studio



As part of Musical Theatre Appreciation, students will have the opportunity to learn songs, scenes and dances as well as watch and discuss a range of streamed musicals.

Ocean Project

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Ms Rashid

Location: WS



Calling all David Attenborough enthusiasts! Join the Ocean Academy as we embark upon a journey from outer space to the darkest depths of the ocean. We'll learn about the tiniest microorganisms in the deep ocean to the biggest apex predators. Discover how our connected planet maintains its diverse environments and how you can support these delicate systems. We'll go through fish and coral identification including sharks and reef life. We will answer questions like; why whale poop is a vitally important component for climate regulation, how ocean currents work, how to support real scientific studies at home or on holiday AND, most importantly, learn how you can be a more planet positive person!

Parkour

Years: 9, 10

Duration: Term

Staff: Ascension Dance

Location: WS Green Gym



Jump, vault, spin, swing, climb, and leap in these high-energy parkour sessions, learning to navigate your surroundings and develop your capacity to move. Learn new movement skills, challenge your sense of fear, and channel self-development with qualified parkour coaches and their bespoke equipment!

Photography

Years: 9,10, 11, L6th U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Ms Britton-Powell

Location: KHS



This course will teach you about the science of photography and getting to know your camera, be it your smartphone or DSLR, in order to learn how to take breathtaking images. It is a chance to share your creativity whilst we explore different themes and build your knowledge with an introduction into photo editing software.

Physics STEM

Years: 11

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mr Whittle

Location: WS



This gives you the opportunity to explore Physics and Engineering beyond the scope of your standard lessons. You will develop and carry out a Physics investigation or solve an Engineering problem on a much larger scale than seen in class into an area of your choosing. Projects in recent years have involved constructing and testing an air cannon, investigating how to make an effective bike tyre, how to design the perfect tea bag and many more besides. In addition to the wide scope of the project, there is also opportunity to develop new skills such as computer modelling, extended use of datalogging equipment or learning how to use motion capture to record moving systems.

Print Making

Years: 10, 11

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mrs Francis

Location: WS Art D7



Printmaking is one of the earliest forms of recording images and ourselves. In this activity you will explore different methods of printmaking including reduction lino print, dry point etching and collagraph. Through these prints you will learn the processes to master each and explore the variables that make each image unique and personal to you. This is an ideal experience for both experienced creatives as well as newcomers, all that is required is a sense of creativity and imagination.

Procreate digital illustration

Years: 9, 10

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Quinn

Location: KHS Art 3



Are you a beginner and you want to learn how to use Procreate to produce amazing designs or do you already use Procreate and you want to develop your skills, further? Then this is the course for you. Procreate gives you the opportunity to create amazing digital illustrations. In the course you will learn the tools and features the app has to offer, along with how to use them to unlock infinite design possibilities, including exploring the use of layers, transformation tools, brushes, colour and more. I will walk you through my T-Shirt design process using Procreate – covering everything from illustration, to adding custom text, resulting in your very own printed T – Shirt design.

Psychology in Action - Advanced

Years: 12, 13

Duration: Term, no repeat

Staff: Ms Hemming

Location: WS PsyI



In Psychology in Action, you will design and undertake psychological research as part of a team on an area which you find interesting. With guidance, you will find and research an aspect of Psychology, refine an idea, and design a study to test it. You will be given the opportunity to carry out this research with other students as participants, as long as you have ethical approval! Previous questions have included; can a sixth former make a student do more press ups than a prefect? Are students more likely to help someone with or without crutches when they drop books? Do rugby players feel more aggressive before or after a match? This activity will enable you to develop skills associated with teamwork, research, and design. It would develop skills essential for studying at university, particularly in a science subject. Throughout the weeks, we will take the time to discuss psychological concepts, look at famous studies as well as new ideas in society. No prior knowledge is required, but an interest in Psychology will certainly help!

Psychology in Action - Intermediate

Years: 9, 10, 11

Duration: Term, no repeat

Staff: Mrs Kirby

Location: WS Psy2



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Rocket Club

Years: L6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Mr Wheatley

Location: KHS Physics



Teams of up to 6 will research, design, build and test rockets, keeping a careful record of the design, evaluation and improvement process. The aim is to enter the UKROC Youth Rocketry competition in April 2025.

Russian for Beginners

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Hadley

Location: WS



You will have the opportunity to learn Russian from scratch. You will learn the Russian alphabet and will rapidly be able to read basic words in context, including street signs, press headlines and instructions you might encounter in a hotel or shop. There will not be an excessive concentration on grammar, but you will develop a range of useful vocabulary. There will be work on listening and speaking skills, but not so much on written Russian. Depending on the wishes of the group, the course will also involve discussion of contemporary Russian politics. An awareness of Russian may turn out to be an asset in personal statements, whether you choose to study it at university or not, as the skills you acquire have a useful overlap for students of other MFLs, English, Politics & International Relations or History.

Sailing

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mr Keech, Mr Peck

Location: Draycote Water

Cost: £130 per term



This is an opportunity to sail in the new set of Firefly dinghies. All aspects of inland sailing will be covered but the main emphasis will be on racing and team-racing. Previous sailing experience is not compulsory. This activity takes place at Draycote Water so the minibus leaves Warwick at 13.20 and returns at 16.00 during the Autumn and Spring terms with 17.00 finishes in the Summer term or when the weather conditions are good.

Science in Action (SIA)

Years: L6th, U6th

Duration: Full year

Staff: Mr Cafolla, Ms France, Mr Hibbard, Mrs John, Mrs Nuttall, Mrs Sims, Mr Lancaster

Location: WS B4



This is the ideal activity for committed scientists who love to experiment, investigate, and ponder. Freed from the confines of the syllabus, we aim high, aspiring to develop synthesis, analysis and applied techniques more commonly used in undergraduate laboratories. Students work alongside each other, developing communication skills as they form efficient working relationships. There is a degree of responsibility, some of the techniques require careful risk assessment, and the quality of results will depend upon each student's own experimental diligence as well as their ability to work as a team. We offer options in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Engineering, and we anticipate that students might choose to follow the particular strand that appeals to them. Pupils who have an interest in undertaking a degree in science, or related degree, will find this activity helpful for their UCAS application; participation in this unique programme has proved to give students the edge when applying to prestigious universities.

Scholasticus Essay Competitions

Years: I0, I1, L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Dr Gifford

Location:



Scholasticus is a new programme designed for the intellectually curious; if you want to explore your interests beyond the syllabus and push your creative thinking further, this might be the activity for you.

Sessions will mainly involve time dedicated to independent research on any topic of interest e.g. researching and entering an essay competition or any other kind of extracurricular academic competition.

There will also be teacher support and peer reviewing to provide feedback, and short group discussions to challenge and extend your critical thinking on key cultural, political, ethical, historical, or scientific ideas.

This is an amazing opportunity to take your thinking to the next level: maybe you will be recognised in a national competition or you can use your research as evidence in your personal statement or university applications.

Screen Printing

Years: 9, 10, 11

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Reeves

Location: KHS



In screen printing you will have the opportunity to develop your own artwork inspired by artists such as Shepard Fairey. You will experiment with a variety of processes to develop your own design ideas through digital edits and hand drawn images. These will then be used to explore screen-printing techniques, including printing with hand cut stencils and photo emulsion screens. Experimentation across a range of materials will provide a variety of mixed media grounds to print onto creating a series of unique final outcomes.

Shakespeare Society

Years: 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Carter-Howells

Location: KHS



The Shakespeare Appreciation Society (SAS)- A place to honour all things Shakespeare! This will be a space to explore Shakespeare through acting/ writing/ designing/ adapting/ history. If you have a love of Shakespeare/ his works/ modern adaptations/ actors who have played famous Shakespearian characters or just love Elizabethan history- This is the club for you.

Skills for the Outdoors

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Ms Britton-Powell

Location: KHS



If you are going outdoors, you need skills! This activity could help support your Duke of Edinburgh Award or own outdoor activities now and in the future. The skills we learn are there to increase your enjoyment and safety when out in the countryside wherever that may be. The activity is designed to be very practical and include both classroom and outdoor sessions depending on the weather. Themes include essential navigation, planning, orienteering, using compasses, forecasting the weather, how to be safe, the work of the mountain rescue, what to do in an emergency, understanding the countryside code, appreciating wildlife and recording your visit. If you enjoy the outdoors, spend time in national parks or countryside, have climbed some of our mountains, or have ambitions to do so or are just curious about what is involved you will find this activity really interesting and helpful.

Speed Sport Stacking

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Miss Crofton

Location: KHS



What is Sport Stacking?

Sport Stacking is a recognized sport in the AAU Junior Olympic Games and is played in 50+ countries across the globe. It combines fast-paced fun with essential skills development.

Enhance your mental agility, manual dexterity, concentration and speed in a unique sport which will challenge and delight you, as you master the art of extraordinary cup-stacking sequences, setting personal and team records as you go. This dynamic 12-week course will combine individual training, collaborative games, team relays, friendly competitions, fitness and lots of fun.

What are the benefits?

Sport Stacking will boost your bilateral co-ordination, body-brain connection, hand-eye co-ordination and confidence. It promotes persistence, focus and self-belief, as well as building strategic thinking. It fosters teamwork and collaboration with your fellow stackers, as you train together, celebrate each other's successes, and enjoy learning a fun, new skill in a supportive environment.

Why should I sign up?

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned stacker, you'll find joy in mastering the pyramid patterns and pushing your limits. This is a fun activity that is open to all, so if you are up for something completely different, then sign up today – no experience required!

Student Investor Club

Years: L6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated to gain a Level 2 qualification

Staff: Mr Deacon

Location: WS Q2



Student Investor Club provides an introduction to those who might want to work in finance and investment, and some guidance for students who would like to become more financially literate. We shall learn some basic concepts of personal finance and some of the underlying terminology of investment. We shall consider various investment vehicles and techniques, with the emphasis on the stock market.

Technical Theatre and Production Management Team

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Perry

Location: WS Drama Studio



Participants will work closely with the BHT staff each week to learn and develop professional level skills in technical lighting and sound, theatre design, stage management and production management. Members of this activity will gain training that will enable them to confidently support productions and events.

Volunteering

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: NA

Location: KHS



Are you passionate, caring and keen to make a difference to young children? Yes? Join our volunteering programme in local schools.

Year 9 students will visit Warwick Prep School weekly and work with small groups

Years 10 and 11 students will go to local schools – Coten End and Westgate and work with small groups.

Sixth form students will go to All Saints and Milverton Schools and work with small groups there.

Volunteering – Saturday mornings

Years: L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: NA

Location: KHS



We have children from Year 5 in local primary schools in King's on Saturday mornings for support with key literacy and numeracy skills along with drama activities. Members of the sixth form are encouraged to volunteer on Saturday mornings (9-12). If you join this group, you may have Friday afternoons as study periods in lieu of this time. Please talk to Mrs Emmett if you are interested.

Volunteering – Science outreach

Years: 10

Duration: Year

Staff: Mr Etheridge

Location: WS C3 C4



Each week we volunteer and bring science into local primary schools. Our aim is to enthuse young scientists with our exciting activities including rocket launching, building bridges, microscopes, and testing chemicals. Sometimes we visit local schools using our minibus and on occasions they can also come into our school labs.

Volunteering – Whitnash Neurorehabilitation hospital

Years: L6th, U6th

Duration: Year

Staff: Mrs Baker

Location: KHS



Join Mrs Baker on Friday afternoons to volunteer and enrich the lives of patients who are based at the local neurorehabilitation hospital. Develop your communication skills by making a real difference to real lives. Commitment is required so a selection process will follow after you have registered your interest. Excellent for those who would like to see the multidisciplinary nature of the rehabilitation process and gain experience in a clinical setting. Please talk to Mrs Baker if you are interested.

Water Polo

Years: 9, 10

Duration: Term

Staff: Mr Greenwood

Location: WS



We will be working on the core skills for playing water polo. Participants must be strong confident swimmers and be able to tread water comfortably.

World of Languages

Years: 9

Duration: Term,

Staff: Mrs Montiel

Location: KHS



What is it?

WoLLoW, or the World of Languages and Languages of the World, is an innovative educational program that seeks to inspire curiosity and a deeper understanding of other cultures and languages for pupils in Key Stage 3.

Aims of this activity:

Students will identify and exploit curriculum crossover in order to:

To improve the understanding of the history of English, from its beginnings to its emergence as a global lingua franca. Only through this understanding of our own language can we appreciate the similarities and differences in other languages.

To foster an appreciation of all languages; modern and classical, European and non-European, standard and non-standard, thus broadening pupils' cultural knowledge and understanding and removing barriers of "otherness" and promoting inclusivity and openness.

Who is it for?

We strongly encourage students who speak other languages, who have English as an additional or foreign language and those who are keen to expand their cultural knowledge to become real global citizens.

WSF Improv Troupe

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Mrs Stevenson-Ray and Dr McKee

Location: WS – Drama Studio



If you have a quick wit, an interest in drama and a willingness to say 'yes!' then improvisation is the activity for you. A wide range of workshops to help you develop your skills in improvised performance, hopefully culminating in the creation of Warwick's very own Improvised Theatre Company!

Young Enterprise

Years: L6th

Duration: Full Year

Staff: Mr Graham, Mr Dhesi

Location: SSFC



Young Enterprise offers the chance for you to set up and run your own company under the guidance of business advisors. This is not a make-believe world of monopoly money, but one where each company will have to raise finance to launch the company and then to design and produce goods for sale. These will then be marketed and sold as widely as possible: YE companies have sold products at the Victorian Evening in Warwick, at Trade Fairs in the Royal Priors and in Stratford, as well as a host of events at Warwick and King's High Schools. Many skills are required for the successful operation of a company. Most importantly is the need to work in a team but for individuals to take responsibility for a specific aspect of that company. Many of the skills developed during Young Enterprise will be valued by universities and by future employers. All participants will and enter various Young Enterprise Competitions and Presentations. Companies from the two Schools have been extremely successful over recent years and have displayed excellent entrepreneurial skills, gaining media coverage in both the press and on television. Because of the real-world nature of the Young Enterprise scheme, time needs to be allocated to company business beyond the normal Friday afternoon timetable. This will involve attending several evening and Saturday events throughout the year. Those who opt for Young Enterprise should be aware that there is a high level of commitment which is expected of all company members.

Yoga

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term, can be repeated

Staff: Mrs Burroughs

Location: Music room



Yoga is a fantastic way of maintaining and improving both your physical and mental fitness. Over the course of the year, we will progress from the basic foundations of yoga to more complex moves, variations and flows. Yoga connects you to yourself. It is not about seeking perfection, but it is a process of exploration. Namaste!

On the Kingsley School campus

You will have an early lunch pass and leave school by bus at 1.45pm. If you live in Leamington Spa you may be able to go home from the Kingsley School or your parents can collect you from there. There will also be a bus to bring you back to the Myton Road campus for 4pm.

Boot Camp

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Kingsley staff

Location: Kingsley School Gym



Develop a range of exciting fitness components. Activities will be based in, but not limited to Kingsley's new fitness suite. You will work individually, in pairs or in small groups, and there will be an introduction to new training methods. These sessions are aimed at games players, individual athletes and those who enjoy exercise and want to develop their fitness. Choose this activity if you have high levels of motivation, a good base level of fitness and an abundance of enthusiasm.

Drama – Arts Award

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Cost: £27 for certification

Duration: Term

Staff: Kingsley staff

Location: Kingsley School Drama department



This qualification from Trinity College London develops art form, knowledge and creativity alongside reflective practice, problem solving skills and confidence. To achieve Bronze Arts Award, participants develop a portfolio of evidence that includes:

- Actively participating in any art form
- Experience at least one arts event and review it
- Researching the career and work of an artist or craftsperson
- Passing on an arts skill

Bronze Arts Award is a Level 1 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and typically takes 40 guided learning hours and 20 independent learning hours to complete (60 hours total qualification time).

Film

Years: 9, 10, 11, L6th, U6th

Duration: Term

Staff: Kingsley staff

Location: Kingsley School



Film is an important part of many people's lives. Those who choose to study it characteristically bring with them a huge enthusiasm and excitement for film which constantly motivates them in their studies. They experience a powerful medium which inspires a range of responses from the emotional to the reflective as they are drawn into characters, their narratives and the issues films raise.

In these sessions, you will understand films as entertainment, and analytical texts ranging from Hollywood blockbusters to UK independent films. There will also be opportunities to plan, film and edit your own creations but you don't need any prior knowledge or skills. Many people consider film to be the major art form of the last hundred years. There is a great deal to be gained from studying a medium which has such a significant influence on the way people think and feel. Just bring enthusiasm and a creative desire!