

Activities

(Reviewed, September 2021)

1. Shell Enrichment Programme on Thursday afternoons

The Shell Enrichment Programme runs from 17:00-18:00 on Thursday afternoons. The aim of the programme is to offer activities of a more cerebral nature for the Shell year group, to stretch and enrich pupils in their learning beyond the curricula. Pupils can opt-in for 6 different activities over the year, with each activity comprising of five one-hour sessions. Examples of the activities run are British sign language, Creative Writing, Greek club and Robotics. Sports, art, drama and music scholars are automatically assigned to scholar enrichment activities which run for 10 weeks. This is because it is part of the conditions of their scholarship. "

2. Shell and Remove activities on Tuesday afternoons

Shell and Remove activities take place on Tuesdays between 16:15-17.25. Pupils' express preferences at the beginning of the year and activities are then allocated with the aim of taking those preferences into account as far as possible.

Many of the activities are sport-orientated, though the idea is to offer something different to the pupils normal games options. Main sports (e.g. netball, rugby, hockey) are offered in terms when that main sport is not available as a games option. Other outdoor activities such as basketball and athletics are offered together with indoor pursuits such as chess and board games. Matrix points are available to staff for running a Tuesday activity.

3. Pre-Prep and Prep School After-School Activities

After school activities in the Prep School run every day except Wednesday. All staff are expected to run at least one activity during the year. Activities usually run from 4.30pm till 5.15pm or 5.15pm till 5.55m.

After school care is available every day for Pre-Prep children from 3.15-5.15pm and there are also a range of after school clubs that run from 3.30-4.15pm and a small number from 4.15-5.00pm. All Pre-Prep teaching staff are expected to run an activity each term. Booklets are published showing the choice of options varies from term to term. Parents can sign their children up for activities before the start of each term via the portal and a waiting list is managed if certain clubs are oversubscribed.

Nearly all activities are free for the parents, however, there is a charge for certain activities where an outside instructor is required such as Ballet and Ninjitsu. The list of children attending activities is published on the activities board for either Prep or Pre-Prep and kept up-to-date if there are any changes. Parents can view their children's activities on the portal. Staff are required to take a register at the start of each session, reporting absences.

If a child is not attending their regular activity they or their parents should inform their tutor or class teacher at the start of the day. If a member of staff is unable to take their activity on a given day they should inform the After-School Activities co-ordinator immediately who will notify the parents of the children affected.