

CO-CURRICULAR HANDBOOK

2025/2026

We have an exciting selection of co-curricular activities for Senior School pupils in Years 7–13, which will commence from 8th September 2025. Designed to enrich school life, these activities provide opportunities for pupils to discover new interests, develop talents, and build essential skills such as teamwork, resilience and leadership.

All pupils are encouraged to participate in at least one weekly activity, with many choosing to involve themselves in several. In addition to the regular programme, pupils contribute to House Competitions, engage in charity fundraising projects, and enjoy a variety of trips and visits throughout the year.

Full details of activities are published in the daily bulletin and shared with parents via email, and staff members are always happy to provide further information.

Importantly, active involvement in co-curricular life not only enhances personal growth and wellbeing, but also strengthens future university, apprenticeship and career applications, demonstrating the breadth of skills and experiences that extend well beyond the classroom.

Mr Hilliam – Director of Co-Curriculum



Derby
Grammar
School

MONDAY

LUNCHTIME

Year 7 – Film Club 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Penny R1

Year 10/11 – Film Club 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Benjafeld R3

All Seniors – Game Design – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Speight ICT

Y5–8 – Science & Astronomy– 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Science Team B1

All Seniors – Mindfulness Mondays – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Miss Stebbings D23

AFTER SCHOOL

All Seniors – Samba Group – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mr Coley M1



TUESDAY

LUNCHTIME

All Seniors – Choir – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Coley – M2

Jewellery Club – From the Spring Term

All Seniors – Duke of Edinburgh Award Clinic – 1.10pm – 1.40pm –
Mr Hilliam ICT

AFTER SCHOOL

All Seniors – Rugby Club – 4.00pm – 5.30pm – Mr Clark, Mrs
Burrell & Mr Smyth – Rykneld Sports Centre

First Tech – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mr Speight – ICT1

Bridge Club – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mr Blake – D13

Business & Current Affairs – 4.15pm – 5.00pm – Mr Fletcher – D16

Textile Crafts – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mrs Ellis & Mrs Standing –
Library



WEDNESDAY

LUNCHTIME

A Cappella Choir – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Coley – M1

GCSE French Club (Y9-11)– 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Thompson – R4

Well-being Club – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mrs Walker-Nixon – B2 (plus other days)

Years 11-13 League Football – 1.00pm – 1.40pm – Mr Gibbons – Field/Hard Court tbc

Formula 24 – For current F24 pupils only – 12.40pm – 1.40pm – Mr Lakritz – DT Lab

Warhammar – 12.40 – 1.00pm & 1.20pm – 1.40pm – Miss Bruce & Mr Speight

Rowing – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Bond – TBC

Art Open House for all pupils – Miss Wilson – 1.10pm – 1.40pm

AFTER SCHOOL

School Play Panto Rehearsals – Autumn/Spring 1 – 4.00pm – 5.30pm – Mrs Simpson – Hall

Formula 24 – For current F24 pupils only – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mr Lakritz – DT Lab



THURSDAY

LUNCHTIME

KS3 Book Club – 1.10pm – 1.40pm – Mrs Wilkinson – R3

Debating Club – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mr Benjafield – R1

Scholars Society – 12.40pm – 1.10pm – Mrs Standing – P2

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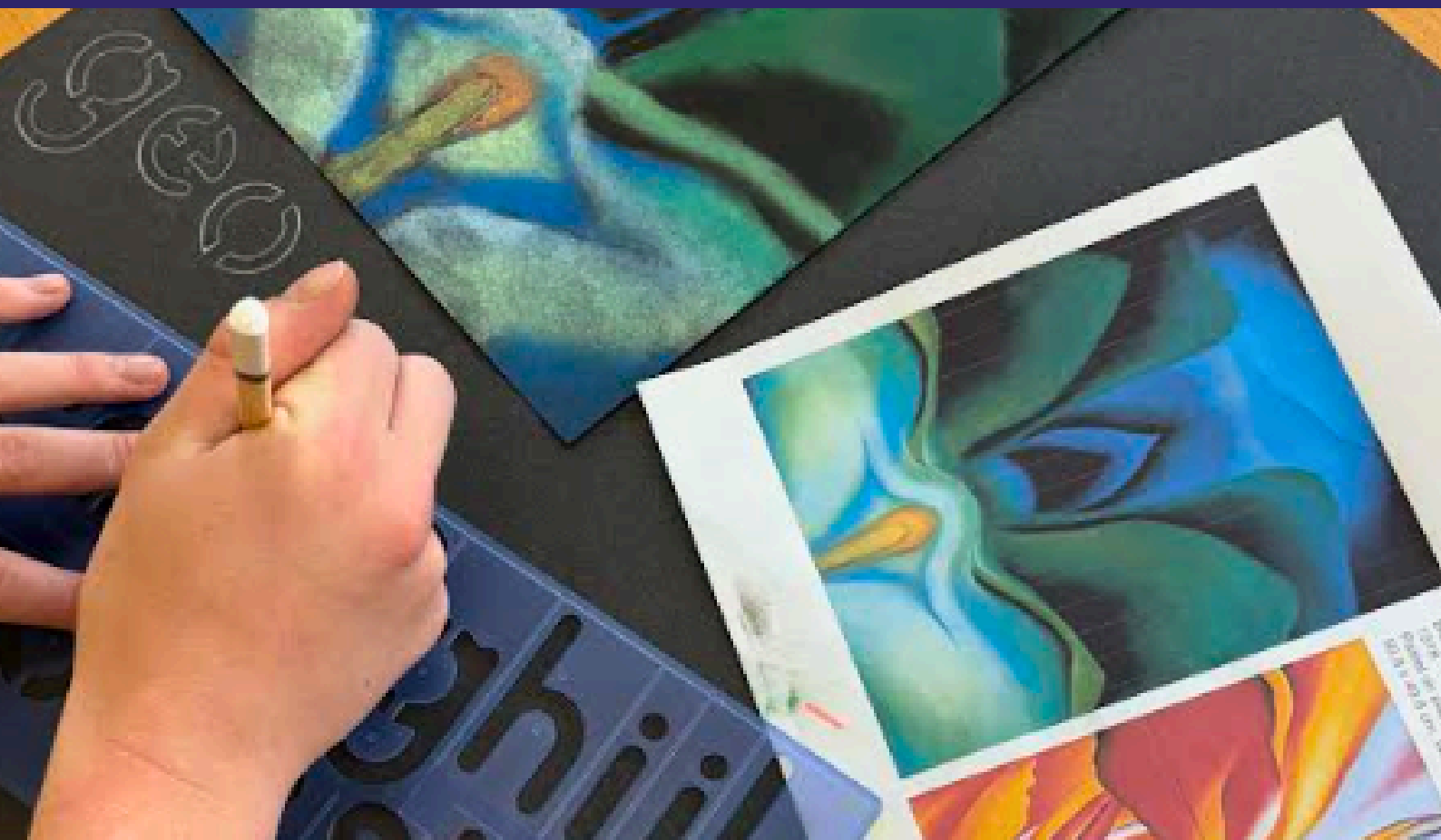
Art Open House for all pupils – Miss Wilson – 1.00pm – 1.40pm

Psychology Drop in Session – 1.15pm – 1.45p – Mrs Baker – R7

AFTER SCHOOL

Tabletop Games – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mr Taylor – D16

Swing Band – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mr Coley – Hall



FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

Senior Chess Club – 12.40pm – 1.15pm – Mr Allen – R6

Animation Club – 12.40pm – 1.15pm – Mr Speight – ICT1

String Group – 1.10pm – 1.45pm – Mr Coley – M2

Psychology Club – 1.15pm – 1.45pm – Mrs Baker – R7

AFTER SCHOOL

Years 5,6 & 7 Robotics Team – 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Mr. Speight – ICT1



HOUSE COMPETITIONS



Alongside our wide-ranging co-curricular programme, pupils also take part in an exciting calendar of house competitions held throughout the academic year. These events provide opportunities for pupils to showcase their talents, try something new, and represent their House. Competitions include:

- Art
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Carols
- Chess
- Connect 4
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Debating
- Drama
- Football
- Hockey
- Music
- Rugby
- Tug of War
- Writing

This diverse programme of activities ensures that every pupil, whether their strengths lie on the stage, in the classroom, or on the sports field, has the opportunity to take the spotlight, celebrate their achievements, and contribute to the spirit and success of their House.