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Autumn Term 2021





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Dear Parents,

We are proud of our clubs provision here at Wetherby Prep and also very appreciative of your enthusiastic support towards the programme. I am pleased to enclose details of the clubs on offer for Autumn Term 2021. Contained within this booklet are:

- **'Clubs Programme – Autumn Term 2021'**, which outlines the full programme of clubs for next term.
- **'Information on new clubs or club changes'**, giving you more detailed information on many of the clubs, including those which are new to the programme.

Please be careful of the clubs you choose on your son's **Games day**, as boys may have a fixture during their afternoon Games session. If boys are involved in an *away* fixture this will often mean they return to school after 4pm, and therefore could miss part of their club. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a refund if some sessions are missed due to fixtures – ***it is only possible to receive a refund for a club that is cancelled by Wetherby Prep.***

For your information, afternoon Games sessions for your son are as follows:

- **Monday – Year 6**
- **Tuesday – Year 3 & 4**
- **Wednesday – Year 7 & 8**
- **Thursday – Year 5**

As you may be aware, we have introduced some morning clubs to provide boys with more options when it come to the mornings. These morning clubs will continue to run from 7:45-8:30am or 7:45-8:45am and your son will be given breakfast.

Listed below are some new clubs for the Autumn Term 2021:

Apple Users' Club

Card Tricks and Magic

Mythology Club

Phantom Comics

We hope that all boys will find something they enjoy, particularly for their Friday afternoon activity. Friday afternoon clubs are **compulsory** for all boys, so please make sure a choice is selected for your son. Some pupils opt to take part in private lessons e.g., golf or tennis during Friday afternoons, if this applies to your son, please select the 'Out of School' option. Prior permission must be obtained from Mr Baker for pupils to take part in clubs outside of school during Friday afternoons.

Online Sign Up

Sign up for clubs can be completed online via SOCS. This is the same online system we use for all our sports fixtures, and hopefully will prove to be informative and efficient for parents as you will be able to see all of your son's sports fixtures and clubs in one location. To login click on either of the links below:

<https://www.wetherbyprep.co.uk/sports-clubs-trips/clubs/>

<https://www.socscms.com/login/28432/parent/>

New parents will need to create an account before signing up. Further instructions on how to create your account and sign up for clubs online are attached in a separate document.

The deadline for sign up completion is: Monday 6th September 2021

Your son will find out which club(s) he has been allocated at the beginning of term, during form time. Unless stated otherwise, clubs are allocated on a 'first come, first served basis'. Your son's allocations can be viewed at any time by logging into socs and will also be confirmed to your son by their form tutor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the clubs programme.

Kind regards,



Mr Robert Dean

Head of Co-Curricular

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** All the morning clubs with a charge and an * will include breakfast. This will be provided to your son by the member of staff taking that club.*

Day	Timings	Club	Year Groups	Teacher	Venue	Termly Charge
Monday	4-5pm	Advanced Drama	Years 6-8	Miss Wood Mx Cox	In school	£100
Monday	4-5pm	Apple Users' Club	Years 6-8	Dr Lee	In school	£100
Monday	4-5pm	Coding - Minecraft Modding	Year 3-6	Blueshift/ Mr Morrison	In school	£225
Monday	4-5pm	Debating	Years 3-5	Miss Bevan	In school	£100
Monday	4-6pm	Football	Years 3-5	Mr Reid Mr Trencher	Wetherby Sports Ground	£210
Monday	4-5pm	Homework Club	All Years	Mr Metherell	In school	No charge
Monday	4-5pm	Indoor Sports (Football)	Year 7 & 8	Mr Dean	Seymour Leisure Centre	£135
Monday	4-5pm	Wetherby Voices	Years 3-5	Miss Orpwood	In school	No charge
Monday	4-6pm	Fencing	Years 3 & 4	CLFC / Mr Evans	In school	£320
Monday	4-5pm	Rock Band	Year 7 (Invitation Only)	Mrs Tomsett-Rowe	In school	No charge
Monday	4-5pm	Rock Climbing	Years 3-5	Mrs Mandic	Seymour Leisure Centre	£195
Tuesday	7.45-8.30am	Dodgeball*	Year 6	Mr Criddle	In school	£85
Tuesday	8.00-8.30am	Guitar Ensemble	Invitation Only	Mrs Tomsett-Rowe	In school	No charge
Tuesday	7.45-8.30am	Morning Mental Maths*	Year 5	Mrs Mandic	In school	£85
Tuesday	8-9am	Tennis Club	Year 6	Mr Dean	Wetherby Sports Ground	£155
Tuesday	8-8.45am	Touch Typing	All Years	Mr Bayes	In School	£85
Tuesday	8-9am	Rock Band	Invitation Only	Mr Broadbent	In school	No charge
Tuesday	4-5pm	Art & Crafts	Year 3 & 4	Miss Sternik	In school	£100
Tuesday	4-5pm	Chess	Years 6-8	Tony Niccoli Mr Gascoine	In school	£110
Tuesday	4-5pm	Choir	Year 6-8	Music Dept	In school	No charge
Tuesday	4-5pm	Coding – Creative App Design	Year 6-8	Blueshift/ Mr Morrison	In school	£225
Tuesday	4-5pm	Homework Club	All years	Miss Purton	In School	No charge
Tuesday	4-5pm	Mythology	Year 3-5	Mx Cox	In school	£100
Tuesday	4-5pm	Rock Band	Invitation Only	Mr Broadbent	In school	No charge
Tuesday	4-5pm	Quiz Club	Years 3-5	Dr Waldin	In school	£100
Tuesday	4-6pm	Fencing	Year 6-8	CLFC / Mr Evans	In school	£320
Tuesday	5-7pm	Advanced Cricket	Years 5-8	Mr Billingham Mr Evans	The Oval	£450

Wednesday	7.45-8.30am	Card Tricks & Magic*	All Years	Mr Blundell	In school	£85
Wednesday	7.45-8.30am	Handwriting Club*	Years 3-6	Miss Bevan	In school	£85
Wednesday	7.45-8.30am	Lego Club*	All Years	Mr Metherell	In school	£85
Wednesday	8-9am	Tennis Club	Year 3 & 4	Mr Dean	Wetherby Sports	£155
Wednesday	8-9am	Rock Band	Invitation Only	Mrs Tomsett-Rowe	In school	No charge
Wednesday	7.45-8.45am	Morning Running*	Years 7 & 8	Mr Lock	Hyde Park	£115
Wednesday	7.25-8.05am	Swimming Upper School Squad*	Invitation Only	Mr Bayes	Seymour Leisure Centre	£210
Wednesday	7.50-8.30am	Swimming Lower School Squad*	Invitation Only	Mr Bayes	Seymour Leisure Centre	£210
Wednesday	4-5pm	Chess	Year 5	Tony Niccoli	In school	£110
Wednesday	4-5pm	Coding - Lego WeDo	Year 3-5	Mr Morrison / Blueshift	In school	£225
Wednesday	4-5pm	Cookery	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Mandic	In school	£110
Wednesday	4-5pm	Drawing Club	Years 6-8	Miss Kirby	In school	£100
Wednesday	4-6pm	Fencing	Year 5	CLFC / Mr Evans	In school	£320
Wednesday	4-5pm	French Club	All Years	Mlle Flomet/ Mr Carayon	In school	£100
Wednesday	4-5pm	Homework Club	All Years	Dr Waldin	In school	No charge
Wednesday	4-5pm	Music Composers	Invitation Only	Mrs Tomsett-Rowe	In school	£100
Wednesday	4-5pm & 5-6pm	Reasoning	Year 6	Nimble Minds	In school	£320
Wednesday	4-5pm	Rock Climbing	Years 5 & 6	Miss Preece	Seymour Leisure Centre	£195
Wednesday	4-5pm	String Ensemble	Invitation Only	Miss Orpwood	In school	No charge
Wednesday	4-5pm	Swimming	Years 3 & 4 Invitation Only	Mr Bayes	Nuffield Health, Paddington	£235
Wednesday	4-5pm	Table Tennis	Year 6	Mr Reid	In school	£100
Thursday	7.45-8.30am	Arts & Crafts*	All years	Miss Sternik	In school	£85
Thursday	7.45-8.30am	Beginners Chess*	Years 6-8	Mr Gascoine	In school	£85
Thursday	7:45-8:30am	Morning Mental Maths*	Year 3 & 4	Mrs Mandic	In school	£85
Thursday	7.45-8.45am	Morning Football Club	Years 3-5	Mr Billingham	Hyde Park	£115
Thursday	7.25-8.05am	Swimming Upper School Squad*	Invitation Only	Mr Bayes	Seymour Leisure Centre	£210
Thursday	7.50-8.30am	Swimming Lower School Squad*	Invitation Only	Mr Bayes	Seymour Leisure Centre	£210
Thursday	8.00-8.30am	Wind Band	Invitation Only	Mrs Tomsett-Rowe	In school	No charge
Thursday	4-5pm	Chess	Year 3 & 4	Tony Niccoli	In school	£110
Thursday	4-5pm	Creative Writing	Years 3-6	Chelsea Young Writers	In school	£215
Thursday	4-5pm	Dodgeball Club	Year 5	Mr Criddle	In school	£100
Thursday	4-6pm	Advanced Fencing	Invitation Only	CLFC / Mr Evans	In school	£320
Thursday	4-5pm	Homework Club	All Years	Miss Lister	In school	No charge
Thursday	4-5pm	Little House of Science	Years 3-5	Little House of Science/ Mx Tilleray	In school	£205
Thursday	4-5pm	Maths Revision	Year 8	Mr Gascoine	In school	No charge
Thursday	4-5pm	Mythology Club	Year 6-8	Mx Cox	In school	£100
Thursday	4-5pm	Phantom Comics Club	Year 8	Miss Kirby	In school	£100
Thursday	4-5pm	Rock Band	Invitation Only	Mrs Tomsett-Rowe	In school	No charge

Day	Timings	Club	Year Groups	Teacher	Venue	Termly Charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Badminton	Years 6-8	Mr Gascoine	Seymour Leisure Centre	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Cookery	Year 3 & 4	Mrs Mandic	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Lego	Year 3 & 4	Miss Lister	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Robotics – F1 Microbits	Years 3-6	Blueshift	In school	£275
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Skateboarding	Years 3-5	My Little Boarders/ Miss Hood	Westway Sports Centre	£130
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Warhammer	Year 3-5	Mrs Gourlay	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Board Games and Puzzles	Years 3-6	Mlle Flomet	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Chess	All years	Tony Niccoli	In school	£130
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Cricket	Year 3 & 4	Mr Billingham	Lord's Cricket Ground	£180
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Eton Fives	Years 5 & 6	Miss Bidie	Westway Sports Centre	£130
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Lego	Years 5 & 6	Mr Metherell	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Cartoon Club	Year 7	Miss Saddington	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Horse Riding	Year 7	Miss Andrews-Bowen	Ross Nye Stables	£550
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Detectives and Mysteries	Years 5-8	Mrs Marshall	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Wetherby Magazine	Years 6-8	Tbc	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Arts & Crafts	Years 3-6	Mrs Garvey	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Public Speaking and Debating	Year 5-8	Miss Bevan	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Advanced Artists	Year 8 (Invitation Only)	Miss Kirby	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Film Review	Years 7 & 8	Mr Bayes	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Percussion Ensemble	Invitation Only	Mr Cotterill	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Rock Climbing	All years	Miss Preece	Seymour Leisure Centre	£195
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Running & Fitness	Years 7 & 8	Mr Lock	Hyde Park	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Team Sports	All years	Games Dept	Wetherby Sports Ground	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Drama Club	Years 3-5	Miss Wood	In school	No charge
Friday	2.15-3.45pm	Wetherby Cantata	Invitation Only	Miss Orpwood	In school	No charge
Friday	5-7pm	After School Cricket Club	Years 5-8	Mr Billingham Mr Evans	The Oval	£450



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Information on clubs:

Advanced Artists (invitation only) – Friday (Year 8)

The Advanced Artists club is designed to support those who have a high level of attainment and enthusiasm for Art & Design by offering tuition in a wide range of media. In the Autumn Term it is a focused artists group for Year 8 pupils who are applying for Art Scholarships.

Apple Users Club – Monday (Years 6-8)

The Wetherby Apple Users' Group is to look at various Apple technologies, ranging from GarageBand, Pages, Keynote, using iPads and Macs. We will keep abreast of new developments in Apple technology and explore applications, hardware and software, and work on some projects using the platform. Boys will need to bring their own Apple technology. We might even manage a visit to the Apple Store to see behind the scenes, if I can pull some strings.

Arts & Crafts Club – Tuesday (Year 3 & 4) and Friday (Years 3-6)

During these sessions, children will work on a variety of projects in 2D and 3D. On our first session we vote on what media everyone would like to work in (printing, clay, wire work, drawing, painting etc). Some sessions may last one or two weeks, while other sessions may run for a number of weeks. The boys will have the opportunity to work in pairs/groups and have fun experimenting, while improving their skills in Art.

Card Tricks and Magic – Wednesday Morning (All Years)

Join Mr Blundell and learn a host of card tricks that will blow your mind. There'll be a chance to learn a new trick each week and also to show each other your own tricks. Remember though - never tell anyone how you do your magic.

Cartoon Club – Friday (Year 7)

Do you love drawing? Are you the next Walt Disney? At Cartoon Club you will be able to draw your favourite super hero, create a flick book and even make up your own comic book. The boys will also look at cartoons from yesteryear, to give them an understanding of what cartoons were like pre-CGI and to explore some of the cartoon characters who have lasted through the years.

Chess Club – Tuesday to Friday

Chess Club is led by Tony Niccoli and his team of coaches. Mr Niccoli has produced many England players and his schools often win national titles. Each session starts with a lesson covering a new theme on tactics or positional play. Boys learn through having fun as well as playing competitive games. There are internal school events open to all as well as a very competitive school chess team for more serious players.

No matter what your level is this session is open to all from beginner to established player. It is designed to be fun and give boys of all levels the opportunity to experience Chess and develop their game. To follow government guidelines all sessions will be in single year groups, please check the programme to see when your son's year group session is.

If you have any questions about chess club please feel free to email Tony Niccoli directly on tony1n@yahoo.com.

Coding Clubs with Blueshift

Minecraft Modding – Monday (Years 3-5)

What could be more fun than going behind the scenes of your favourite game? In this fun club we channel children's passion for Minecraft into key digital skills. Students will use a block-based programming language to code and create their own in-game items and structures, and learn how to use key coding concepts like loops, functions, variables, and conditionals.

Creative App Design – Tuesday (Years 6-8)

This super creative club invites boys to bring their ultimate app ideas to life! Students will learn fundamental app design concepts as they go through the process themselves, creating wireframes and user journeys before moving on to make paper prototypes. Students will then be immersed in the growing industry of rapid-prototyping and graphic design by creating their own functional apps on Marvel app!

LEGO Robotics – Wednesday (Years 3-5)

In this hands-on course, students will develop their coding, design and engineering skills as they use block-based coding language Scratch to programme their very own LEGO robots. Students will learn how to use key engineering tools like sensors and motors to build racing car robots, plus we'll get creative with programming to make spirographs. This fun course allows room for creativity and competition through in-class games and competitions, including our very own version of Robot Wars!

Robotics with Micro:Bit – Friday (Years 3-6)

In this interactive club, students will get hands-on with Micro:Bit pocket-sized computers and learn how to use them as part of robotics projects. Students will build and program their very own robots to participate in games and competitions, learning how to use key engineering tools like ultrasonic sensors, light sensors and servo motors to enhance their robots, and Bluetooth to communicate between robots.

For more information please contact Mr Nick Morrison nick.morrison@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Cookery Club – Wednesday and Friday (Year 3 & 4)

If you love creating magic in the kitchen with delicious treats you can enjoy afterwards, this is the club for you. You will learn how to make a variety of sweet and savoury dishes using different techniques.

All abilities are welcome, whether you are a pro baker or a complete beginner.

Creative Writing with Chelsea Young – Thursday (Years 3-6)

Autumn term at Chelsea Young Writers will see us weaving technology – from the present day and the future – into our writing. Join us to discover your inner Leonardo Da Vinci!

Part 1. Worlds Away: A Journey into Space, Time, and Science-Fiction Writing

Stranded in a desolate land after a plane crash, you are beginning to wonder how you are going to survive without another human in site, and with your emergency supplies of food and water running perilously low. It is much to your surprise, then, when a boy from a distant star walks up to you. His stories of travelling between far-off planets and meeting a whole host of unusual characters seems unlikely to you at first – but then, the more you listen, the more you are drawn into his quest. Where did he first come from? How did he end up on Earth?

Invent your own fantastical backstory for this mysterious, space-travelling adventurer, and summon up incredible planets, people and technologies from across the solar system to create a Sci-Fi story that's out of this world.

Part 2. STEAM Adventures: Inventors Who Dared to Change the World

In this technological adventure, we will plunge ourselves into a world in which a series of crises must be averted in order to save lives! Drawing from the greats of science and engineering – from the inventor of the light bulb,

Thomas Edison, to the WW2 code-breaker and mathematician Alan Turing, to one of the greatest contributors to our understanding of human kind itself through DNA, Rosalind Franklin – we'll be inventing perilous scenarios for our characters to invent their way out of.

From plagues which need destroying, to bridges that need building, to future transportation devices that haven't even been created yet, we will write characters and inventions which will change our fictional worlds forever.

Cricket Club – Friday (Years 3 & 4)

Friday Cricket Club will be using the nets at Wetherby Sports Ground. This club will return to school for 5pm. It will be a chance for your son to work on his all round game.

For more information please contact Mr Tom Billingham tom.billingham@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Debating – Monday (Years 3-5)

This is a lively and engaging club where boys are encouraged to develop their speaking and listening skills. Each week the boys engage with a topical question which can be anything from 'should police be allowed to carry firearms?' to 'should the Government have more control over social networking sites?'. The boys are then put onto teams to debate each side of the argument and they spend the session working as a team to refine and present their argument. The club is an excellent opportunity to develop the art of debating and it really helps the boys become confident in their speaking ability.

Detectives and Mysteries – Friday (Years 5-8)

A chance to play real-life detective! We will investigate mysteries, try our hand at decoding and puzzle solving and create our own mystery to tackle in our Friday afternoon mock court room.

Dodgeball Club – Tuesday am (Year 6) and Thursday pm (Year 5)

Dodgeball club is here! A fast paced, high octane game which is fun for all. This club will run for boys in Years 3-6 and will comprise of both team and individual competitions. Most importantly it will teach you the 5 D's of Dodgeball: dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge!

Drawing Club – Wednesday (Years 6-8)

In this club the more formal aspects of drawing will be taught, allowing the boys to develop their traditional drawing skills. Each week there will be a theme, including tonal drawing, perspective, negative space and drawing from life. We will look at the work of artists such as Dürer, Da Vinci and Degas.

Eton Fives – Friday (Year 5)

Fast and fun, Eton Fives, is a game of handball, played out in a uniquely challenging, three-sided court that has its origins in a courtyard at Eton. Boys created the game whilst waiting for lessons and, well, it just grew. It possesses one very special quality: there is no referee or umpire; players have to negotiate decisions that are usually delegated to a third party amongst themselves to keep play in progress, so participation instils an unusually high level of cooperative sportsmanship amongst players. Boys play every Friday at the Westway, guided by enthusiastic and experienced Eton Fives coaches.

Fencing

All of our fencing sessions are coached by David Standen, an excellent and very well-respected coach from Central London Fencing Club. Anybody who is new to Fencing and would like to join, please contact matthew.evans@wetherbyprep.co.uk directly who will be able to answer any questions you may have.

French Club – Wednesday (All Years)

In this club, we will be learning about the culture (France and French speaking countries) as well as practising some French, in a fun way. This club is open to all.

Horse Riding Club – Friday (Year 7)

This club is run in conjunction with Ross Nye Stables. The boys are given expert tuition by the instructors at the stables. Lessons take place in Hyde Park, along the bridle paths and in the arena. Absolutely no experience is necessary; the instructors are very happy to accommodate all boys, from complete beginners to advanced riders. Hats and boots can be provided if required.

For more information, please contact Miss Andrews-Bowen directly:

ursee.andrews-bowen@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Maths Revision – Thursday (Year 8)

This club is for any Year 8 pupils who would like extra tuition in Common Entrance/Scholarship Maths and acts as reinforcement of the main curriculum. Mr Gascoine is available from 4.00-5.00pm every Thursday in 8G. There is no need to sign up in advance for these revision sessions.

Morning Mental Maths – Tuesday (Year 5) and Thursday (Year 3 & 4)

Morning Mental Maths Club is aimed at boys from who may benefit from additional support in Mathematics. Boys are given a variety of mental maths tests, games and activities to stretch their abilities and increase their confidence. Boys in previous terms have enjoyed times table bingo, quick fire questions and consolidation quizzes.

Music Clubs

Choirs

Wetherby has three choirs: Wetherby Voices for years 3-5, Wetherby Senior Choir for years 6-8, and Wetherby Cantata for our more advanced singers. Boys are encouraged to join a choir as singing is an excellent way to improve memory, aural skills, and team work. Wetherby Voices and Wetherby Senior Choir are not auditioned. Wetherby Cantata is a smaller choir for those boys who audition and are exceptional singers. All choirs perform regularly in concerts throughout the year, and of course the Carol Services. Those who are in Wetherby Cantata will have the opportunity to join the Music Tour in the Spring Term. Please email either claire.tomsett-rowe@wetherbyprep.co.uk or nia.orpwood@wetherbyprep.co.uk for more information.

Orchestras, Ensembles, Guitar Club & Rock Bands

The String Orchestra, Guitar and Harp Ensemble, and Wind band are all acoustic ensembles open to boys who play relevant instruments. They rehearse each week preparing to perform in the Ensembles Concerts as well as assemblies and various other performance opportunities.

Each Rock Band is a group of boys who play 'rock' instruments who rehearse once a week in preparation for the Rock Concerts and various other performances throughout the year.

Please contact Mrs Tomsett-Rowe directly for more information: claire.tomsett-rowe@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Public Speaking and Debating Club – Friday (Years 5-8)

Pupils will learn essential skills of oration and rhetoric as we work towards performing a poem, reading an extract from a novel and presenting a short topical speech.

Reasoning Club with Nimble Minds– Wednesday (Year 6) 4-5pm & 5-6pm.

www.nimbleminds.co.uk

The Nimble Minds programme focuses on structured teaching and practice of reasoning. This is combined with thinking games and collaborative problem-solving group activities. The 2021 Autumn Term group will be for Year 6, with a view to the ISEB Common Pre-Test preparation and beyond. Workshop group size is a maximum of ten boys.

For more information, please contact Helene directly helene@assessment-tuition.co.uk

Morning Running Club – Wednesday (Years 7 & 8)

This club is open to Years 5-8, for those boys keen to improve their running and fitness levels. We take the boys to Hyde Park and run at a steady pace for approximately 25 minutes before returning to school. All levels of running expertise are welcome! Boys will be provided with breakfast.

Running and Fitness Club – Friday (Years 7 & 8)

This club will also take place at Hyde Park, but will have an additional focus on fitness training due to the longer slot on the Friday afternoon. All abilities are welcome to attend this session with Mr Lock.

Science Club with Little House of Science – Thursday (Year 3 & 4)

Little House of Science, a children's science club and education company, is built on the principle of nurturing the natural curiosity and quest for knowledge which kids have about the world around them. The foundation of everything around us is based on the principles of science and we aim to inspire our pupils.

Little House of Science is based on teaching STEM (covering biology, chemistry, physics, engineering). Each week we cover a new topic filled with exciting, risk-free experiments and demonstrations. Our excellent teachers, most of whom are scientists, or teachers with a science background, ensure our pupils enjoy a thrilling, fun environment to nurture their creativity and expand their knowledge. By equipping children with scientific knowledge in a fun way, we believe we are also contributing to the ability to analyse and solve problems. Little House of Science does not follow the national curriculum directly, but we offer hundreds of topics which are part of STEM to give children a broad understanding of many topics.

Examples of topics covered include: Civil Engineering, The Magic of Water, Forensic Science, Roaming Reptiles, The Moon and its Cousins, The Big Bang, Our Mysterious Brain, what is DNA? Fascinating Fossils, Polymers,

Wonderful World of Chemistry, Wiggly Worms, Dams and Hydroelectricity, Forces and Flying, how to build Bridges, Lungs, Simple Machines Part 1 and 2, to name a few...

Skateboarding – Friday (Year 3 & 4)

With our highly trained instructors (My Little Boarders) in a funky, cultural venue we aim to teach kids the basics of skateboarding, whilst allowing them to make new friends, learn skilful tricks, and maintain an interest in a type of exercise that is fun to do.

We provide all the equipment – skateboard, helmets, knee, elbow and wrist pads and teach the children the fundamentals of skateboarding using our portable ramps. All our instructors have been specialist trained to get the best out of their pupils and with our new wristband system the children will learn how to street skateboard in no time.

Swimming

Swimming is one of our sporting strengths at Wetherby and we have an excellent record at the IAPS National Swimming Finals. The school squads are split 4 sections which caters for maximum participation. These include the Lower School Swim Team, the Upper School Swim Team and development and coaching squads. The swim teams prepare for galas against other schools, IAPS regional qualifiers for Nationals in late February and the London North League. The IAPS National finals are held at the Olympic Pool, Stratford, in early June. Entry into the swim teams is strictly based upon times taken in the pool. All Year 3/4/5 boys will have their times taken at trials which occur during the first school swimming lesson on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th September.

Any questions or queries regarding the Swim Squad, teams, development or coaching squads please email me directly dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Wednesday afternoon. 4.15 – 5.00pm : Coaching Squad Yr 3/4 @ Nuffield Health Sports Centre, Paddington Basin

This session is open to all boys in Year 3 and 4 and is suitable for boys who are looking to build their technique and endurance.

Held at Nuffield Health Club pool at Paddington Basin 10 minutes from school, boys will be transported via coach for a 4.15 start, with parental pickups occurring at 5.10pm from Paddington.

Please register your interest by signing up and I will be in touch to confirm a position. Positions are limited.

Wednesday mornings 7.25 – 8.05am: Upper School Squad @ Seymour Leisure – Invitation only.

Please contact Mr Bayes and request a trial if you would like your son to be considered. Claudia Costa leads the session and has a wealth of experience coaching at Brompton Swimming Club. Drop off is at 7.25am at Seymour Leisure Centre. All boys will be walked back to school after the session, fed a hearty breakfast, and commence lessons at 8.45am.

Wednesday mornings 7.50 – 8.30am : Years 4 / 5 Lower School Squad / Development Squad @ Seymour Leisure - Invitation only.

Please contact Mr Bayes and request a trial if you would like your son to be considered. Claudia Costa leads the session and has a wealth of experience coaching at Brompton Swimming Club. Drop off is at 7.50am at Seymour Leisure Centre. All boys will be walked back to school after the session, fed a hearty breakfast, and commence lessons at 8.45am.

Thursday mornings 7.25 – 8.05am Upper School Squad @ Seymour Leisure - Invitation only.

Please contact Mr Bayes and request a trial if you would like your son to attend. Ali Golchoobian leads the session as head coach at the centre and is studying for his PhD in Sports Nutrition. Drop off is at 7.25am at Seymour Leisure Centre. All boys will be walked back to school after the session, fed a hearty breakfast, and commence lessons at 8.45am.

Thursday mornings 7.50 – 8.30am : Years 3/4/5 Lower School Squad / Development Squad @ Seymour Leisure - Invitation only

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Table Tennis Club – Wednesday (Year 6)

Table Tennis Club gives boys of all abilities the opportunity to work on their skill and match play. Coaching on individual techniques will be given every session.

Team Sports/Outdoor Sports – Friday (All Year Groups)

This takes place at Wetherby Sports Ground and the boys have the chance to have a more relaxed afternoon of sports and games with their friends and coaches. The afternoon is normally based around football, however, our coaches are open to suggestions should your son wish to play another sport down at the sports ground. For more information please contact Director of Sport, Lee Reid lee.reid@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Tennis Club – Tuesday AM (Year 6) and Wednesday AM (Year 3 & 4)

Meeting at directly at Wetherby Sports Ground boys will take part in an hour's tennis lesson with coaching provided by fully qualified LTA Tennis Coaches. After the lesson boys will remaining at the sports ground with Mr Dean, where they will then be joined by the rest of their year group for their morning games session before travelling back to school. Previous playing experience is preferred but not essential.

Warhammer – Friday (Year 3 & 4)

Warhammer is a table top battle game which puts players in command of armies of valiant humans, noble elves, savage orcs or a variety of twisted and monstrous creatures. Players collect forces of miniature plastic models, all with different stats and abilities, and use them to play out clashes on a tabletop battlefield. Unlike a board game, where players' moves are restricted to defined areas, Warhammer commanders freely manoeuvre their units set distances using rulers and resolve shooting and hand-to-hand combat by rolling dice.

In its lifetime the game has gone through several editions, tweaking rules and adding new units and creatures for players to deploy in their armies. Its science fiction spin-off, Warhammer 40,000, has proved phenomenally popular with its armies of Space Marines, war machines and vicious alien hordes.