

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

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Dear Parents/Guardians

In the third week of Advent, the spotlight shines on joy—a radiant reminder of the season's true essence. The pink candle on the wreath symbolises the anticipation of Christ's imminent arrival. Advent joy is more than fleeting happiness; it's a profound gladness, transcending life's challenges.

This season prompts us to celebrate joy in simplicity—shared laughter, meaningful connections, and the beauty of giving. As we prepare for the Light of the world, let joy permeate our hearts and inspire acts of kindness and love. Advent joy is

contagious, creating a ripple effect that touches lives.

Next week we anticipate lots of joy at the Academy as we look forward to the annual Carol service on Tuesday evening at 6pm. We hope to see many of you there especially those parents and carers of the performers who have put so much effort into rehearsals for this special event. On Wednesday we have the following joy-filled activities: year team rewards assemblies, Christmas jumper day in aid of local foodbanks and the annual Christmas lunch served by our fantastic kitchen staff.

Today I also wrote to the parents of all the students who have not received any demerits this half term, this of course is the majority of students at the Ursuline. These girls will also receive certificate in form time next week.

In this season of anticipation, may our hearts be filled with gratitude, and our smiles reflect the joy of Christmas—a celebration of love, salvation, and the everlasting presence of Emmanuel, God with us. Let joy be our guiding light, radiating hope and happiness in a world that yearns for both.



Fiona Stone headteacher@uai.org.uk



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Chaplaincy News



We must make sure that Artificial Intelligence is put at the service of peace in the world, rather than being a threat, and that it makes a beneficial contribution on humanity future. I have dedicated the message for World Day of Peace to this. #WDP2024@vaticanIHD



Forward in Joy – 366 days with Angela Merici – Daily words of wisdom from our patron saint

December: Hope

15th December: Our life and well-being are at stake.

16th December: You must not be afraid.

17th December: Have hope and firm faith in God, who will help you in everything.

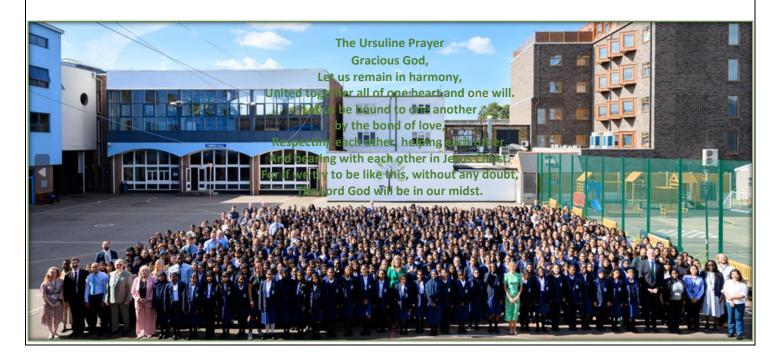
18th December: Jesus Christ will enlighten you.

19th **December**: Be consoled, and have a lively faith and hope.

20th December: Look forward to the great reward which God has prepared for you.

21st December: If you strive with all your might, I have undaunted and firm faith and hope in the infinite

divine goodness.





Advent Calendar

Our Advent Calendar continues this week...

We are almost halfway and are continuing to be "United in Harmony" here at the Ursuline Academy Ilford. We are encouraging others to give to those who need it and to be more mindful of what we buy. Less waste is better for our environment!





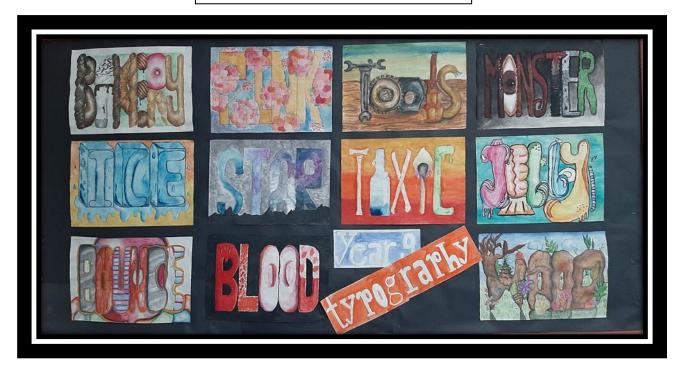
We are now over halfway through our advent Calendar! This advent our students have said that they will show that they are "United in Harmony" by smiling at people and that they will also think before they speak and show respect! They will also look after our planet by picking up litter and saving energy.





'Literacy, Typography and Art'

Year 9E/Art – Mr Selley









Mr Selley's Year 9 class have been working extremely hard on Typography. They have looked at words that sound like the action (onomatopoeia), illustrated lettering in religious text and in commerce. Their task was to study a word and to create each letter in the style of that word. The results are incredible!

The texture is detailed, and the colour palettes used are carefully thought out.

Well done to Mr Selley and 9E!

Mr Butler, Head of Art



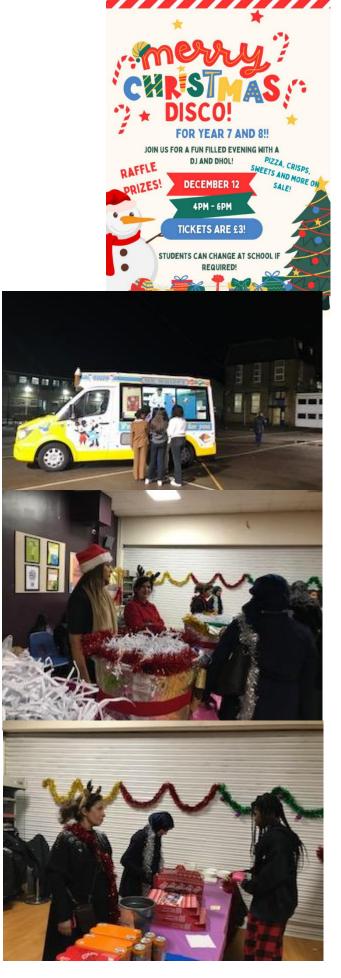
Year 7 and 8 Christmas Disco







As you can see, it was a fun night, and the girls had a great time. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped to organise!





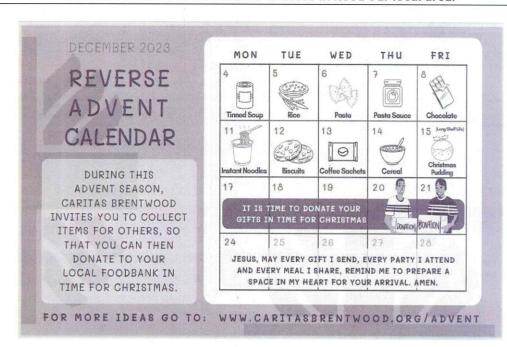
Christmas Jumper Day:

Wednesday 20th December



On <u>Wednesday 20th December</u> the school will be holding a Christmas Jumper day for students and staff. Wear a Christmas Jumper and support those in our local community.

We ask that you kindly donate any unperishable food items such as tinned food, rice, biscuits, cereal, pasta, instant noodles, sauces etc. These foods will be taken to our local food bank and distributed to those in need our local area.





The Deadline for donations is Wednesday 20th December.

All food donations can be taken to by Form Chaplaincy reps and Form tutors to boxes which will be placed in Mr Challis' office.

Please give wisely and generously.



Immunisations

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were at Ursuline this week but had a very poor take up!

We are hosting flu clinics within the Redbridge area. If your child missed their flu nasal spray or injection, please contact our office on 0203 343 2400 or email us at redbridge@v-uk.co.uk and we can get your child booked into one of our clinics.

If you have not completed a form and you would like your children to receive this, please complete the following link.

If you <u>would like</u> for your child to receive the nasal spray or injection for the flu immunisation (click <u>yes</u> to having the flu immunisation, then you will be offered an option to pick nasal spray or injection)



https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/redbridge

If you <u>would not like</u> for your child to receive either of the immunisations, please complete the link and refuse (click <u>no</u> to having the flu immunisation): https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/redbridge

If you have already completed a form, we will not need you to complete another.

If you wish to leave feedback of our services, please complete the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/fluconsent23

Kind Regards,

Redbridge School Immunisation Team



The Hubb | 335-351 Rainham Road South | Dagenham | RM10 8QR T: 0203 343 2400 OPT: 3 www.schoolvaccination.uk

Jack Petchey Award Ceremony

Last Thursday 7 of our students attended the Jack Petchey Award Ceremony at Redbridge Town Hall.

This was a wonderful event showcasing all of the amazing contributions made by many students across the borough in their school and the wider community.

Well done especially to our 7 young achievers who had a great night of singing and celebrating surrounded by family and friends.

We are very proud of them all! Serviam!



Ms Eakins



Library News

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this year. It generated a lot of excitement and how wonderful to see students chatting over and choosing which books to buy. Overall, we sold £720 approx. worth of books. The school library will benefit by selecting books up to the value of 20% of the takings. A special thank you must go to the Sixth Form library team, ably managed

by Fiorella Shayree Hassan and Alisha Qureshi. Future entrepreneurs without any doubt!

Ms Finlay, Librarian



Year 7 Spanish Poem Project

7T worked on 'El Otoño', a poem about Autumn, in their Spanish lesson. They had previously worked on specific Spanish sounds and were now asked to recognise these in this lovely piece of work. They also illustrated their work and practised their creative skills by producing fantastic posters on the theme. Well done, *Lena Och* and *Manasha Sivaharan* for winning the competition. Don't forget to collect your prizes!



Ms Grassi, Head of MFL



Music News

Music Performances in Assembly

This half term, the Year 7's and Year 8's have had the chance to enjoy a couple of performances from our smaller ensembles in their year group assemblies. Thank you to our Year Leaders, students and staff for supporting them.

Well done to everyone who performed and thank you to our woodwind teacher, Danielle, and violin teacher, Sandy, for preparing them!

Woodwind Ensemble – Mariam, Christabel, Harshikaa, Ruth and Semonne.



<u>Violin Ensemble</u> – Haashini, Aleeza, Dia, Nithila, Charisse, Phoebe



Ms Deller, Subject Lead Music

P E News

We are thrilled to bring you the exciting highlights from the Year 9 Netball Inter-Form Competition on Tuesday, 12th December, where three forms, 9U, 9C, and 9J, competed fiercely for the coveted title. The competition was spectacular, with each form showcasing incredible skills, determination, and teamwork. The atmosphere was electric, and it was evident that all participants had given their best on the court.



Star Players:

Special mention goes to **Aaliyah Khan 9J** and **Avril Gottshalk-Charles 9U** for their exceptional shooting skills, consistently securing valuable points for their respective teams.

Gabriella Pongo 9C and **Alyssia Baptiste 9J** stood out with their incredible defensive skills, making it challenging for the opposition to break through.

Habibah Tijani's 9J remarkable attacking work contributed significantly to her team's success.

Final Standings:

After a nail-biting series of matches, we are delighted to announce the final standings:

- 1. **9J Champions** The team demonstrated exceptional coordination, skill, and determination, earning them the well-deserved first place.
- 2. **9C Runners-up 3**: 9C displayed incredible resilience and teamwork, securing the second spot with commendable performances.
- 3. **9U Third Place** \(\subseteq\): Despite facing tough competition, 9U showcased great spirit and sportsmanship, earning them the third position.

We congratulate all the participants for their hard work and dedication. It was evident that the Year 9 Netball Inter-Form Competition was not just a battle on the court but also a celebration of teamwork, skill, and school spirit.







Religious Education News

"What I love about UAI"

We put some lovely posters around the school today...
UAI is an inclusive school surrounded by a multicultural community. I am very proud that with my Year 7s (7T and 7J) and also with my Year 8s (8C and 8T) we are proving this to you Pupil's dedication to this project is truly commendable. United in Harmony!

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Ms Maria Posnakidou (A proud teacher!)

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Science News

Balloon full of gas!

This week we wanted to see what happens when you mix bicarbonate of soda and various different acids.

Mixing baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) and acid causes a chemical reaction that produces a salt (sodium acetate) and water, as well as carbon dioxide gas. In this demonstration we had baking soda in a test tube and mixed it with various acids and then a balloon was attached to the top.

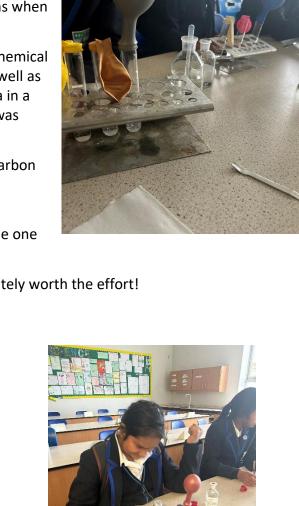
The reaction that was the strongest would give us the most carbon dioxide gas. We tested hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid and ethanoic acid (Vinegar).

The balloon that inflated the most as the images show was the one with the ethanoic acid (Vinegar)

Removing the balloons at the end got a little messy but definitely worth the effort!

Mr Uddin and Ms Agudelo









<u>Did you know...just registering your daughter for Free School Meals</u> means that our school gets extra money!!

You can register your daughter for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you want your daughter to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – she will get a free meal (saving you more than £400 per year!). There is NO stigma attached and no one will know because we operate a cashless payment system in our Dining Hall.

If you qualify but don't want your daughter to have Free School Meals, please still register as the school will get additional funding. Your daughter can still continue to have her packed lunch as normal!

To apply please complete the on-line Free School Meals application on the Redbridge.gov.uk website. You can apply regardless of which borough you live in because your daughter attends a school in Redbridge. It is a simple 1-page form, so don't delay, apply today!!

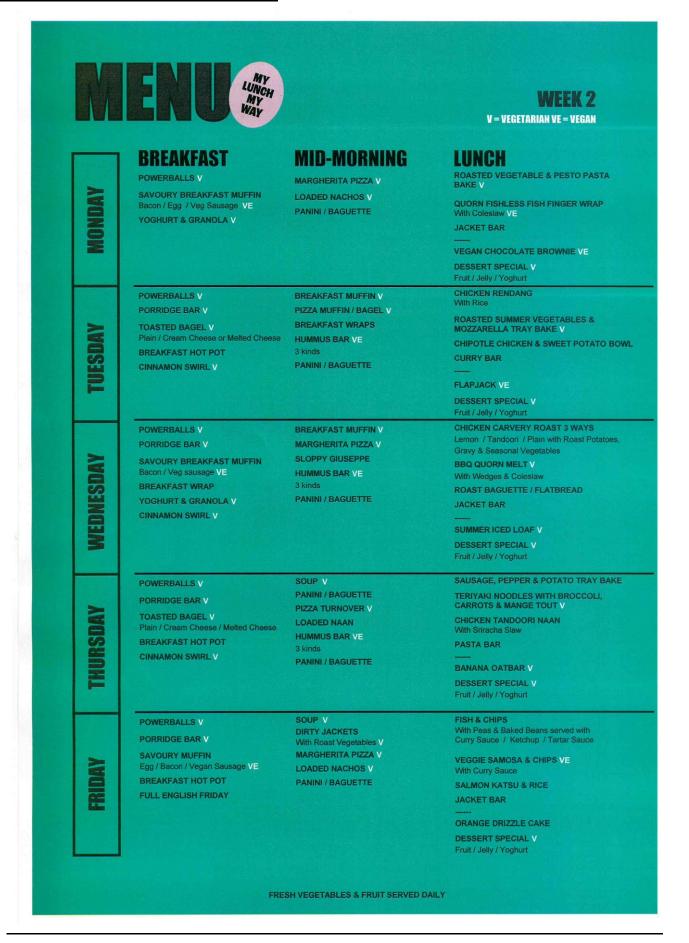
It is important to note that:

- Taking the meal is recommended but not compulsory
- Your daughter may receive additional help as a result of being registered, for example, help with the cost of music lessons or school trips
- No one will know and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming
- Registering your daughter for Free School Meals will bring in more money to our school. Thank you for your co-operation!





Ursuline Menu for the coming week...







Discover our new Media Careers Podcast

We're pleased to announce a new partnership to deliver the <u>Media Careers Podcast</u>, a fantastic podcast series available on both <u>Spotify</u> and <u>Apple</u>. This series provides insider information from industry professionals about pursuing a career in the screen industries to students

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MEDIA CAREERS PODCAST

Explore careers across unexpected dimensions

Our apprenticeship applications for 2024 are now open!

Why Join CBRE?

Property makes up the building blocks of where we live, work, and have fun. Every building you enter has been directly affected by someone working in the property industry. There are a wide range of career paths and opportunities that await students in this industry, which is focused on people above everything else.

In joining CBRE's Next Generation cohort, your students will be shaping the future of Real Estate. Students will receive excellent training and mentoring from industry experts and specialists, who will share invaluable knowledge and experience with you. They will be a part of a wider cohort of like-minded young professionals who will develop together in their careers. We give your students the opportunity to work on world class projects, with an unmatched portfolio of clients, so that they gain the knowledge, skills, and ability to become future leaders and our Next Generation of CBRE.



When I entered CBRE as an apprentice I was quite intimidated coming from sixth form. However, the culture and people at CBRE made it such a happy and supportive place for young people like me."

- Kadra Abdi, Real Estate Apprentice

Apply now here



Monday 5th February 2024, 4pm-5pm

Discover your path at our All About Deloitte Apprenticeships event.

What matters is different to everyone. Right now, you're exploring options for what direction to take as you start your career. We know that in a sea of opportunities, deciding what's most important to you can feel really daunting. But you don't need to have it all figured out just yet. We're here to help you make the right choices, for you.

RESERVE PLACE

Careers in STEM Apprenticeships Event

An exclusive opportunity to access competitive apprenticeship offers and connect with top STEM companies, including BP, Pfizer, Dyson, and more!



We invite you to join us for a unique experience, in collaboration with industry leaders including Dyson, Pfizer, BP, HSBC, GSK and Salesforce (more soon to be announced).

This event is specifically curated for young women and non-binary students who are eager to explore apprenticeships and pursue careers in these dynamic fields.

This event will include:

- Networking: Connect with like-minded individuals and industry professionals.
- Industry Panel Event: Gain insights from experts at the forefront of engineering and technology.
- Interactive Workshop Activities: Get hands-on experience and enhance your skills
- Sponsor Trade Stands: Explore the offerings of our esteemed partners.
- Application support: Receive expert guidance from partner organisations as they share top tips to assist and support potential candidates in applying for their apprenticeships.

Event Details

Name of event: Careers in Technology and Engineering Apprenticeships Event Date: Friday 19th

January, 2024

Times: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Salesforce office, London-Liverpool Street

Applicants must be:

- A female or non-binary student
- Living in England
- In Year 13 for the academic year 2023/24
- Studying at least one STEM subject

Click Here to Apply Now Deadline: 4th January 2024.



Message from the Met Police

KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS SAFE IN THE SCHOOL HOLID · Stay aware of your surroundings when you are out and about in the school holidays. Avoid walking with valuables on display such as mobile phones earpods Plan your route and use forms of transport others are using. Perhaps transport with a friend Avoid shortcuts and isolated places Do not confront a thief or risk your own safety LOCATE YOUR PHONE IF LOST ON STOLE Record your phone's IMEI number by typing *#06# on your pho keep a note of it somewhere at home Use access codes sent (two-factor authentication codes) to access from another device KNOW YOUR DETAILS Tracker Apps can help locate your phone, such a My Phone and record password details elsewhere, in case you need to p information to an officer after your phone has been stolen. METROPOLITAN POLICE MORE LESS HIGH TRUST CRIME STANDARDS





| Day | Activity | Time | Room | Year |
|----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| EVERY DAY | Rise & Shine Biology Time! : LMB | 7.45 -8.30a.m. | G7 | Year 11 |
| MONDAY | | | | |
| BREAKTIME | Music Practice (Invitation only): SDE | 10.40 – 11.00am | S5 | Years 7-11 |
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| LUNCHTIME | Music Practice (Invitation only): SDE | 12.40 – 1.10pm | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | Guitar Ensemble: SDE | 1.10 – 1.40pm | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | Indoor Rowing: JMA/CHB | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | Gym | All Years |
| AFTER SCHOOL | Library Club: CFI | 3.20 – 4.30pm | Library | Years 7-13 |
| 7 | Netball Club: JMA | 3.30 – 4.30p.m. | Playground/Gym | Years 7-8 |
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| LUNCHTIME | French Carol Singers: SDE/LGR | 12.40 – 1.10pm | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | Violin Ensemble: SDE | 1.10 – 1.40pm | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | STEM Club: AKO | 1.10 – 1.40pm | G12 | |
| | | | F19 | Years 7-11 |
| | Debating Team: EDO | 12.40 – 1.10pm | | Years 12-13 |
| | Maths Club: TKA | 12.40 – 1.40pm | S6 | Years 7-11 |
| | Chemistry Club: JOS | 12.40 – 1.10pm | G8 | Years 10-13 |
| | GCSE PE Intervention: SFR | 12.40 – 1.30p.m. | G18 | Years 10-11 |
| | Newspaper Club: NAS | 12.40 – 1.40p.m. | F9 | Years 7-11 |
| AFTER SCHOOL | Subject Champions: RBA | 3.30 – 4.30pm | G15 | Years 12-13 |
| | Library Club: CFI | 3.20 – 4.30pm | Library | Years 7-13 |
| | Netball Club: SFR | 3.30 – 4.30p.m. | Playground/Gym | Years 9 - 13 |
| | Humanities Revision Club: EDO/HMA/HCO | 3.30 – 4.30p.m. | G3 | Year 11 |
| WEDNESDAY | | | | |
| BREAKTIME | Ukulele Group: DEA | 10.40 – 11.00a.m. | S5 | Years 7-8 |
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| LUNCHTIME | Music Practice (Invitation only): SDE | 12.40 – 1.00p.m. | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | UAI Choir: SDE | 1.00 – 1.40p.m. | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | Mindfulness and Wellbeing: NKA | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | G9 | Years 12-13 |
| | Indoor Athletics: JMA | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | Gym | Years 7-8 |
| | French Speaking Club: LGR | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | G6 | Year 11 |
| | Spanish Speaking Club: SCL | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | G5 | Year 11 |
| | SEN Science Club: MUD | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | G11 | Year 8 |
| | Islamic Society: AAH | 1.05 – 1.30p.m. | F8 | Years 7-11 |
| AFTER SCHOOL | DT Catch Up: AKO | 3.30 – 4.30p.m. | G12 | Year 11 |
| | Football Club: LBU/DOK | 3.30 – 4.30p.m. | Playground/Gym | All Years |
| | Peer Mentor: NKA/RBA/HCO/SFR | 3.30 – 4.30p.m. | G15 | Years 7-13 |
| | Library Club: CFI | 3.20 – 4.30p.m. | Library | Years 7-13 |
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| | Woodwind Ensemble: SDE | <u> </u> | | Years 7-11 |
| | Art Club: RBU | 12.40 – 1.40p.m. | S2 | Years 7-13 |
| | Knitting Club: HMA & Mrs Mackie | 12.40 – 1.40p.m. | F18 | Years 7-11 |
| | Charity and Enterprise: LBU | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | F10 | Years 12-13 |
| | Sports Ambassadors: SFR | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | Dance Studio | Years 12-13 |
| Fortnightly | African Caribbean Society: TKA/SFR/NKA | 1.10 – 1.40p.m. | S6 | All Years |
| Fortnightly | ECO Club: HCO/JMC | 12.40 – 1.00p.m. | G3 | Years 7-8 |
| AFTER SCHOOL | Library Club: CFI | 3.20 – 4.30p.m. | Library | Years 7-13 |
| FRIDAY | | | | |
| BREAKTIME | Music Practice (Invitation only): SDE | 10.40 – 11.00a.m. | S5 | Years 7-11 |
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| LUNCHTIME | UAI Band: SDE | 12.40 – 1.10p.m. | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | Glee Club: SDE | 1.10 – 1.40p.m. | S5 | Years 7-11 |
| | Art Club: RBU | 12.40 – 1.40p.m. | S2 | Years 10-13 |
| | Chess Club: BFA | 1.00 – 1.30p.m. | F13 | All Years |
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| AFTER SCHOOL | Library Club: CFI | 3.20 – 4.30p.m. | Library | Years 7-13 |