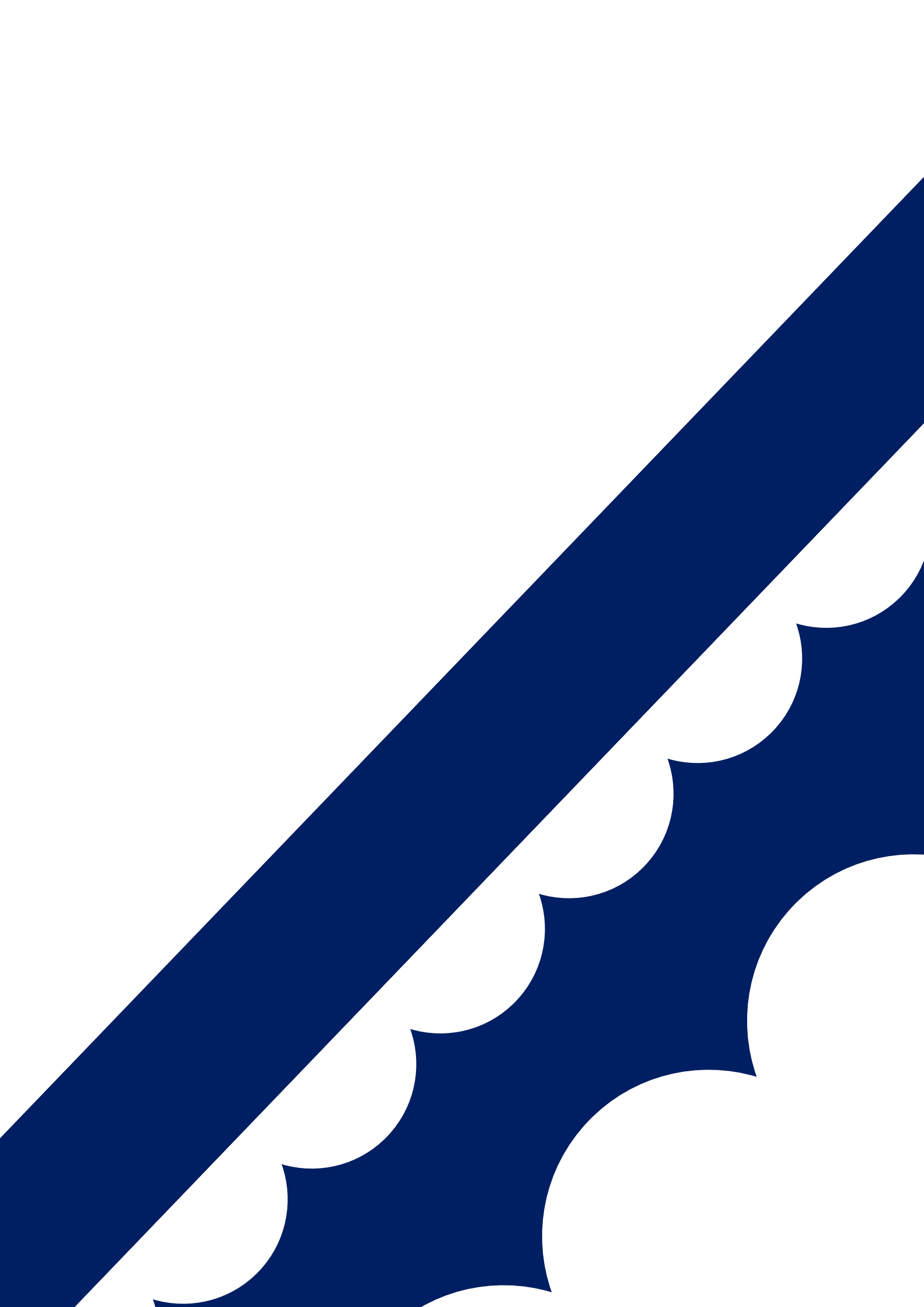


# Extra-Curricular Activities

## Unlock Your Potential at Bolton School



# Extra-Curricular Activities at Bolton School

The clubs and societies available at lunchtime, after school and at the weekend are an integral part of Bolton School's extra-curricular programme. These diverse activities complement the academic curriculum and provide opportunities for pupils to explore their interests, develop their skills and discover new passions.

Engaging in the extra-curricular life of the School is an important step on our leadership pathway and we encourage all pupils in Years 7 to 9 to take part in at least three activities each week. Through these experiences, pupils grow in key areas of character, becoming more inquisitive, collaborative and imaginative. Activities will also help build discipline and persistence, traits essential for success in any area of life. Some options also serve as career enrichment, allowing pupils to apply their talents in specialist fields and explore future possibilities.

For older students, there are opportunities to take on leadership roles, including starting and running new clubs and societies, providing a chance to shape the extra-curricular landscape.

Regular participation in activities not only helps develop new skills but also encourages collaboration across different year groups. Pupils gain valuable communication skills, learn to appreciate diverse perspectives and develop greater wellbeing through creative expression.

Whatever activities pupils choose, there is no doubt that they offer a wealth of enjoyment, character development and personal growth. We encourage all pupils to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them.

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# 1 Creative Arts

### ACRYLIC PAINTING SKILLS WORKSHOP
**Boys' Division, Years 8-9**

Develop your acrylic painting skills and explore different techniques while creating your own artwork. Experiment with how acrylic paints can be used to achieve different effects and bring your ideas to life.

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### ART JIGSAW
**Girls' Division, Years 7-8**

Work together on creative pieces, with each contribution forming part of a bigger finished artwork.

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### CRAFT CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

If you enjoy making things, Craft Club gives you the chance to get creative with different materials and techniques throughout the year. Previous projects have ranged from printmaking and ceramics to weaving.

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### CROCHET & CRAFTS
**Girls' Division, Years 7-9**

Come along and get crafty! No experience is needed, with yarn and hooks provided. Experienced crocheters are welcome to help others.



## DANCE CLUB
### Girls' Division, Years 7-11

Open to everyone, Dance Club explores different styles including street dance and contemporary. No experience is needed, so come along to learn something new or develop your existing skills.

## DANCE MUSICAL THEATRE
### Girls' Division, Years 7-13

Explore dance through popular musical theatre shows. Each term, choose a show and work on a dance number, building towards a short performance piece.

## DRAMA CLUB & ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION
### Boys' Division, Years 7-9

Explore acting through improvisation and performance, with opportunities to build speaking skills and prepare for drama events.

## GREEK THEATRE
### Joint, Years 7-13

Be part of our Evening of Greek Theatre in the Spring Term, performing scenes from tragedy and comedy. Auditions take place in Autumn, with roles for each year group. Performances are in English, except for A Level Greek students.



## IMPROV DRAMA
**Girls' Division, Years 7-8**

Explore acting through improvisation and performance, with opportunities to work on speaking skills and prepare for drama and public-speaking events.

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## INTERIOR DESIGN
**Joint, Years 10-13**

A creative space for students passionate about transforming spaces. Explore colour and space planning through practical design activities, while learning to balance function with your own style.

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## JOYFUL JOURNALING
**Girls' Division Years 7-9**

Get creative journaling your thoughts and ideas using a range of pens, inks, scrapbook materials and anything else we can find!

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## JUNIOR SKETCHBOOK SOCIAL
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Come along and create your own art in a sketchbook.

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## ORIGAMI CLUB
**Girls' Division, Years 7-8**

A chance to master your paper-folding skills, creating animals and an array of different shapes.



## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
### Girls' Division, Years 10-11

Open to all experience levels, Photography Club gives you the chance to take photographs around school. A competition is planned each term, with students' work displayed in school.

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## SENIOR ART AND CRAFT
### Boys' Division, Years 10-13

Create your own gifts and keepsakes using clay work and printmaking, alongside weaving and digital craft techniques.



# 2 Music

## CHAMBER CHOIR
**Joint, Years 10-13**

An auditioned choir bringing together pupils from the Girls' and Boys' Divisions. The choir rehearses twice weekly, once after school and once at lunchtime, and performs at concerts and events throughout the year.

## CHAMBER CHOIR SECTIONAL
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 10-13**

A sectional rehearsal for Girls' Division and Boys' Division pupils who are members of the Joint Chamber Choir.

## DRUMS CORPS
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

The perfect group for drummers looking to hone their drumming skills.

## GRADE 5 THEORY
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

A Grade 5 theory class for pupils working towards the ABRSM Music Theory exam.

## INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Open to pupils from both Boys' and Girls' Divisions, from beginners through to Grade 4. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday lunchtimes, with the band performing at events throughout the year.



## INTERMEDIATE GUITAR ENSEMBLE
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

Play guitar with others and develop your ensemble skills through a varied repertoire. Improve your timing and listening skills while preparing music for school performances.

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## INTERMEDIATE STRING ENSEMBLE
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Open to violin, viola, cello and double bass players from both Divisions, from beginners through to Grade 4. Led by Miss Archer, the ensemble rehearses weekly in Boys' Division.

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## INTERMEDIATE WIND & BRASS PROJECT
**Joint, Year 7**

Open to brass players from both Boys' and Girls' Divisions, from beginners through to Grade 4. Led by brass teacher Mr Binns, this is a fun opportunity to play and develop your skills.

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## JAZZ ENSEMBLE
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Bringing together pupils from both Girls' and Boys' Divisions, this small ensemble performs a mixture of jazz, funk and pop at events throughout the year. Pupils should be approximately Grade 4 standard or above.

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## LOWER SCHOOL CHOIR
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Lower School Choir is for anyone who enjoys singing and wants to have fun. We sing songs from musicals and pop, and perform in concerts throughout the year.

## MUSIC ACCIDENTALS
**Girls' Division, Years 10-13**

Enjoy singing as part of an *a cappella* group, developing your vocal and harmony skills while performing without instrumental accompaniment.

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## SENIOR BRASS ENSEMBLE
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Led by Mrs Wade, this ensemble is open to pupils from both Boys' and Girls' Divisions who have reached Grade 5 standard or above.

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## SENIOR CHOIR
**Girls' Division, Years 10-13**

A fun and dedicated choir that performs at a variety of events throughout the year, singing music ranging from musicals and pop to contemporary classical.

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## SENIOR CONCERT BAND
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Open to pupils from both Divisions at around Grade 4 standard or above. The band performs a varied repertoire at school concerts and external competitions throughout the year.



## SENIOR GUITAR ENSEMBLE
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

For students looking to take their guitar ensemble performance further. The group plays a variety of pieces and performs throughout the year.

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## SENIOR STRING ORCHESTRA
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Play alongside other string musicians and develop your ensemble and performance skills through a varied repertoire, with opportunities to perform throughout the year.

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## TUNED PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

Open to all pupils, with the opportunity to play instruments including xylophones, glockenspiels, marimba and vibraphone. The ensemble is best suited to pupils who can already read music, particularly pianists, but no previous percussion experience is needed.

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## UKULELE ENSEMBLE
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Open to all ages with no experience needed. Learn the ukulele and play along with your favourite songs.



# 3 STEM

## ADVANCED MATHS CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Enjoy challenging problems and puzzles that go beyond the classroom. Work with others to find creative ways to tackle them while building confidence in problem-solving.

## BEEKEEPING
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Learn all about beekeeping through hands-on experience with the School's colonies. Discover the different bees within a hive and the roles they play. Take part in practical inspections, remove frames covered in bees to check how the colony is developing and spot any potential problems.

## CHEMISTRY CALCULATIONS
**Girls' Division, Year 13**

Work together to tackle imaginative and challenging Chemistry calculations and puzzles in a fun environment.

## CHEMISTRY CHAMPS
**Girls' Division, Years 9-11**

Go beyond the GCSE specification and explore how Chemistry appears in everyday life. You could be making bath bombs one week and analysing fizzy drinks the next, as well as having the opportunity to design your own investigations.



## CLUB ANIMALIA
**Boys' Division, Years 7-8**

Get hands-on with animal care, helping to keep their cages clean and comfortable and making sure they are well fed and looked after.

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## COMPUTING SCIENCE HUB
**Girls' Division, Years 7-13**

Explore Computing beyond your lessons, with opportunities to develop your skills and take your interest in Computer Science further.

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## DESIGN & TECH
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Let your creative juices flow and put your ideas to the test! Take part in design competitions open to schools across the country.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
**Girls' Division, Years 7-9**

Combine sustainability with product design while thinking about the impact our choices have on the environment and climate change.

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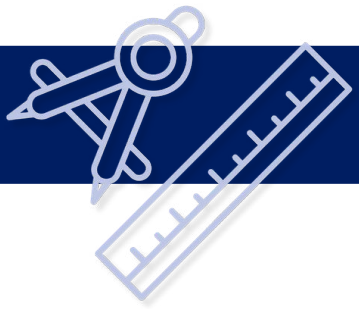
## EXTREME PHYSICS
**Boys' Division, Years 12-13**

Go beyond A Level Physics and explore fascinating ideas outside the specification, including preparation for Physics competitions.





## FURTHER MATHS
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Year 11**

Further Maths is for pupils working at Grades 8 or 9 who want to take their Maths further, particularly in number and algebra. It's also useful if you're thinking about A Level Maths, with the option to work towards a Further Maths GCSE.

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## MATHS HUBS
**Girls' Division, Years 7-11**

A hub for Maths support when you need it.

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## MATHS LOWER SCHOOL SUPPORT
**Girls' Division, Years 8-9**

Extra Maths support for Lower School pupils. Come along to go over topics you're finding difficult and build your confidence.

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## MATHS PAPER SOCIETY
**Boys' Division, Year 11**

Discover interesting mathematical ideas through articles that take you beyond the curriculum. Discuss the thinking behind them and see how mathematicians explain complex ideas clearly.

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## MATHS SUPPORT
**Girls' Division, Year 12**

Get extra support with your Maths and spend time working through areas you would like more help with.

## MECHATRONICS CLUB
### Boys' Division, Years 10-11

Combine mechanics with electronics and computing to design and build practical systems. Get hands-on with projects that put your engineering and problem-solving skills to work.

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## PHYSICS CHALLENGE CLUB
### Boys' Division, Year 11

Put your Physics knowledge to the test with challenging problems and competition-style questions. Apply what you already know in new ways and develop stronger problem-solving strategies.



## PHYSICS OLYMPIAD
**Girls' Division, Years 10-12**

Take your Physics beyond the curriculum and prepare for a British Physics Olympiad competition. Tackle challenging past problems in a supportive environment, then put your skills to the test with the chance to earn a certificate.

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## PLANT BIO RESEARCH
**Boys' Division, Years 8-9**

Explore the fascinating world of plant biology through practical research. Carry out your own enquiries and examine the evidence you collect, developing the skills used by real scientists.

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## PROGRAMMING CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-11**
**Girls' Division, Years 8-13**

Develop your programming skills using a range of hands-on resources. You could code in Minecraft, work with robot arms and buggies or try programming with Scratch and Python.



## SCIENCE CLUB
**Boys' Division, Year 7**

Love Science? Come along and take part in exciting experiments and investigations that you won't get to do in your usual lessons.

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## SCIENCE STORIES AND CAREERS
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Discover the stories behind scientific breakthroughs and the people who made them. Explore where Science could take you!

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## STEM RACING ENTRY / DEVELOPMENT GROUP (F1 IN SCHOOLS)
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

Working in a team of six, you'll research and build a $CO_2$-powered car based on F1 design principles, with everyone taking on a role in your mini F1 team. In January, you'll head to the regional heats and race your car against other schools.

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## THE UNIVERSE CLUB
**Girls' Division, Years 8-13**

Could you turn a human into a black hole? How many strawberries would it take to stop a car? If you enjoy asking questions and solving problems, come and explore the Universe one puzzle at a time!



# 4 Humanities

## ADVANCED READERS GROUP
**Girls' Division, Year 9**

Love reading and ready to go beyond Young Adult fiction? This group is for confident readers who want to discover more challenging texts and explore different genres with teacher support. Share your views on what you read and build your confidence along the way.

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## ART IN HEAVEN - RS / MATTERS OF THE MIND
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Explore big questions about religion and belief through art, then turn your ideas into an original piece for the Art in Heaven competition.

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## BEYOND THE HEADLINES
**Girls' Division, Years 9-13**

Go beyond the news and dig deeper into contested topics, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Using resources from Parallel Histories, you'll debate different perspectives and question assumptions while discovering the complex history behind the headlines.

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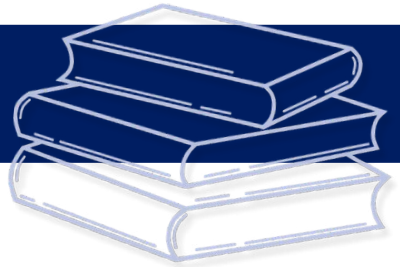
## CLASSICS JUNIORS
**Girls' Division, Years 7-9**

Step into the Ancient World and discover spellbinding myths alongside some truly outrageous historical figures! Games and creative activities bring the worlds of ancient Greece and Rome to life in a friendly club.





## CREATIVE WRITING
**Girls' Division, Years 7-8**

Have a passion for literature and a flair for creative writing? Explore different types of writing and create pieces of your own, with the chance to enter prestigious competitions.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS
**Girls' Division, Years 10-11**

Each week, explore a different economics or business story making the headlines, from interest rates and inflation to the fortunes of major companies. Discuss what these stories mean in the real world and have your say on the issues affecting us all.

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## ENGLISH LITERATURE SKILLS
**Boys' Division, Year 10**

Build the reading and writing skills needed for GCSE English Literature. Explore key techniques and become more confident when analysing and responding to texts.

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## GEOGRAPHY AT THE MOVIES
**Girls' Division, Years 8-9**

Watch a range of films and documentaries with geographical themes, including *The Day After Tomorrow, The Impossible, Planet Earth* and David Attenborough's *Life on Our Planet*.

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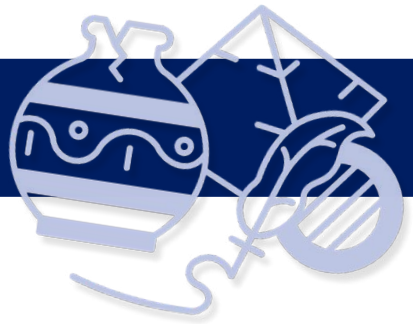
## HANDWRITING CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Improve the legibility of your handwriting while learning how to maintain a good writing pace.



## HISTORICAL CRAFTS CLUB
**Girls' Division, Years 7-8**

Discover the past through traditional crafts. In the Autumn Term, create Victorian-inspired pieces, with different historical craft skills explored throughout the rest of the year.

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## HISTORY CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Put your history knowledge to the test through quizzes and different challenges, with plenty of opportunities to compete and win prizes!

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## HISTORICAL FILM SOCIETY
**Girls' Division, Years 9-13**

Calling all budding historians! Explore how the past is represented on screen and in literature. You'll investigate historical accuracy and consider whether it really matters when bringing history to life.

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## JUNIOR CLASSICS CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Take a fun look at the Greeks and Romans, from gladiators and gods to deciphering the spells from *Harry Potter*. Discover what ancient society was really like and pick up some amazing facts along the way.

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## JUNIOR CREATIVE WRITING
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Experiment with different forms of storytelling and develop your own creative voice. Share ideas and try new approaches to your writing.



## JUNIOR GEOGRAPHY CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Enjoy Geography outside the classroom with themed quizzes and activities. There will be plenty of fun, with prizes up for grabs!

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## JUNIOR LIT & DEB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Welcome to the forum of debate! Discover what makes a good argument and how to express it with charm and wit. Learn how to persuade your audience and make your case count.

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## JUNIOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Do you see yourself as the next great diplomat or world leader? Represent a country and debate some of the world's biggest issues while working with others to find solutions. You'll learn how to make your case and negotiate with other countries.

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## LITERATURE, LANGUAGE AND PHILOSOPHY CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 12-13**

Explore big ideas through stories and philosophical questions, with plenty of lively discussion along the way. Share your own views, hear what others think and see where the conversation takes you.

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## MOCK LAW TRIAL
**Joint, Years 10-13**

Take on a role in the legal world and compete in a Mock Trial Competition at Manchester Crown Court.

## POLITICS SOCIETY
**Boys' Division, 10-13**

Interested in current affairs and understanding what's happening around the world? Politics Society offers something different each week, with debates and quizzes alongside games or films to enjoy.

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## PSYCHOLOGY CLUB
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Year 10**

Fascinated by how the mind works? Explore topics such as memory and psychopathology, looking at how the brain functions and why we behave the way we do.

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## SCHOOL NEWSPAPER CLUB
**Girls' Division, Years 7-13**

Uncover stories from across the school community and put your writing skills to work. Get involved in reporting or feature writing and help shape the school newspaper.

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## SENIOR CLASSICS SOCIETY
**Joint, Years 10-13**

Discover more about the ancient world through student-led talks and material beyond the specification, including its portrayal on screen. What you explore is guided by the interests of the group.

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## SENIOR CREATIVE WRITING
**Boys' Division, Years 10-13**

Develop your writing, create short stories and help produce the school magazine, *The Fifth Quarter*, with the chance to be published.

## SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY
**Joint, Years 10-13**

Develop your oracy and become a persuasive speaker through the art of rhetoric and debate. Hone your skills in preparation for national competition.

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## SENIOR GEOGRAPHY CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 10-11**

Enjoy Geography-themed activities and quizzes, exploring the world in a fun way with plenty of prizes to be won!

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## SENIOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS
**Boys' Division, Years 10-13**

Step into the world of international politics and represent a country at Model United Nations. Debate global issues, negotiate with other delegates and fight to get your resolutions passed.



## STUDY SKILLS
**Boys' Division, Year 11**

Learn practical ways to organise your work and revise effectively, building good habits for independent GCSE preparation.

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## WONDERS OF THE WORLD
**Girls' Division, Years 7-10**

Explore the world through quizzes and videos, with current affairs to discuss and plenty of prizes to be won!

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## YOUNG REPORTERS
**Girls' Division, Years 10, 12**

Write for *The Bolton News* each month and see your work published for a wider audience.



# 5 Sport and Outdoor Learning

## ARCHERY
**Girls' Division, Years 8-10**

Learn the basics of archery and develop your technique as you practise your aim and accuracy.

## BADMINTON
**Boys' Division, Years 7-11**
**Girls' Division, Years 8-11**

Work on your badminton skills before putting them to the test in some friendly matches.

## BADMINTON SQUAD
**Girls' Division, Years 8-11**

Take your badminton further with focused training and competitive match play, developing your skills as part of the school squad.

## BASKETBALL
**Boys' Division, Years 7-11**

Improve your basketball skills through energetic drills and match play. Work with others while building your fitness and confidence on court.

## CLIMBING
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 7-8**

Learn climbing skills on the indoor wall, focusing on bouldering and low-level problems without ropes.



## CLIMBING
**Joint, Years 9-13**

Develop your climbing skills on the indoor wall, with plenty of opportunities to practise and progress.

## CLIMBING SQUAD
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Develop your climbing skills further with more challenging sessions designed for pupils ready to progress beyond the regular club.

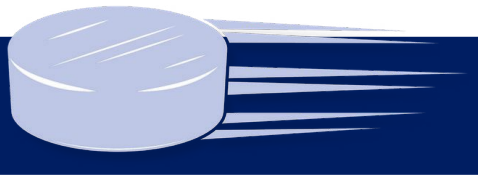
## ELITE ATHLETES
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

Dedicated sessions for pupils competing at a high level in their chosen sport, supporting their continued development and performance.

## EQUESTRIAN CLUB
**Girls' Division, Years 7-8**

A fun and friendly club for anyone interested in horses. Learn more about their care and behaviour through interactive activities, with guest speakers offering an insight into the equestrian industry. Whether you ride, own a horse or simply love them, everyone is welcome.





## FOOTBALL
**Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 7-10**

Take part in football training and small-sided games, with the chance to improve your technique and match play in a competitive but enjoyable environment.

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## GCSE PE PRACTICAL
**Boys' Division, Years 10-11**

Practise and refine the activities assessed in GCSE PE, with focused sessions to improve your technique and confidence ahead of assessment.

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## GYM CLUB
**Girls' Division, Years 10-11**

Use a range of gym equipment, including cardio machines and free weights, in a mixed-gender gym environment.

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## HOCKEY
**Girls' Division, Years 7-11**
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

Enjoy playing hockey while working on your skills and getting time on the pitch. Open to those wanting to learn or simply play more hockey.

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## KARATE
**Girls' Division, Years 7-13**

Learn Karate with a professional instructor in friendly classes open to complete beginners and experienced students. Work towards belt gradings and use Karate for the Physical section of your Duke of Edinburgh Award.

## KAYAKING
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

Learn kayaking in a safe and supportive setting, building your confidence on the water while developing your technique.

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## KAYAKING / PADDLE SPORTS
**Girls' Division, Years 7-13**

Build on the kayaking skills you've already developed and take on new challenges as you become more confident on the water

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## LACROSSE
**Girls' Division, Years 7-13**

Come along and enjoy playing lacrosse while developing your skills and getting more experience on the pitch.

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## LACROSSE GOALKEEPER TRAINING
**Girls' Division, Years 7-13**

Specialist training for lacrosse goalkeepers, giving you time to practise your technique and prepare for matches.

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## MULTIGYM
**Boys' Division, Years 10-11**

Make use of the Multigym during lunchtime and enjoy an active break from lessons.



## NETBALL CLUB
### Girls' Division, Years 7-11

Enjoy friendly netball matches with other pupils and put your skills into practice on court.

## NETBALL SQUAD
### Girls' Division, Years 10-11

Practice sessions for those selected for the squad.

## NETBALL TRAINING
### Girls' Division, Years 8-13

Come along to practise your netball and enjoy time on court, whether you want to improve or play more regularly.



## ORIENTEERING
### Girls' Division, Years 7-9

Learn how to read a map and follow directions, starting around the school site before progressing to Queen's Park and Moss Bank Park in the Summer Term.

## RUGBY
### Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 7-10

Get stuck into Rugby with regular training and plenty of time on the pitch. A great way to play more and get involved in school Rugby.

## RUNNING CLUB
### Girls' Division, Years 7-13

Already love running or just fancy giving it a go? Everyone is welcome at Running Club, whatever your ability. You'll also have the opportunity to take part in Cross Country Trials.

## SENIOR INDOOR HOCKEY
### Boys' Division, Years 10-13

Fast, energetic and great fun, indoor hockey is a quicker version of the outdoor game. Come along for plenty of action and match play.

## SWIM SQUAD
### Boys' Division, Years 7-8

For swimmers who represent the school or hope to in the future. Train regularly and get ready for upcoming competitions.

## SWIMMING
### Girls' Division, Years 7-13

Sessions for confident swimmers who can swim at least two lengths and are comfortable in deep water.

## SWIMMING - DEVELOPMENT
### Boys' Division, Years 7-8

Build your confidence in the water and become a stronger swimmer at your own pace.



## TABLE TENNIS
### Boys' Division, Years 7-10
### Girls' Division, Years 8-9

Come and play table tennis! Learn the rules, practise your shots and enjoy a few games with others.

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## WATER POLO
### Girls' Division & Boys' Division, Years 7-13

Keep working on your water polo game with regular time in the pool and plenty of match practice.



## WATER POLO DEVELOPMENT
### Girls' Division, Year 7

Continue working on your water polo game through training and match play. Invited Year 8 pupils can also attend.

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## WATER POLO STRENGTH & MOBILITY / SQUAD
### Girls' Division, Years 7-13

Training starts in the gym at 4.05pm, followed by strength and mobility work at the Swimming Pool from 4.45pm.

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## WATER POLO TRAINING SQUADS
### Joint, Years 8-13

All Water Polo squads come together for a 4.05pm training session, preparing players for upcoming matches.

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## YOGA / STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
### Boys' Division, Years 7-10

A mix of yoga and conditioning exercises designed to help with improving flexibility and strength, while supporting movement and physical performance.



# 6 Languages

### ADVANCED FRENCH GRAMMAR
**Boys' Division, Years 10-11**

Get out of your comfort zone and prepare for A Level with French grammar that takes you beyond the GCSE specification.

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### CHINESE
**Girls' Division, Year 9**

Learn to speak and write Chinese online with the Confucius Institute at the University of Lancashire, while discovering about Chinese culture.

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### FRENCH CINEMA CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 10-11**

Watch a range of well-known French films with English subtitles and have a quick chat about each one. A relaxed way to hear more French, especially useful if you're studying GCSE French.

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### FRENCH TRANSLATION BEE
**Boys' Division, Years 8-9**

How quickly and accurately can you translate into French? Build your confidence with useful vocabulary and sentence structures as you prepare to take part in the Translation Bee.

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### GERMAN FILM CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 12-13**

A journey through German cinema for Years 12 and 13, watching films from different periods and learning more about their historical context.

## GERMAN TRANSLATION BEE
**Boys' Division, Year 9**

How many sentences can you translate into German in 60 seconds? Test yourself and prepare for the Translation Bee!

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## JUNIOR GERMAN CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Would you like to discover more about German culture and German-speaking countries? *Komm rein!*

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## LINGUAMATHS
**Boys' Division, Year 8**

Discover the links between languages and mathematics through puzzles and patterns, with challenges that put your logical thinking to the test.

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## RUSSIAN CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-11**

Come along for current affairs, find out what it's like to study Russian and discover the quirkier side of Russian culture!



## RUSSIAN SPEAKING CLUB
**Boys' Division, Year 11**

A chance to practise your Russian, use what you've learnt and become more confident with the language.

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## SPANISH CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Come and have fun learning more about the Spanish language while discovering the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

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## UKRANIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 11-13**

Learn some basic Ukrainian and get to know more about the country, its language and culture.



# 6 Cross-Curricular

### ARCADE CLUB & FC26 FLICK FOOTBALL
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Play some of the best retro arcade games from the past, alongside a flick football game run as a mini league.

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### ARCADE GAMING
**Girls' Division, Years 7-9**

Think you know *Mario* and *Sonic*? Now try your hand at *Pac-Man*, *Space Invaders* and other classics from the 80s and 90s. Learn from Grand Master of Arcades, Guru Coombs, challenge your parents at home and see if YOU can become the ultimate champion!

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### BOARD GAMES
**Girls' Division, Years 7-9**

Come along to Board Games Club to try something new or revisit an old favourite. Bring your friends or come on your own and meet new people. You can even try to beat Mrs Alexander!

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### BOOK CLUB
**Joint, Years 7-9**

Make new friends and talk about all things books, with activities based around the Bolton Children's Book Award shortlist. Members also get priority for author visits and special events, plus early access to the Winter Book Fair.



## CHESS CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

Whether you're new to chess or already know your way around it, come along for friendly games and the chance to pick up new strategies.

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## CHESS SQUAD
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

For keen chess players looking to take their game further and prepare for competitive matches. Regular attendance is important as the squad works together as a team.

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## DARTS CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 10-11**

Put your throwing skills and mental arithmetic to the test while learning different versions of darts. Come along for friendly games and fun!

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## *DUNGEONS & DRAGONS*
**Joint, Years 8-13**

A student-led storytelling game where you take on a character and work together through exciting quests filled with monsters and surprises.





## ESPORTS - *ROCKET LEAGUE*
**Boys' Division, Year 10**

Take part in Rocket League matches and put your gaming skills to the test. Controllers are provided, with the aim of entering a team into the School Championships.

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## ESPORTS - *OVERWATCH 2*
**Girls' Division, Years 8-13**

Fancy getting competitive with gaming? Play *Overwatch 2* as part of a team, with the possibility of entering a GSA tournament supported by British Esports. Players of all experience levels are welcome!

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## F1 PADDOCK CLUB
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Follow the highs and lows of the F1 season and chat about the latest races and drivers. Expect race highlights and a quiz along the way.

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## FAB FRIDAY FILM
**Girls' Division, Years 7-9**

Come along, switch off for lunchtime and enjoy watching a film with others.

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## *FOOTBALL MANAGER 2026*
**Boys' Division, Year 10**

Think you could run a Premier League club? Take charge of a simulated season and make the big decisions, from investing in youth to making that marquee signing. Your goals will depend on the club you choose.

## GENIUS CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-8**

If you enjoy puzzles or love Genius Square, this is the place for you! Come along and put your brain to the test.

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## JUNIOR QUIZ CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Love a good quiz? Test your general knowledge either on your own or as part of a team.

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## LEGO CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-8**

Come along to LEGO Club and see what you can create!

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## MANGA, ANIME & GRAPHIC NOVELS CLUB
**Joint, Years 7-13**

A club for fans of Manga and Anime, as well as graphic novels. Meet others who share your interests, with sessions alternating between watching anime and chatting about your favourites.

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## MINDFULNESS
**Girls' Division, Years 7-11**

A calm, welcoming space to take some time out and learn practical ways to manage stress while staying grounded in the present moment.



## PUZZLE CLUB
### Girls' Division, Years 7-8

A fun, relaxed lunchtime session with music and plenty of brain-teasers, from crosswords and wordsearches to different games and quizzes.

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## QUIZ CLUB
### Girls' Division, Years 7-11

For inquisitive pupils who love a bit of competition! Take on different quizzes, including *University Challenge*-style contests, and represent the school in the national Schools' Challenge competition. There are also regular fixtures against Boys' Division and a healthy rivalry to enjoy!

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## RIDDLES & LOGIC PUZZLE CLUB
### Boys' Division, Year 8

Have a go at all sorts of puzzles, from word-based challenges to tricky logic problems. Some are easy, others fiendishly difficult, but figuring them out is all part of the fun.

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## SENIOR QUIZ CLUB
### Boys' Division, Years 10-13

Put your general knowledge to the test, playing individually or as part of a team.



## *STAR WARS* CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Come along for all things *Star Wars*! Expect films and quizzes, with competitions and perhaps even the occasional pod race on the Switch. This is the club you're looking for!

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## TEA@RILEY
**Girls' Division, Year 12**

Help host Tea@Riley, our community event for local senior citizens. Pupils help serve afternoon tea and provide entertainment while spending time with guests from the local community.

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## THE HUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

A quiet, welcoming space to spend lunchtime with others. Enjoy board games or crafts while getting to know new people.



# 6 Personal Development



**BEREAVEMENT CAFE**
**Boys' Division, Years 7-13**

A calm, supportive space for pupils affected by bereavement or loss, with no pressure to talk.

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**BORNEO EXPEDITION**
**Girls' Division, Years 12-13**

Get involved in preparations for the Borneo Expedition and find out more about the adventure ahead.

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**BUDDY READING**
**Girls' Division, Years 7 and 10**

Support younger pupils with their reading, helping them grow in confidence while enjoying books together.

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**CHARITIES COMMITTEE**
**Boys' Division Years 7-9**

Help shape the school's charitable work and get involved in activities that make a positive difference to the wider community.

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**CHRISTIAN UNION**
**Joint, Years 7-13**

Explore life's big questions through Christianity. Open to all faiths or none.

## CONVERSE
**Girls' Division, Years 9-10**

A relaxed and welcoming place to talk about moral or social issues, including some of the more controversial topics of the day.

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## ECO CLUB
**Boys' Division, Years 7-9**

Get involved in practical ways to make our school greener and encourage positive change across the school community.

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## MEDSOC / DENTSOC
**Joint, Years 12-13**

Interested in a career in healthcare? Led by Year 13 aspiring medical students, MedSoc / DentSoc explores current issues and new developments, with Alumni speakers and practical activities along the way.

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## SPEAK OUT LISTEN IN
**Girls' Division, Years 7-10**

Build confidence speaking in front of others and learn how to make your argument count, with the opportunity to be selected for the Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

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## TYCOON ENTERPRISE
**Girls' Division, Year 10**

Put a business idea to the test in this national enterprise competition. Create a business plan, receive funding and run your own student company as you compete against other schools.

# Get Involved

## Embrace the chance to grow, lead and thrive.

Discover a world of opportunities through Bolton School's diverse range of clubs and societies. Our extra-curricular programme helps students explore interests, develop skills, build confidence and enhance their well-being, with opportunities for everyone to discover new passions and develop existing talents

**Students can find out more about the wide range of extra-curricular activites available to them when they join Bolton School in September.**

Details of the activities on offer, along with information on how to sign up, will be shared at the beginning of term, giving everyone the opportunity to discover something new, develop their interests and get involved.



# Extra-Curricular Timetable

Use this page to plan your extra-curricular activities for this year

| Day | Activity / Club | Time | Location |
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| Monday | | | |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | | | |

## Notes





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