



Activity Outlines for pupils

Junior Activities

Study Skills/Team Building:

Learning how to learn is an essential skill and this session will help pupils to identify their preferred learning style and to develop learning strategies.

Activity based Maths:

In this session pupils will learn how to solve Mathematical puzzles (such as Sudoku) and gain “clues” to enable them to solve larger problems.

Computer Programming:

This is an introduction to Computer Programming using the ‘Python’ language. This is the language used in-house by large companies such as Google. No experience is required.

Spanish Cultural Workshop:

A flavour of Spain! Hispanic History: Spanish golden century; indigenous South American culture; Franco’s dictatorship; the conquistadors and modern Spain. Hispanic Music: flamenco and salsa, from Shakira to Enrique Iglesias. Hispanic Gastronomy: tapas, paella and ceviche. Hispanic sporting personalities: Barcelona FC, Real Madrid, Rafa Nadal and Messi. Hispanic travel experience: for pupils thinking of visiting Spain or South America. Spanish language: introduction to Spanish with interactive games and fun quizzes and role plays.

DT controlled assessment Activity:

This session will focus on 5th form DT Controlled assessment review and feedback (A551).

EAL English:

Practise writing, listening and speaking skills in a fun, but informative fashion!

Debating/Public speaking:

Sessions will explore the art of public speaking and the etiquette of formal debating. This will take the form of interactive activities/workshops in speech writing and making, the rules of the debating chamber (with consideration of the model used by the House of Commons), as well as the staging of a live debate on several motions by the pupils. There will also be consideration of the speech making skills/rhetoric of some leading politicians, thinkers and businessmen/women (such as Barack Obama, Tony Blair, Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher, Steve Jobs).



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EAL Film Making:

A group of 7-10 pupils will spend the morning planning, preparing and then filming a ‘Guide to Mill Hill School’ for potential EAL pupils. They will use a variety of locations around school and produce an informative video guide using their oral skills to inform and persuade.

Senior Activities

Study Skills/Team Building:

Learning how to learn is an essential skill and this session will help pupils to identify their preferred learning style and develop learning strategies.

UCAS Personal Statements:

This workshop will explore how to construct a first class UCAS Personal Statement in terms of structure and content.

Business Studies Induction Support:

Aimed to introduce pupils to Business Studies, this activity will look at teaching methods, resources and support, and effective use of the VLE and Departmental Resources.

Chemistry Induction Support:

This practical Chemistry course is designed to help EAL students in their first term to get to grips with the challenges of studying Chemistry in another language.

Contemporary Film and Literature:

What’s better, the film or the book? Does changing the media alter the story? Sessions will look at the timeless relationship between film and literature, considering how film makers translate books into motion picture and analysing their success. Writers under the spotlight will include: Ian McEwan, Chuck Palahniuk and Mario Puzo. Pupils will be encouraged to read and watch films in their own time, as well as looking closely at extracts and scenes in class. They will also have a go at script writing and turning their favourite book into a screenplay.

Engineering Education Project:

An introductory session to the Engineering Education Project.

French Cultural Topic:

A chance for pupils to gain a greater understanding of the work of the director, Matthieu Kassowitz. A selection of short films and documentaries will develop an understanding of life in the French *banlieues* and the director’s motivation for the film.



STEP/Oxbridge Maths Preparation:

This activity will provide support and practice for Oxbridge/STEP.

Physics Induction Support:

Introductory support for AS Physics pupils will provide supplementary support and reinforcement of key topic areas on the AS syllabus.

Economics Induction Support:

Designed to introduce pupils to Economics, this activity will focus on teaching methods, resources and support, and use of the VLE and Departmental Resources.

Investment Club:

The Investment Club will offer a chance for pupils to initially be introduced to, and become familiar with, the basic principles of investing, such as different investment objectives, the concepts of risk and risk/return, the tools of financial analysis and alternative types of investment assets. Subsequently, the Club will break into competing teams who will ‘manage’ investment portfolios with a prize for the best performing team at the end of the year. Pupils who opt for this activity will attend all Investment Club sessions for the year.

History and Politics Enrichment:

This session will cover a significant event or issue in History, such as the Vietnam War, and explore its social and political significance.

Extended Project Qualification:

These are support sessions for those taking the Extended Project Qualification.

Maths Challenge:

The Maths Challenge will offer stimulating and engaging activities that develop mathematical thinking and problem solving skills. It will show Mathematics in meaningful contexts, and will link to the Maths Challenge sat by pupils.

Biology Induction Support:

These are introductory support sessions for AS Biology pupils, which will help them to bridge the gap between GCSE level and AS level study.

Biology Olympiad Workshop:

The Olympiad workshop is for those A Level Biologists who are looking for a challenge and to stretch themselves. The Olympiad is a national competition with chances of progressing to international level with success.



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M1 Maths Revision:

For those who need to re-sit the M1 module in January, the focus will be on working through examination questions to reveal the mysteries of Mechanics.

Activities for all year groups

Art Life Class:

This activity is ideal for students who have some basic drawing skills that they want to develop. The ability to concentrate and physical stamina are both requirements of this tough but rewarding drawing activity. This activity is open to both artists and non artists. Those who opt for this activity will be required to attend all sessions this term.

Library Study Sessions:

There will be an opportunity for pupils to use the facilities of the Library for research and private study.

Music Composition Workshop:

This is a solo performance workshop for GCSE and Sixth Form exam students.

German Film Making:

The aim of this activity is to produce a promotional video of Mill Hill School in German.