



Warwick Preparatory School



  
**ignite**

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT  
PROGRAMME  
SPRING TERM 2023

**Aspire. Achieve. Enjoy.**



The background is a dark grey chalkboard with various space-themed illustrations in white and light colors. At the top left is a ringed planet. To its right are several five-pointed stars. Further right is a satellite with two long antennae. Below the satellite is a yellow comet. In the center is a yellow UFO with three windows. To the right of the UFO is the equation  $E=MC^2$ . Further right is a pink rocket ship. To the right of the rocket is a yellow comet. At the top right is a yellow star. Below it is a yellow globe. At the bottom right is a yellow star. On the right side, there is a large white chalk outline of a girl's head and shoulders. The girl has dark hair in pigtails and is wearing a white shirt with a ruffled collar. She is smiling and has her right arm raised, with her hand near the top of the outline.

# 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, whether in Street Dance, Cross-Stitch, Glass-Fusing or Karate. The opportunities are wide and varied – and we warmly invite all pupils to participate in the wonderful activities on offer. Further details are available in the co-curricular programme.

Last term, we launched **Ignite** – our Academic Enrichment Programme. In addition to the array of activities on offer through the co-curricular programme, Ignite will provide 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. This will take us a little longer, but 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 year and ignite that spark that lies within.

**Mrs J. Johnson**  
Director of Studies

## Igniting passions beyond the classroom

# Vision

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

# Mission

To provide an academic enrichment programme of excellence.



# Academic Clubs

Full details of all clubs on offer, including times and locations, are available in the co-curricular programme.



## Book Club – Year 5 in conjunction with King's High School

A chance for book-lovers from Year 5 to read and discuss texts with students from King's High School. See Miss Meloy for details.

## Chess Club – Year 1 and above

Overseen by a certified English Chess Federation chess coach, who teaches through a structured syllabus incorporating the Chess Rocks certification scheme. The sessions 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. Open to all pupils from Year 1 and above.

## Classics Club – Years 4-6

Would you like to learn Latin, the language of the Romans? Fancy brushing up on your Ancient Greek, too? During the Spring Term, Classics Club will focus on Latin and Greek in this fun new programme for this academic year. Open to all pupils in Years 4-6.

## Code Club – Year 5

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. Open to Year 5 pupils.

## 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. Open to all KS2 pupils with a special interest in languages.

## K'nex Club – Year 4

This is the club for all aspiring engineers. Come along and construct complex models using 2D design plans and have fun at the same time!

## 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

This is where creativity and STEM combine – and it starts early! Ignite your inner engineer with this Year 1 Lego Club, designed for fun and challenge.

## Maths Scholars Club – Year 6 in conjunction with King's High School

A fun and challenging Maths club for Year 6 pupils run by the King's High Ruth Court Mathematical Scholarship recipients. Pupils are presented with advanced problems designed to stretch and challenge their mathematical thinking.

See Mrs Johnson for details.

## Science Club – Year 5

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

## Stemillions – Year 6

Calling all Stemettes! This is a truly inspirational club for all fans of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This club introduces members to new female STEM role models and explores STEM careers in fun and engaging ways. Prepare to be inspired by hands-on experiments and food-filled challenges!



# Events and Competitions

## JANUARY

### OXFORD UNIVERSITY COMPUTING CHALLENGE (OUCC) – BY INVITATION

**ROUND 1: 16TH - 20TH JANUARY**

**ROUND 2: 7TH MARCH**

The OUCC is an invitational event which aims to encourage students who have achieved a top 10% score in the UK Bebras Challenge, held last term, to develop their skills further and produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems.

## FEBRUARY

### SPARK YOUNG WRITERS MAGAZINE – AGES 8 AND ABOVE

Do you love writing stories and poems? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to write for a real-life magazine or an anthology book?

Spark Young Writers is a writer's group and online magazine for children and young people in the West Midlands. Creative writers aged 8 years and over are encouraged to submit their own short stories or poems for publication in this local magazine. Each entry receives an editor's letter and feedback. This is a great opportunity to write for an authentic audience!

See Mrs Johnson for details.

### THE CANTERBURY TALES WRITING COMPETITION – AGES 5-11 IN CONJUNCTION WITH KINGS' HIGH SCHOOL

**CLOSING DATE:**

**28TH FEBRUARY 2023**

This is a writing competition for all aged 5-11. Writers should send in their poems or stories, of no more than 500 words, on the theme of PROMISES, PROMISES! Writing should invoke the spirit of Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, although be written in plain English!

See Mrs Johnson for details.

## MARCH

### POETRY BY HEART RECITAL COMPETITION – NURSERY TO YEAR 2 (FOR FUN AND THE CHANCE TO PERFORM IN ASSEMBLY!);

**NATIONAL COMPETITION OPEN TO YEARS 3-6**

**CLOSING DATE:**

**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023**

Poetry by Heart is a national poetry speaking competition. Taking part in Poetry by Heart is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way. Choose a poem, learn it by heart and perform it out loud!

See Mrs Johnson for details.





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