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Extra-Curricular Clubs



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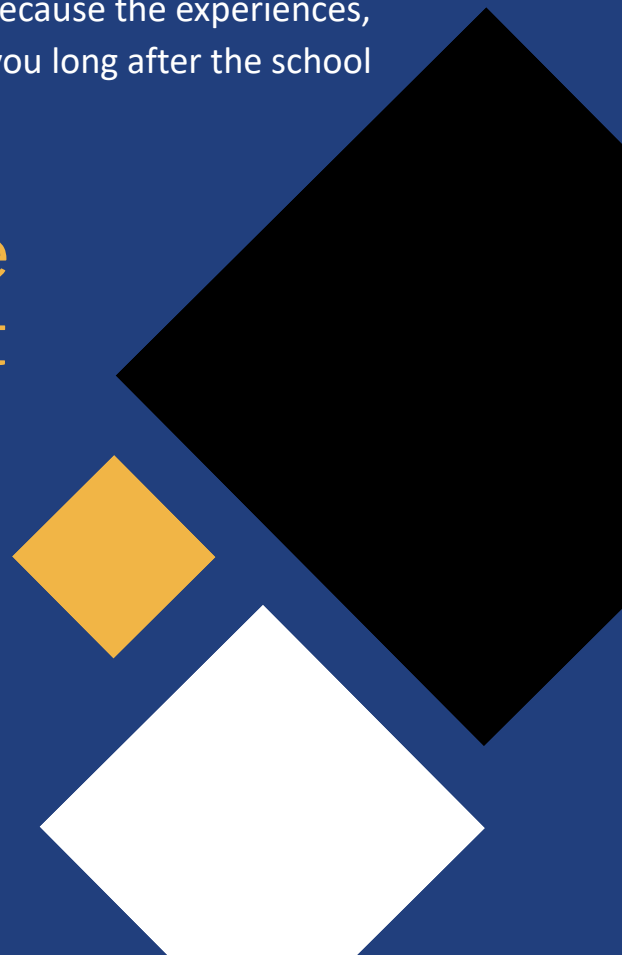
Welcome to Your Extra-Curricular Club Guide

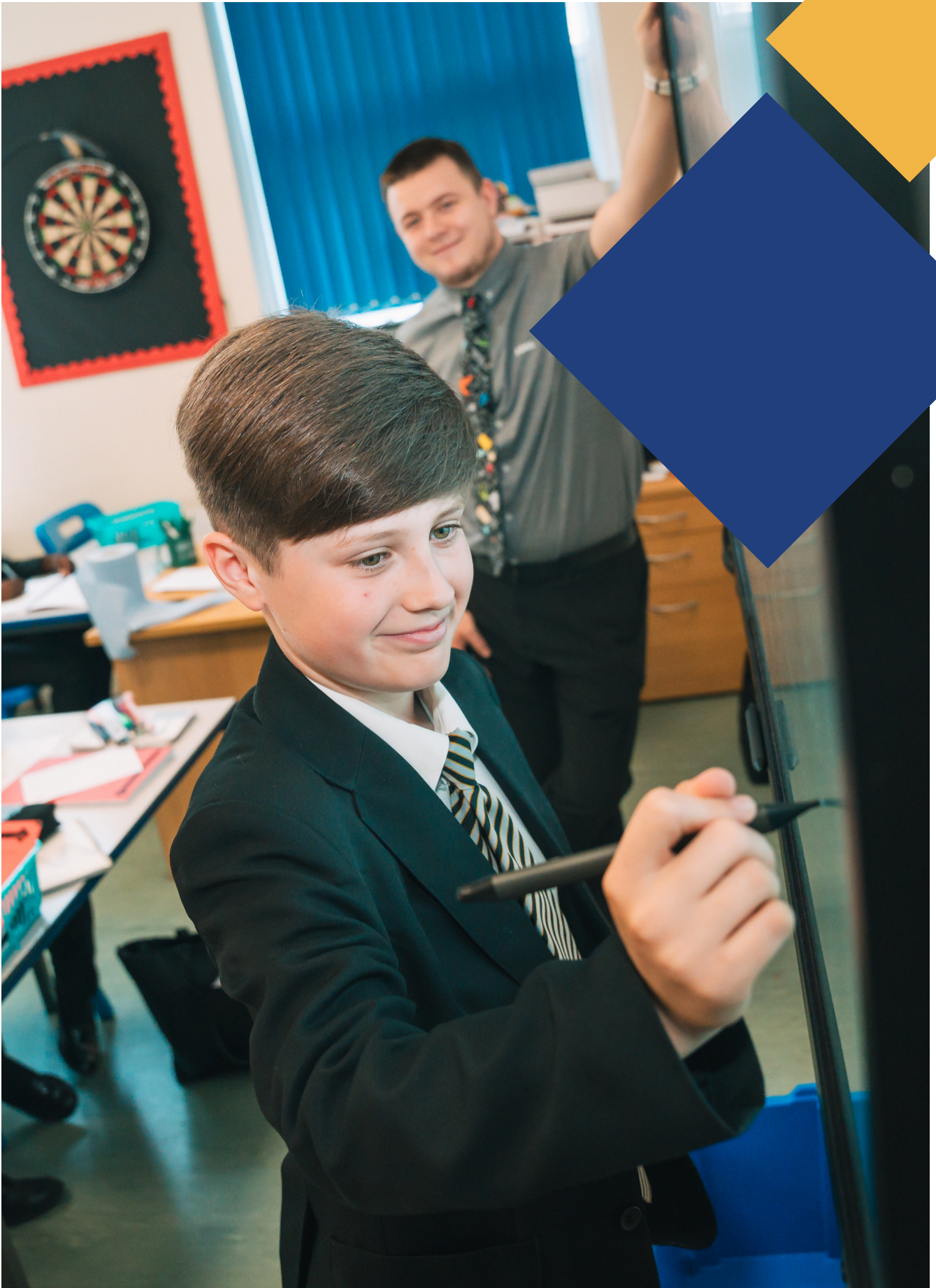
At Castleford Academy, we believe that learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. Our wide range of extra-curricular clubs gives every pupil the chance to explore new interests, discover hidden talents, and build lasting friendships in a fun and supportive environment.

This booklet is here to help pupils and parents see all the exciting opportunities available. From sports and arts to academic challenges and special interest groups, there's something for everyone.

Joining a club is a great way to try something new, follow your passions, and become an active part of our school community. We encourage every pupil to find at least one club that sparks their curiosity, because the experiences, friendships, and memories you make will stay with you long after the school day ends.

Let's get involved, have fun, and make the most of every opportunity!





Care, Aspire, Succeed



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Monday

Boys & Girls Football

HCoates and NHazelden

Day / time:	Monday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	3G (Top) & 3G (Bottom)
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Open to all abilities in Years 7 to 10 for both boys and girls. This club provides a great opportunity to apply the core skills learned in PE lessons directly into dynamic game situations. Session coaches will focus on tactical play and teamwork throughout the term. Competitive school teams for upcoming fixtures will be selected directly from regular training attendance.

Fitness

GSpink and OStanley

Day / time:	Monday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Fitness Suite
Who for?	Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Designed for Year 9 and 10 boys and girls looking to improve their physical conditioning and gym confidence. Students can build cardiovascular endurance using treadmills and cardio equipment or focus on strength and power using resistance machines and free weights. It offers a structured environment to establish healthy exercise habits. Suitable for all fitness levels looking to work on personal goals.

History Club

SBowes

Day / time:	Monday, 3:00pm - 3:45pm
Where?	P24
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9

What will you get upto?

A fun way to learn more about History!

Crochet Club

NSmith

Day / time:	Monday, 3:05pm - 3:55pm
Where?	Step Up
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

A friendly club where pupils of all abilities can learn, share skills and teach each other how to crochet. Come along and make new friends and enjoy creating together.

Geography Club

Geography Department

Day / time:	Monday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	H49
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Our Geography Club runs every other half term and provides pupils with the opportunity to explore the world around them through a range of exciting, hands-on activities. Designed to inspire curiosity and creativity, the club will include experiences such as building and erupting model volcanoes, producing a geography newsletter, investigating global challenges, and taking part in a variety of engaging projects throughout the year. The club is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their geographical knowledge, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while having fun and learning beyond the classroom.

Year 7 Cooking

SLand

Day / time:	Monday, 3:00pm - 4:15pm
Where?	T67
Who for?	Y7

What will you get upto?

A fun cooking club where you will make a selection of different quick food products.

Netball

HCarmichael

Day / time:	Monday 3:00pm-4:00pm
Where?	3G (Top) & 3G (Bottom)
Who for?	Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Welcoming boys and girls of all abilities in Years 9 and 10. The session focuses on refining passing, footwork, shooting, and spatial awareness through practical match-play scenarios. It is an ideal space to improve game understanding while staying active with peers. Competitive match squads for school fixtures will be chosen based on training performances.





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Tuesday

Year 7 Boys Rugby League

WMaher

Day / time:	Tuesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	3G (Bottom)
Who for?	Y7

What will you get upto?

Open to all Year 7 boys, regardless of previous playing experience. Sessions focus on transitioning skills from lessons into realistic match scenarios, improving tackling technique, passing, and positional play. It offers a supportive environment to build game awareness and confidence. Competitive squad selection for fixtures will take place during these weekly training sessions.

Fitness

NHazelden

Day / time:	Tuesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Fitness Suite
Who for?	Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Designed for Year 9 and 10 boys and girls looking to improve their physical conditioning and gym confidence. Students can build cardiovascular endurance using treadmills and cardio equipment or focus on strength and power using resistance machines and free weights. It offers a structured environment to establish healthy exercise habits. Suitable for all fitness levels looking to work on personal goals.

Writing Club

WHuang and BNewman

Day / time:	Tuesday, 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Where?	L4
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9

What will you get upto?

If you love to write and create stories then Writing Club will give you a space every Tuesday, after school, to fulfil that hobby. We give you prompts every week that will engage your creativity. We also enter your writing into competitions when available!

Speak Out

LCarry

Day / time:	Tuesday, 3:00pm - 3:45pm
Where?	L6
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

It's time to SPEAK OUT! Speak Out club is a welcoming and safe space to build confidence with giving opinions, public speaking and making our voices heard. We will cover a range of activities from debates to performance poetry, and everyone is welcome. We will practise and hone our listening skills, our critical thinking and, of course, our speaking skills. We look forward to seeing you!



Comic Club

JPattison

Day / time:	Monday, 3:00pm - 3:45pm
Where?	Library
Who for?	Y8, Y9

What will you get upto?

This is an invite only club*. Eligible pupils can explore and read comics and graphic novels in all their forms, as well as designing characters and creating comic strips of their own, individually or collaborating together. (*depending on uptake, other pupils are welcome to join in).

Wednesday



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Art Club

DDavies

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	T63
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9

What will you get upto?

Our Art Club offers a vibrant, welcoming space where pupils of all skill levels can explore their artistic passions and develop their creativity. The club provides a flexible environment where your child can choose to practice and refine their drawing skills or participate in structured, hands-on skills workshops, including 3D sculpting and modelling. Throughout the year, members will also have enriching opportunities to take part in art competitions, community-based projects, and festive seasonal activities. It is a fantastic way for your child to experiment with new mediums, build confidence, and collaborate with peers outside of regular lessons.

Story Hackers

NSweeney

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Library Intervention Room
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

Story Hackers is a chance to dive into an interactive book where you get to make choices, explore the story and see what happens next. You'll get to experience a story in a completely different way — and even meet the author and find out how they created it! If you love stories, mysteries, making choices or just trying something different, Story Hackers is for you.

The Cross Project club

GHopton

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	A2
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9

What will you get upto?

The CROSS Project club is run by The CROSS Project, a Christian charity working in your school. It is a great place to make friends, have fun, discuss big questions and learn about Christianity. Each week, we play lots of exciting games together and we also spend some time exploring interesting topics and issues through activities, challenges and movie clips. You can chat about and share your own thoughts and The CROSS Project will share what perspective a Christian would have on the topic. The CROSS Project club is a safe space for fun, friendship, being heard and considering faith - we'd love to see you there!

Chess Club

NSmith

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:05pm - 3:55pm
Where?	Step Up
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

Chess Club: Think, Play and make new friends.



Just Dance

CKnowles

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:10pm - 3:40pm
Where?	Butler Hall
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

Love dancing? Then you will love just dance! You don't need to have all the moves as these will be shown to you and you can follow along. Have fun and get fit at the same time.

Netball

CThorpe, HCarmichael and OStanley

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	3G (Top)
Who for?	Y7, Y8

What will you get upto?

Welcoming boys and girls of all abilities in Years 7 and 8. The session focuses on refining passing, footwork, shooting, and spatial awareness through practical match-play scenarios. It is an ideal space to improve game understanding while staying active with peers. Competitive match squads for school fixtures will be chosen based on training performances.

Fitness

GSpink / NHazelden

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Fitness Suite
Who for?	Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Designed for Year 9 and 10 boys and girls looking to improve their physical conditioning and gym confidence. Students can build cardiovascular endurance using treadmills and cardio equipment or focus on strength and power using resistance machines and free weights. It offers a structured environment to establish healthy exercise habits. Suitable for all fitness levels looking to work on personal goals.

Year 8 Boys Rugby League

WMaher

Day / time:	Wednesday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	3G (Bottom)
Who for?	Y8

What will you get upto?

Tailored for Year 8 boys wanting to develop their Rugby League skills and match readiness. Players will have the opportunity to test their core skills in full-game situations, sharpening both attack and defence. Training emphasizes communication, team strategy, and sportsmanship. School competitive teams for match days will be selected directly from this session.



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Thursday

Manga Club

SPotter

Day / time:	Thursday, 3:00pm - 3:45pm
Where?	Library
Who for?	Y8, Y9

What will you get upto?

This is an 'invite only'* club for pupils to explore, discuss and read Manga, as well as designing their own Manga stories. There may also be opportunities to watch Anime.

*Depending on uptake, this club may be opened up to other pupils



Fitness

KBrewerton

Day / time:	Thursday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Fitness Suite
Who for?	Y11

What will you get upto?

Designed for Year 11 boys and girls looking to improve their physical conditioning and gym confidence. Students can build cardiovascular endurance using treadmills and cardio equipment or focus on strength and power using resistance machines and free weights. It offers a structured environment to establish healthy exercise habits. Suitable for all fitness levels looking to work on personal goals.



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Friday

Minecraft Club

KWalton

Day / time:	Friday, 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Where?	M42
Who for?	Y7

What will you get upto?

Minecraft Club is a fun and creative place where students can enjoy the world of Minecraft while developing important skills. Each session gives students the opportunity to take on exciting build challenges, work together and bring their ideas to life! Students will develop their communication and teamwork skills by sharing ideas, listening to others, solving problems and working together. The club is also a great opportunity to meet new friends who share an interest in Minecraft.

Fitness (Female only)

CThorpe / NHazelden

Day / time:	Friday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Fitness Suite
Who for?	Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

A dedicated, relaxed gym environment tailored specifically for Year 9 and 10 girls. This club provides a comfortable space to boost confidence, personal fitness, and overall well-being. Members can target cardiovascular endurance on cardio machines or build muscular strength using free weights and resistance equipment. Perfect for students wanting to work out at their own pace.

Year 9 & 10 Boys Rugby League

GSpink

Day / time:	Friday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	3G (Bottom)
Who for?	Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Created for Year 9 & 10 boys eager to progress their Rugby League capabilities in a structured setting. Players will refine advanced skills, defensive organisation, and attacking structure during game-based scenarios. Suitable for all experience levels looking to stay fit and competitive. Official school teams for upcoming tournaments will be selected from regular attendees.

Girls Rugby

HCoates & WMaher

Day / time:	Friday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	3G (Top)
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Open to girls in Years 7, 8, and 10 of all skill levels, from newcomers to seasoned players. Training focuses on applying fundamental lesson skills into full match scenarios, emphasizing teamwork, tackle safety, and tactical play. It provides a strong community for girls' rugby at the academy. Competitive squads for inter-school fixtures will be chosen from regular practice.

Trampolining & Badminton

HCarmichael

Day / time:	Friday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Sports Hall
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

Open to all abilities across Years 7 to 10 looking to explore or refine their aerial skills. Guided practice takes place on full Olympic-size trampolines to ensure safety and progression. Students will learn and perfect fundamental movements, including seat landings, front landings, back landings, and twists. A high-energy club focused on core strength, control, and spatial awareness.

Dodgeball

NHazelden

Day / time:	Friday, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Where?	Gym
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9

What will you get upto?

A fast-paced, high-energy club open to boys and girls in Years 7 through 9. Focuses on developing essential fundamental movement skills, including quick throwing, accurate catching, and swift dodging. Players will take part in continuous friendly matches, building teamwork and reaction time in a fun, inclusive environment. Perfect for staying active and unwinding at the end of the week.

Computer Games Development

BGee

Day / time:	Friday 3:00pm - 3:40pm
Where?	S53
Who for?	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10

What will you get upto?

Computer Games Development Club is a fun and creative place to learn how to make your own video games. Using GameMaker Studio 2, you'll develop your programming skills by creating games such as mazes and platformers, while meeting new friends and bringing your ideas to life.



Every day



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Breakfast Beats

Duty Staff

Day / time:	Monday - Friday, 8:10am - 8:35am
Where?	Butler Hall
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

If you like to listen to music to wake you up and get ready for the day ahead then this is the place for you! Get into school early and get into your groove with some pop tunes from the radio. You can arrange to meet your friends or just take in the atmosphere and sounds before you make your way to form time for the start of the school day.

Chat & Chill

Duty Staff

Day / time:	Monday - Friday, 8:10am - 8:35am
Where?	The Well
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

This is for pupils who want to make sure they get to school early and just want to sit quietly or meet up with friends for a catch up. This gives you a space to do just that and make sure you are all set for the day ahead.

Morning Games Club

Duty Staff

Day / time:	Monday - Friday, 8:10am - 8:35am
Where?	The Quad
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

Are you a fan of Uno, card games or chess?

If so this is the place for you. Meet up with like minded friends and have some light hearted competition before school starts.

Morning Football

Duty Staff

Day / time:	Monday - Friday, 8:10am - 8:35am
Where?	Astro (Bottom)
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

Make sure you are in school on time, meet up with your friends and get some exercise in before lessons start with a morning game of football. Its a great atmosphere and even if you are not a player its great fun to watch! The footballs are provided and you just need to make sure these are put away before making your way in to form time so they are ready for the next day. Spaces are limited to ensure safety for the pupils playing and you will need to have trainers to change into. This runs every morning weather permitting.

Lunchtime Games Club (Y7)

Duty Staff

Day / time:	Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday; Friday, 1:10pm - 1:25pm
Where?	The Quad
Who for?	Y7

What will you get upto?

Fancy a bit of light hearted competition? We have a range of games for you to play with your friends including Uno, cards and Guess Who. Once you have finished eating you can head to the quad to pick a game and have some fun!

Lunchtime Games Club (Y11)

Duty Staff

Day / time:	Monday - Friday, 1:30pm - 1:55pm
Where?	Well/Quad
Who for?	Year 11

What will you get upto?

Revision and homework are super important in Y11 but these can be done at home. Why not enjoy a bit of down time with your friends at lunch with a game of Uno or cards? Have a laugh and boost your mood with some light hearted friendly competition! All we ask is that you return the packs to the box so we have them for the next time. You can pick up a pack outside of Butler Hall from the blue box once you have finished eating.

Step Up Homework Club

NSmith

Day / time:	Monday-Thursday, 3:00pm-3:55pm
Where?	Step Up
Who for?	All Years

What will you get upto?

A place to be able to come and get on with your Homework, after school.

Also

Library Club provides a calm and welcoming space where pupils can enjoy reading, discover new books, and develop a love of literature. The club promotes reading for pleasure, literacy skills, and confidence in a supportive environment.

The Library is open before registration, at break time, after school, and at various lunch time and other sessions. Please see the Library tv screen for weekly opening times.





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