



Warwick Preparatory School



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IGNITING PASSIONS
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
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Aspire. Achieve. Enjoy.

Introduction

At Warwick Preparatory School, we believe that every child deserves 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

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.

Igniting passions beyond the classroom



Academic Clubs

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

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

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.

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

Developed by Childnet, 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 Year 6 team are an important part of our school.

Drama (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 Warwick Prep and King's High Director of Drama and King's High Drama Teacher.

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.

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 Year 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 Enrichment – 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, as well as practice key skills needed to excel in the Primary Maths Challenge.

Multimedia Craft Club – Years 5-6

Tapping into creative skills and passions, pupils will learn how to use a variety of materials to create one off pieces, including painting, drawing, making, joining, shaping and innovating!

Number Games – Reception

A variety of games and activities which help to develop and stretch an early understanding of numbers.

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 lifelong love of reading.

Times Tables Rockstars Club – Years 3-4

Stretch your mental ability in Maths by improving your accuracy and fluency in multiplication tables. Practise and extend key Maths skills with a fun and competitive online platform, guided by our Head of Maths.



Events and Competitions



4-15 November (Years 5-6) UK Bebras Challenge

The Bebras Challenge introduces computational thinking to students worldwide. This exciting challenge takes place over a two-week period every November. Last year, over 3 million students from more than 80 countries participated! The UK Bebras Challenge is organised by the Raspberry Pi Foundation and delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford from 4-15 November 2024.

8 November (all age groups) BBC 500 Words Writing Competition

Write a story you would love to read! BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11. Our Head of English will launch this national competition with full details and tips for how all pupils can be involved. Entries close on Friday 8 November 2024.

11-22 November (Years 5-6) UK Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC)

The Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC) is a fun and challenging national mathematics competition organised by the Mathematical Association. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will be given the opportunity to extend and challenge their thinking by entering this national competition which runs from 11-22 November. Good luck!

December (Years 6-7) Warwick Christmas Lectures

Join our Head of Science and Head of STEAM for the award-winning Christmas Lectures, where scientists from the University of Warwick promise to entertain, inspire and amaze audiences. Pull on your festive jumper and enjoy an evening of mind-boggling science and explosive experiments! This is a ticketed event. Details will be published closer to the time.



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