

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

LOWER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

OPTIONS SUMMER 2019



St John's School
LEATHERHEAD



SELECTING YOUR ACTIVITIES

Lower School pupils have the option to take part in daily lunchtime clubs and activities. Pupils should only select clubs that they wish to commit to for the term, as these are not held as drop in sessions. These are great opportunities to burn off energy, try something new and also to get to know some other pupils, staff and sixth formers.

In addition to this, all of Lower School take part in activities on a Thursday afternoon 3.30-4.10pm. Pupils are advised to try something new each term. However, there may be some things you are pre-selected for if it is a continuing activity, such as scholars.

This term the activities will be selected directly by the pupils through SOCs and Miss Clarkson will be coming into Lower School to demonstrate how this process works. Pupils will discuss this with their tutor in tutor time.

If you have any questions about an activity, please contact the member of staff listed as in charge. If you have a selection issue or need to discuss your activities, please contact Miss Clarkson: jclarkson@stjohns.surrey.sch.uk

*The window for choosing activities will be open from
Wednesday 13 March 8.15am to Friday 15 March 9.00am*

MONDAY LUNCHTIME

Activity	Staff / Leader	Activity description
Board games club <i>LS tuck shop</i>	Mrs Abbott Student helpers – Ruby Li, Hattie Allen	Whether you're into strategy games, classic board games or trying something a little different, this is a great space for thinking and challenging those brain cells in a non-academic environment.
Christian Union <i>Room 26</i>	Revd. Moloney	An opportunity to explore issues surrounding faith and belief from a Christian perspective.
Public speaking <i>Room 22</i>	Mrs Lane	Learn to put your points across, argue your opinion and take on board the thoughts of others. Learn crucial presentation skills and perfect your ability to stand up and say your piece.
Hard courts will also be available for football, general play and netball shooting practice. Trainers must be worn.		

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

Activity	Staff / Leader	Activity description
Basketball <i>Sports Hall</i>	Mr Davies Student helper: Ralph Hudson	Learn some drills and improve your skills. Suitable for all levels and even for those that have never tried it.
Choir <i>MU2 PAC</i>	Mr Goodwin Mrs Morgan	Lower School Choir is a choir for any pupil in L3 or U3. The style of music varies from sacred to secular/pop. Any pupil in the Lower School is welcome to attend or simply come and give it a try. There are no auditions; you just need to be keen to sing. The performance opportunities include the Autumn Term Michaelmas Concert, Lower School Chapel services (about twice a term) and the concert in the Spring Term.
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WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

Activity	Staff / Leader	Activity description
Girls' football <i>Fields</i> <i>Astro grass patch</i>	Miss Hems Miss Lafferty	With almost three million active female players, football is becoming one of the biggest women's team sports in England. Whether you fancy your chances of becoming one of the next generation of Lionesses, or simply just want to try out a new sport, girls' football is for you! Let's shatter the myth that football is just for boys.
Introduction to programming <i>113</i>	Mr Smith Student leaders: Henry O'Brien Tait van Strien Benen Iremonger Byron Jarrett	Aimed at those with no or very little programming experience. To begin we will start by looking at a programme called 'Scratch' to teach the fundamental aspects of programming. Next we will move on to 'Python', which uses a slightly more complicated programming language. This is perfect for anyone with an interest in learning how to code, or those who wish to improve their programming skills.
Rock ensemble <i>Room 4 PAC</i>	Mr Ansell	A friendly, informal platform designed to encourage and promote the exploration of more contemporary repertoire.
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THURSDAY LUNCHTIME

Activity	Staff / Leader	Activity description
Homework club Room 33	Mrs Carter	Learning development will be offering a big, peaceful and calm space to do your prep. This is open to all Lower School pupils but should be of particular interest to anyone who currently works with learning development as there will be someone on hand to help you solve problems and improve your skills.
One Ocean project	Dr Bastin	U3rd continuation of the One Ocean science project. Pupils involved will be pre-selected.
Hard courts will also be available for football, general play and netball shooting practice. Trainers must be worn.		

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

Activity	Staff / Leader	Activity description
Electronics (physics) club <i>P2</i>	Dr Bastin Student helper: Luke Swaine	Take on mini projects and kit building and expand your physics knowledge and skills with equipment and circuits. You will plan, build and test out various items such as radios, security systems and smoke detectors.
Lower School Ensemble <i>MU2 PAC</i>	Mrs Anderson Mr Goodwin	The Lower School Ensemble is open to any instrumentalist in the L3 or U3. Music varies depending on instruments in the group and the different performance opportunities. This newly formed group has so far played in the Lower School Chapel Service and looks forward to further performance opportunities
Sports scholars <i>Room 21</i>	Mr James Mr Davies Mr Gardner	Classroom based session for sports scholars to explore sporting theory and ways to improve performance and teamwork.
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THURSDAY ACTIVITIES 3.30-4.10pm

Activity	Staff / Leader	Activity description
Academic Scholars <i>Room 206</i>	Miss Clarkson	Invite only. These sessions will explore a weekly theme to develop new thinking skills and will involve academic challenges, games and projects on topics not covered in class.
Art <i>Art department</i>	Week A: Miss Dewhurst Week B: Miss Burrett	Pupils will have the opportunity to extend their art experience and develop the pieces of art they are working on during lessons. It is also a chance to meet up with pupils from other sets to exchange ideas and techniques. All media are available for use and this can be a time for creative experimentation and confidence building.
Chess club <i>Room 17</i>	Mr Debney	Open to players of all standards, chess club aims to teach chess skills and help those who want to improve their game. Chess is a game that improves concentration and memory, helps you to develop logical thinking and encourages imagination. It helps you to predict the consequences of actions and fosters problem-solving techniques.
Classics <i>Room 20</i>	Mr Burns	In classics club we explore the classical world a little more widely for those with a passion for classics; researching the different ancient peoples and competing in quizzes about famous ancient figures.
Dance <i>Meet at Lower School</i>	External coach	Open to L3 and U3. Perfect your moves or try something new. No experienced required, just some natural rhythm and a fearless attitude. Open to boys and girls.
Lower school play	Miss Thyne Mr White Miss Tiller	Those involved in the LS play should chose this option to plan and rehearse their drama pieces.
Mindfulness <i>Room 8</i>	Miss Elliott	What is mindfulness? Want to know more...try the mindfulness club! If greater well-being isn't enough, scientists have discovered that mindfulness helps both mental and physical health in many ways. Come along and simply relax, enjoy and be present. "Life is a dance. Mindfulness is witnessing that dance."
Mixed touch rugby <i>Far side of senior fields</i>	Mr Newby Mr Holland	Mixed touch rugby is a great way to, learn or improve your rugby skills, get healthy and play enjoyable games. It is aimed at all levels of player and is non-contact, so we encourage both girls and boys to support each other. Sessions will consist of skill challenges and fun in the form of activities. Trainers, or ideally mounded boots, a full water bottle and energy are the only requirements.
Vex robotics <i>Room 114</i>	Mr Ward	Design, build and programme intelligent robots from the Vex IQ snap-together robotics system and compete in problem-solving team challenges.