



LEICESTER
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



2025-2026

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The co-curricular programme is divided into 8 areas. The aim is to provide you with opportunities to explore your interests and develop new talents.

At the start of the year there will be a co-curricular fair where you can find out all about the clubs on offer and make your choices. It is a fun event where pupils and staff work together to advertise and pitch their clubs.

You can earn certificates by attending a selection of activities for a sustained period.



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Anthea Bell Prize for young translators	<p>A group for pupils interested in Spanish and using their knowledge to enter the nationwide translation competition run by the University of Oxford. The activity will run throughout the Lent term, so pupils have the opportunity to practise before entering the competition in March.</p>
Balcony Bookworms/Bibliofans	<p>Reading groups where pupils read and discuss a range of books.</p>
British Informatics Olympiad	<p>The British Informatics Olympiad (BIO) is a computer programming competition for sixth formers, testing their problem-solving ability. The top 15 entrants nationally progress to the final and the best four are invited to represent Great Britain at the International Olympiad in Informatics.</p>
Business and Economics Society	<p>Enrichment for pupils doing Business or Economics. Also open to those interested in studying these subjects at university. Sessions include speakers from outside school, debates, quizzes and revision. The society is run by pupils with presidents and vice presidents.</p>
Careers Clinic	<p>The chance for any pupil, particularly from the Lower School, to pop by and ask any careers-related queries they have and have a chat with the Careers Leader, Mrs Scott (Sixth Form can use free periods too). You can email and book half an hour, if you prefer.</p>
Chemistry Challenge	<p>A club for Year 8 pupils interested in doing Chemistry investigations and fun practicals. The opportunity to work towards CREST science awards may be available.</p>
Classics Club	<p>Gods, goddesses, monsters... and plenty of mess! A group for members of the Prep and Year 7 to watch films, creatively explore, and learn more about the Greek and Roman worlds.</p>
Chemistry Olympiad	<p>A fun, informal opportunity for A level students to push themselves further and excel in the chemistry field. Students will develop problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and get a chance to test knowledge in new, real-world situations.</p>

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Classics Society	Old gods. Big egos. Timeless stories. Join us to explore Greek and Roman legends, history and culture further through discussions, academic presentations, films, games, food and talk. Years 9–13 welcome.
Coding Challenge	Following on from the Bebras Challenge this is an opportunity to enhance skills, build confidence, and gain inspiration to develop programmed solutions to computational thinking problems
Competitive Applications Group	For Year 12/13 students interested in applying to universities/courses with admissions tests and interviews. We will help to support you through the applications process and develop skills required for tough academic courses, including those at Oxbridge, Imperial and UCL.
Cryptography	Programmes such as Whatsapp use cryptographical techniques to prevent eavesdropping, other websites use encryption to process payments, or to ensure the safety of internet banking. Students will participate in The Alan Turing Cryptography Competition as set by Manchester University. Ideal for logical thinkers and puzzlers!
Cyber Explorers (11-14 years)	Enter the Cyber Explorers Cup; an innovative experience designed to ignite a passion for cyber security. This unique contest offers a blend of education, technology, and excitement, aiming to challenge young minds and introduce you to the ever-evolving world of cyber security whilst providing experience in critical thinking and teamwork.
Cyber First (Girls)	The CyberFirst Girls Competition aims to inspire Y8 girls interested in technology. It is a national competition. A team event. Each team should consist of up to four participants.
Debating Club	Open to all pupils who are interested in the world of current affairs.
French Translation Spelling Bee	A group for pupils interested in French and using their knowledge to enter a nationwide translation competition run by the University of Oxford. The activity will run throughout the Lent term so pupils have the opportunity to practise before entering the competition in March.

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Getting a Fraction Ahead	A chance for any pupil to come and get help with their Maths homework or specific questions which have come from Maths lessons.
GIS Club	Pupils can learn a new skill to create and manipulate maps using Geographical Information System software. Any pupil with an interest in mapping is welcome but particularly helpful for those wishing to study geography and related subjects at university.
History Society	An informal club for pupils to enjoy historical themed games, activities, documentaries, guest speakers and watch student-led presentations.
Historical Association 2026 Great Debate	LGS rounds (5 minutes max) of a public speaking competition on the Historical Association 2026 theme 'How important are personal and public records as evidence for explaining the story or stories, of your local area?'
Law Society	LGS LawSoc, aimed at pupils in Years 10-13, offering an interactive platform to explore and discuss legal concepts, participate in debates and mock trials, and gain valuable insight into a career in Law.
Leicester Extra Podcast	A chance for pupils to come and produce the school podcast. Ideal for those looking to be creative and enhance their skills in communication, production, marketing and presentation.
Maverick Thinkers	Spend time thinking about challenging issues with like-minded individuals - open to all interested pupils in Year 9.
Medical Society Group	Open to Year 13 potential medics/dentists in Advent and Lent Terms, then Year 12 students in Trinity. Visiting speakers, discussion of NHS hot topics, UCAT practice and interview prep, all designed to give you the best chance to secure and ace a medical or dental interview.
Model United Nations (MUN)	A chance to learn more about the world and current affairs and to improve your confidence at public speaking. Open to pupils in all year groups.

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Oxbridge Applicants	Support for applications to Oxbridge (English, Law, Humanities - all subjects are welcome).
Physics and Engineering Extension	Develop your knowledge and understanding of Physics and Engineering. Aimed at pupils intending to study these subjects at universities, but may also be useful to aspiring mathematicians, computer scientists and others.
Prep Computing Club	A chance to extend knowledge through lots of electronic and coding challenges!
Prep STEM Club	Cool experiments!
Senior Debating	Paired competition fighting for the coveted Trevor Allen Shield. Series of rounds two against two. To register your interest, speak to Mr Picknell.
STEM Club	Cool experiments!
Touch Typing	Opportunity to develop your skills and proficiency to use a triple tech prep stamp computing laptop.
VEX Robotics	A brilliant way to learn about robotic control and coding through different challenges - a rapidly growing area within AI and technology.



REVISION SUPPORT

Art (year 10)	GIS Club	<p>There are a number of GCSE and A level subject clinics available for pupils to complete coursework, plan assignments, practise for exams and revise.</p>
Art (Year 11)	GCSE and A Level Drama	
Biology Clinic	IGCSE Italian	
Ceramics (Year 10)	L2 Further Maths	
Ceramics (Year 11)	Maths Getting a Fraction Ahead	
Chemistry Support	Music Theory	
New Classics Club	Philosophy Club	
Computing Support	Senior Philosophy Club	
DT NEA GCSE Catch Up	Physics Support/Extension	
English Clinics	Psychology Aiming for an A*	
GCSE German Booster	Psychology Essay Writing	
Geography Homework Support	Spanish Booster	
Geography Revision		



CREATIVE

Art Club	An opportunity for Lower School pupils to develop their practical skills in Art, to learn new fun and exciting techniques and experiment with different media and styles.
D&D / Warhammer Club	A space for pupils from all year groups to both model and paint miniatures as well as lose themselves in fantasy and tabletop games.
Drama Club	Years 7, 8 and 9. An exciting and energetic club where you will engage in Drama games, build skills in improvisation and experiment with style and genre.
DT Greenpower	An opportunity to design, build and race an electronic kit car at racetracks across the UK including Goodwood, Castle Combe and many more!
Leicester Extra Podcast	A chance for pupils to come and produce the school podcast. Ideal for those looking to be creative and enhance their skills in communication, production, marketing and presenting.
Lemon Jelly	An external performing arts group, using LGS facilities, offering weekly classes in drama, musical theatre, dance and filming. Further details can be found at lemonjellyarts.com .
Minecraft Club	Build anything you can imagine, uncover eerie mysteries, and survive in the ultimate sandbox game. Every playthrough will be different, and unforgettable. There are hidden adventures that await behind every corner. Explore and craft your way through an infinite world that's yours to shape, one block at a time.
Musical Theatre Club	All years. A club full of joy and fun where students will watch, sing, explore and stage various musical theatre numbers. A great club for well-being as well as building performance skills.
Physical Theatre Club	Years 9 10 and 11. You will explore the art of storytelling through physical movement. A great club for challenging your approach to role-plays and building performance confidence.

CREATIVE

Productions and showcases	All years. Pupils that wish to be involved in whole school performances as performers or backstage crew will have dedicated time throughout the year to prepare for shows. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to audition and take part regardless of experience or whether you are studying Drama. There will be an expectation to commit to rehearsals running up to the shows which will take place in Advent Term (early Dec) and Lent Term (mid March). Throughout the year we will explore and stage plays, and musical numbers that will be included in our performances.
Scalextric Club	An opportunity to gain a greater understanding of car design to design/build & race Scalextric cars.
Spotlight on	'Spotlight on' - KS4 and KS5. An opportunity for Drama students to gain further skills and build performance confidence. You will do preparation for upcoming performances and audition training to support you for life after LGS.
Technical Team	Lights, camera, ACTION! Dive into the provision of technical support across the school from assemblies to concerts, House Singing to major musicals. Experience the buzz of professional level lighting, sound and vision.
University Cooking	When you go to Uni you suddenly realise that you need to feed yourself, so this is your opportunity to develop your skills.
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MUSIC

Cello Ensemble	See Ms McGinnes for more details.
Flute Choir	See Miss Cresswell for more details.
Flutes	See Mrs Preston for more details.
Sax Group	Please speak to Miss Percy-Smith about joining this group.
Clarinet Group	Please join in if you play the clarinet.
Trumpet Ensemble	See Mr Jeans, our brass supremo, for more details.
Trombone Ensemble	See Mr Jeans, our brass supremo, for more details.
LS Piano Trio	Please see Mrs Else for more details.
Senior Piano Trio	Please see Mrs Else for more details.
Folk Group	Come and jam with some traditional music from the far reaches of the British Isles. Guitarists are especially welcome.
String Group	Please come and join us if you play the violin, viola, cello or double bass. Various groups on offer according to year group.
String Orchestra	A string group for more advanced players in Year 10 upwards.
First Orchestra	Our flagship group for all orchestra musicians in Years 10 upwards.
Vocal Vibes	Singing for fun! Come along to learn new songs or sing some of your favourites: anything goes...pop, rock, music theatre, maybe even a bit of karaoke! You'll sing as a group but there's also opportunities for soloists, and you'll get to perform at various events throughout the year.
Senior Choir	Our advanced choir for music readers in Year 10 upwards.
Lower School Singers	All Prep and Year 7 join us for an energising sing at the start of the day.

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Brass Band	See Mr Jeans, our brass supremo, for more details.
Symphonic Wind Band	Our senior wind band for all woodwind, brass and percussion players in Year 9 and above.
Big Band	Come and enjoy some jazz, funk and soul. Trumpets, saxes, trombones, drums, bass, piano and solo singers all in Year 10 upwards welcome to come and give this a try.
Sinfonietta	The lower school orchestra! This is for pupils of all abilities on any instrument from years 6-9.
Music Technology Collective	Come and explore the wonders of music sequencing software and production. Anyone is welcome whether or not you are a 'musician'!
Blast!	Our Lower School wind band for Years 6-9. The perfect group for you as a beginner or intermediate woodwind, brass or percussion player.
Jam Club	Do you want to be in a band? Do you sing, play guitar, bass, keyboard, drums - or would you like to learn? Or maybe you're into digital music production? Come along to jam club to make the music YOU want to make! You will form a band, choose songs to learn and have the chance to perform at open mic sessions and concerts throughout the year. Open to everyone from Prep to Year 9.



SPORT

Badminton	Open to those in Y6-11, with regular fixtures and training for those in Y7-11.
Cricket	Cricket club is open to all boys and girls wishing to develop their skills and is essential for those wanting to represent the school in fixtures.
Girls' Football	Open to girls wanting to build confidence in football or have a relaxed kickaround with friends at lunchtime.
Hockey	Hockey club is open to all pupils wishing to develop their skills and is essential for those wanting to represent the school in fixtures.
Open Gym	Open to those in Y7-11 for those wanting to improve their own health and well-being.
Netball	Netball club is open to all pupils wishing to develop their skills and is essential for those wanting to represent the school in fixtures.
Prep activities	Physical activities, ranging from Basketball, Table Tennis, Ball Games and more.
Rugby	Rugby club is open to all pupils wishing to develop their skills and is essential for those wanting to represent the school in fixtures.
Rookie Lifesaving	A chance for competent swimmers to develop Lifesaving skills and make friends with other Year 6 across the Trust.
Strength and Conditioning	Sessions to introduce or improve your muscular strength, power or endurance.
Swimming Club	For swimmers capable of swimming a length in three strokes, to develop swimming ability and fitness.
Tennis	Open to both novice and experienced players of all abilities, but limited numbers.

WELL-BEING & COMMUNITY

Anti-Bullying Group	A group interested in raising awareness of bullying behaviours and teaching others how to deal with bullies. Promotion of the anti-bullying message.
Board Games	A quiet haven to relax in a warm classroom and socialise with other like-minded people and make new friends. A broad range of games is available to participate in.
Chess Club	Hone your strategy skills and develop your competitive edge. There may even be an opportunity to represent your school in local competitions. All abilities welcome.
Change Group Activity Programme	A programme of weekly lunchtime activities run by sixth-form students to promote positive well-being.
Christian Union	Open to all, whether Christian or just investigating faith. An informal time of snacks, games, chat, and a short time to look at the Bible to discover what the Christian Faith is all about, and to ask questions.
Eco Group	Eco club aims to focus on all things 'green' and beneficial to our planet's preservation. From recycling and re-using, to fund-raising events to enhance resources needed for planting.
Embrace	Embrace is one of our EDI groups which raises awareness and celebrates cultural diversity. In the past, it has organised whole-school celebrations for Culture Day and Black History Month as well as leading assemblies. It is led by Sixth Form students but open to all ages. Come along and be part of the conversation and help to promote a diverse and inclusive culture.
FemSoc	FemSoc is an all-gender feminist society, for pupils interested in discussing feminist issues and inclusivity and promotes awareness to the wider community. It is led by Sixth Form students but open to all ages.
Spectrum	Spectrum provides a safe and supportive place for LGBTQ+ pupils and allies to socialise and discuss topical issues.
Tanzania Fundraising Group	Bishop Alpha School in Tanzania need your help! Can you think of fun, wild, or wonderfully wacky ways to raise money? Whether it's a sponsored silence, a crazy costume day, or a bake-off with a twist, the more exciting the idea, the better! Every penny raised will help provide vital resources and opportunities for pupils at Bishop Alpha School.

LEADERSHIP

Change Group Committee	Are you in Year 10 or above and interested in well-being? This group drives the well-being agenda and aims to educate others about how to improve their own personal well-being and provides a programme of activities to improve pupil well-being.
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is recognised by employers across the globe. By completing an award at either Bronze or Gold level you are telling people that you are independent, reliable and can commit your time and effort to getting something done.
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Femsoc	FemSoc is an all-gender feminist society, for pupils interested in discussing feminist issues and inclusivity and promotes awareness to the wider community. It is led by Sixth Form students but open to all ages.
Student Support Group Training	Develop the peer mentoring initiative within the school. Be trained as a mentor by the school in preparation to support younger pupils. Year 12 students only.
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Young Enterprise	Young Enterprise Company programme, involving starting up a business, fundraising, and launching a product to submit in competition against other schools. Everyone is allocated a leadership role. Only 32 spaces. Open to Sixth Form only.

HOUSE

House Music	Rehearsals for House Music will take place during lunchtimes in the run up to the competition just before the October half-term break. Students will be encouraged to sing and play as part of large groups and small ensembles.
House Darts & House Chess	All pupils are encouraged to compete in House Darts and House Chess, playing against other pupils of all ages.
House Sport	Throughout the year House Sports competitions take place at Thursday lunchtimes both indoors and out. These may include: Football, Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball and Tennis. All students are encouraged to sign up to participate in these events.





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