



Warwick Preparatory School



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IGNITING PASSIONS
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
SPRING TERM 2025

Aspire. Achieve. Enjoy.

Introduction

At Warwick Prep School, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to discover and grow their inner passions and talents. As Early Years and Primary educators, we understand the importance of these crucial foundation years and we strive to provide an environment in which these passions and talents can be awakened, nurtured and cultivated, allowing our children to become the very best that they can be.

As part of our co-curricular programme, we already offer an extensive range of activities and clubs which are sure to cater for all interests. The opportunities are wide and varied – and we warmly invite all pupils to participate in the wonderful activities on offer. Full details are available in the Co-curricular Activities booklet.

For the third year, it is my pleasure to be sharing this overview of Ignite – our Academic Enrichment Programme. Complementary to the array of activities on offer through the Co-curricular Activities programme, Ignite provides interested pupils with greater opportunity for new passions to be discovered and for existing ones to flourish, for intellectual curiosity and creativity to be encouraged, and for independent thought to be enhanced.

In the months and years to come, we hope to broaden our Ignite Programme to offer more opportunities for all age ranges. I have no doubt that this will continue to grow and become a truly bespoke offering for our school.

I hope that our pupils will embrace the exciting opportunities on offer this term and ignite that spark that lies within.

Mrs J. Johnson
Director of Studies

Igniting passions beyond the classroom

Mission

To provide an academic enrichment programme of excellence.

Vision

To provide outstanding opportunities for our pupils to discover, explore and ignite their interests, passions and talents beyond the classroom.



Academic Clubs

Full details of all clubs and activities on offer, including all times and locations and a vast array of Musical, Sporting and Artistic offerings, are available in the Co-Curricular Activities booklet. The following named activities are opportunities designed to enrich academic interests further and are open to all interested pupils at Warwick Prep School.

Challenge Yourself Maths Club – Year 5

This is a club for all pupils who love to be challenged mathematically. Come and explore a range of fun and engaging mathematical puzzles and problems.

Chess Club – Year 1 and above

All chess tuition is overseen by a certified English Chess Federation chess coach, who is a former British Under 21 Chess Champion and World Chess Federation (FIDE) Chess Master. Sessions follow a structured syllabus, incorporating the Chess Rocks certification scheme, and are a mixture of coaching, free play and competitions.

Chess is a great way to improve a child's concentration, problem solving abilities and social skills. Complete beginners are welcome, as are those who already have experience of playing the game.

Classics Club – Years 4-6 with Warwick Junior School

Would you like to learn Latin, the language of the Romans? Fancy brushing up on your Ancient Greek, too? In a fun and informative way using 'Maximum Classics', the fun primary Latin programme, you will learn how to have a conversation in Latin and learn lots of interesting things about the ancient world too. This excellent club is partnered with Warwick Junior School.

Code Club – Years 5-6

An inspiring and fun computer coding club developed by Raspberry Pi and Code Club which uses a range of tools including: Scratch, Trinket and Python to code different animations and games. The club has links to a range of materials and helps to develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills, as well as knowledge of using Blockly, Python and HTML.

Debating Club – Years 4-5

Debating provides excellent opportunities to develop oracy, critical thinking and communication skills. Improve your debating skills by learning to think before you speak and how to use evidence to justify your point. Develop your interrogation skills to find weakness in your opponent's argument, and become an ace debater!

Digital Leaders Club – Years 5-6

Our Digital Leaders are an inspiring pupil support team who strive to develop their own skills in digital literacy and online safety, to enable them to share ideas and give advice to their peers. From learning about being kind online, to blocking, reporting and sharing ideas for apps with parents, our Year 5 and 6 team are an important part of our school.

Drama (An introduction) – Years 2-4

A new drama club, full of games and fun activities that will help pupils to learn basic dramatic techniques and build confidence. Run by the WPS and KHS Director of Drama and KHS Drama Teacher.

Enrich English and Maths – Year 5 Drop-In

This is a weekly English and Maths drop-in 'clinic' aimed at supporting Year 5 pupils with their class learning or homework difficulties. Temporarily stuck on a particular aspect of Maths? Don't yet know your subordinate clause or fronted adverbials? Can't quite remember how to do long multiplication? Come along with a piece of work, and we'll help you progress to your next step.

Forest School – Year 1

This club is a wonderful opportunity for outdoor learning that promotes self-confidence, communication and problem-solving skills and emotional well-being. Children work together to explore and problem-solve in a beautiful natural environment.

French Cinema and Culture – Year 6

An amazingly creative opportunity for Francophiles. Open to Year 6 pupils who would love to develop their language skills and cultural knowledge through French films and popular animations.



German Club – Years 3-6

Did you know that one hundred million people worldwide communicate in German? In fact, it is a leading language of science, literature, art and philosophy. The emphasis of this club is on enjoying learning German through playing lots of games, singing and taking part in role plays. The club is structured in such a way that pupils who are new to German can work alongside those who already have experience; this means that newcomers are ALWAYS welcome. Open to all KS2 pupils with a special interest in languages.

Jewellery & Crafts – Years 4-6

Express your creativity and design skills with weekly design and make classes.

LAMDA – Years 3-6

This is a world-renowned programme for the development of confident communicators. Participants develop key skills in communication, voice control, memory and performance. All pupils in Year 3 and 4 complete a LAMDA programme as part of their Performing Arts curriculum; pupils throughout Years 3-6 can extend this further through separate lessons with a 1:1 LAMDA teacher and by working towards LAMDA Exams.

Lego Club – Year 1

Lego is a wonderful way to ignite an early talent in spatial awareness and engineering skills. Explore, play, create with tailored challenges.

Maths Games – Reception

Ignite your inner mathematician with this fun and engaging club for Reception children. Join us for weekly for Maths games!

Science Club – Year 5

Experiments, experiments, experiments! This club is for anyone in Year 5 who loves Science.

Stemillions – Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 will have the chance to be part of their very own STE(A) M club – Stemillions – showing the next generation that girls do science, technology, engineering and maths. Stemillions is all about STEM related activities, providing STEM role models and building a network of young women in STEM.

More information can be found at <http://stemettes.org/stemillions/>

Story Club – Year 2

Pupils will listen to and discuss a different story and complete a related activity each week. This club aims to stretch reading skills as well as instil a life-long love of reading.

Story and Rhyme – Reception

Fostering a love of lifelong reading starts with early rhymes and favourite stories. Inspire your love of literature with this fun start to your reading journey!

Touch Typing – Years 3-6

A highly valuable skill to learn and develop for our digital natives. Come and learn how to type quickly with our fun program!



Events and Competitions

Primary Maths Challenge (PMC) – Bonus Round (February 2025)

Created by The Mathematical Association, the Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC) is a fun and exciting worldwide mathematical challenge for primary school children, aged 9-11 years. The Bonus Round is an invite-only opportunity for those pupils who did well in the first round, to extend and challenge their maths skills. Good luck to our Bonus Round participants!

Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show (Submissions close Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 5pm)

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for pupils aged 4-18. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Mrs Byrne invites entry from Year 6 pupils.

IART Competition (Official deadline Friday 28 March 2025 at noon)

The 2025 iart competition is officially open and accepting entries! This year's theme is "Reflect" or "Reflection". Children from Year 1 upwards are encouraged to consider this theme broadly and work with a range of media including painting, drawing, collage or sculpture. See Mrs Byrne for further details.

Year 4 Portraits Exhibition (in conjunction with Warwick Junior School)

This term, pupils in Year 4 have the opportunity to participate in an art exhibition with members of Warwick Junior School. Pupils will create portraits for submission, directed by our Head of Art, Design and Technology, Mrs Byrne.





Astro Pi Mission Zero Challenge (Entries close Monday 24 March 2025)

The Mission Zero Challenge offers young people the chance to have their code run in space! Write a simple program to take a reading from the colour and luminosity sensor on an Astro Pi computer on board the International Space Station, and use it to set the background colour in a personalised image for the astronauts to see as they go about their daily tasks. Not sure what that means? Join Mrs Drury in Code Club to find out!

UK Bebras Coding Challenge (24 March – 4 April)

The Bebras Coding Challenge takes coding to the next level for successful participants of the Bebras Challenge held in the Autumn Term. The aim of this coding challenge is to enhance skills, build confidence, and inspire students to develop programmed solutions to computational thinking problems. The UK Bebras Challenge is organised by the Raspberry Pi Foundation and delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford.

KHS Design Exhibition (Thursday 3 April)

As part of our Skills for Life program, Year 6 girls are tasked with creating a boardgame that is designed to teach others an important concept about the environment. This term, Key Stage 3 students at KHS are involved in a similarly themed design project and exhibition. Year 6 pupils are invited to view their innovations and help judge the finished design products.



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