

Extra-Curricular Activities

Chiltern Hills Academy

2025-26

Clubs and Activities 2025-26

Monday	Clubs	Venue/Teacher
During lunchtime	Netball	Miss Cross
	Music technology/Rock Group	Music
	Choreography club	Dance studio Mrs Lumsden
After School	Boys' Football Year 7	Mr Sperring
	Musical Theatre Club/School Show	0F1/Hall/1F1
	Year 9-11 Netball	Miss Cross and Miss Frankham
	Year 7/8 Girls Football	Mr Muddiman, Mr Callender, Mr Clifford

Tuesday	Clubs	Venue/Teacher
During lunchtime	Table Tennis	Mr Callender
	Ukulele group	1F1
	Year 7 Dance Club	Dance studio Mrs Lumsden
After School	Year 8 Boys Football	Mr Sperring
	Year 7 and 8 Badminton	Miss Cross
	Year 9 Boys Football	Mr Muddiman and Mr Clifford
	Year 9-11 Rugby	Mr Callender
	School Choir/Musical Theatre/Glee Club	1F1

Wednesday	Clubs	Venue/Teacher
Lunchtime	Basketball	Mr Muddiman and Mr Sperring
	Year 9 dance club	Dance studio Mrs Lumsden and sixth form students
After School	Homework Club	Learning Hub
	KS3 and KS4 GBDO Rehearsal	Dance Studio (3:15-4:30)
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award drop in	1D3 3:25-3:45
	Cooking Champions Club	0C8 (Must be pre-booked online)
	Geography Club Year 7 and 8 only	1C13 - 3.20-4.20pm
	Year 7 and 8 Netball	Miss Cross and Miss Frankham
	Year 9-11 Girls Football	Mr Muddiman and Mr Sperring



Thursday	Clubs	Venue/Teacher
During lunchtime	LGBTQ+ Club	Please ask Form tutor/Mrs Mitchell/Mr Upton
	School Wind group	Music
	String group	1F1
	Year 8 Dance Club	Dance Studio Miss Forssling
	Volleyball	Mr Callender and Miss Cross
After school	Orchestra/Band	Music
	Musical Theatre Club/School Show	0F1/1F1/Hall
	KS5 GBDO Rehearsal	Dance Studio (3:15-4:30) Miss Bale
	Year 10 Boys Football	Mr Muddiman
	Year 9-11 Badminton	Mr Sperring
	Year 7 and 8 Rugby	Mr Callender and Mr Clifford
	Interact Club	1C2 / Mr Driscoll

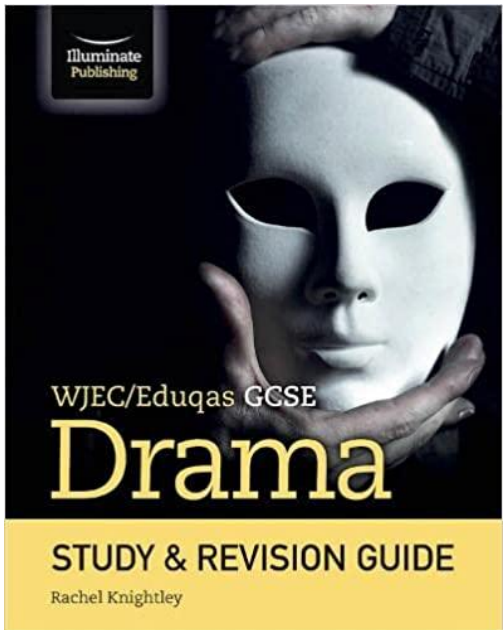
Friday	Clubs	Venue/Teacher
During Lunchtime	Badminton	Mr Muddiman and Mr Sperring
	Debate Club	Mrs Marris/Mrs. Cameron
	You Belong Club	0C5 (1:20 – 2pm)
After School	All years gymnastics	Miss Cross and Miss Bale


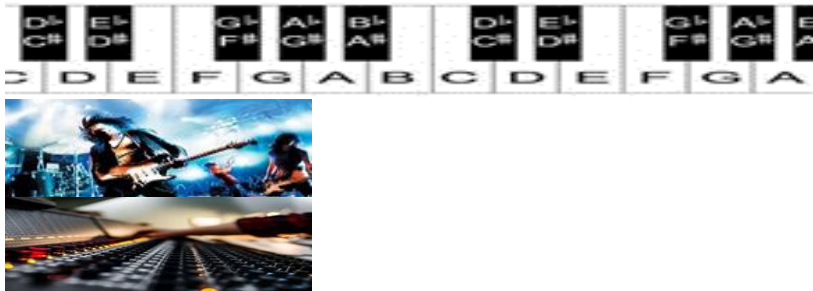
DEPARTMENTS



Performing Arts and Media



Title of club  Approved Skill 	Musical Theatre Club 
Staff leader	Ms Leathers & Ms Mitchell
Location	OF1
Times	Please look out for auditions taking place on open evening. Monday/Tuesday/Thursday After school (schedule TBC)
Short description	Members of this club and school Glee Club will have the opportunity to sing and act in this term's short production of Grease in December followed by a House Musical and Glee variety show in March.
Who is it open to?	Any student wishing to audition please come along to auditions at 5:15 pm on Monday 29 th September.
Do students need to bring anything?	No

 Approved Skill Title of club	Glee Club and School Choir 
Staff leader	Mr Upton
Location	1F1
Times	Tuesday After School
Short description	Fancy singing in a school musical or for Christmas? Come along to 1F1 on Tuesday's after school to prepare for our production of Grease and Christmas Carol Concert
Who is it open to?	All students (Auditions for Grease to take place at 5:15pm on Monday 29 th September



Title of club	GCSE & A LEVEL REHEARSAL SPACE
Staff leader	Ms Leathers
Location	OF1 – Drama Studio
Times	
Short description Students studying GCSE and A LEVEL are able to develop performance work. You may be able to access the studio during other times upon request. Leading up to examinations this will become a session to focus and develop exam technique.	 <p>pleathers@chacademy.co.uk</p>
Who is it open to?	Any student wishing to nominate themselves
Do students need to bring anything?	No

Title of club 	Rock Group, Percussion Group and Music technology group.
Staff leader	Mr Upton and Mrs Ryan
Location	1F1/2
Day/Times	Monday Lunchtimes
Short description If you fancy being in a rock band, playing keyboards, guitar or drum guitar or learning how to record an album then please come along!	
Who is it open to?	All year groups
Do students need to bring anything?	Just yourself

Title of club  Approved Skill	Swing Group
Staff leader	Mr Upton
Location	OF1
Day/Times	Monday lunchtime and sectional rehearsal Thursday Lunch time (Wind)
Short description If you fancy performing/singing to the school then let us know, or just keep an eye on the schedule and turn up!	
Who is it open to?	Students who play an instrument
Do students need to bring anything?	Just yourself



Title of club  Approved Skill	String Group
Staff leader	Mrs James
Location	1F1
Day/Times	Thursday Lunchtime
Short description Musicians who can play violin, viola, cello or double bass welcome	
Who is it open to?	All year groups
Do students need to bring anything?	Just yourself and your voice!


Title of club  Approved Skill	Ukulele Group
Staff leader	Mr Upton and Mrs James
Location	1F1
Day/Times	Tuesday Lunchtime
Short description Musicians of all or no ability are welcome to this, if you fancy playing in a string trio, or guitar in a rock band or have a go at the ukulele, come along!	
Who is it open to?	All year groups
Do students need to bring anything?	Just yourself and your voice!



Title of club  Approved Skill	School Band/Orchestra
Staff leader	Mr Upton
Location	1F1
Times	Thursday After School (3:30-5)
Short description Musicians of some experience should join this, if you can play an instrument or have learnt string, wind or percussion from the other groups, consider joining with other musicians who play different instruments.	
Who is it open to?	All year groups



Title of club  Approved Skill	Wind Group
Staff leader	Mr Upton
Location	1F1
Day/Times	Thursday Lunchtime
Short description If you play a wind instrument and fancy a challenge, come along	
Who is it open to?	All Years
Do students need to bring anything?	Just yourself



Dance



Title of club  CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY Approved Volunteering	Y7 Dance Club
Staff leader	Mrs Lumsden
Location	Dance Studio
Times	Tuesday lunch
Short description This will be open to all students on a Tuesday lunchtime and will be run by Mrs Lumsden and Y11 GCSE Student helpers. You will learn choreography for different routines each week and work towards performing in the end of year dance show if you would like to.	
Who is it open to?	All Year 7 students
Do students need to bring anything?	No, just bring your lunch with you. No socks, moveable clothing

Title of club	Y8 Dance Club
Staff leader	Miss Forssling
Location	Dance Studio
Times	Thursday lunch
Short description This will be open to all students on a Thursday lunchtime and will be run by Miss Forssling. You will learn choreography for different routines each week and work towards performing in the end of year dance show if you would like to.	
Who is it open to?	All Year 8 students
Do students need to bring anything?	No, just bring your lunch with you. No socks, moveable clothing




















Title of club 	Y9 Dance Club
Staff leader	Mrs Lumsden and Sixth Form Students
Location	Dance Studio
Times	Wednesday lunch
Short description This will be open to all students on a Wednesday lunchtime and will be run by Mrs Lumsden and Sixth Form dance students. You will learn choreography for different routines each week and work towards performing in the end of year dance show if you would like to.	
Who is it open to?	All Year 9 students
Do students need to bring anything?	Bring their lunch with them and dance kit

Title of club 	Choreography club
Staff leader	Mrs Lumsden
Location	Dance Studio
Times	Monday lunch
Short description This will be open to all students on a Monday lunchtime and will be run by Mrs Lumsden. You be able to use the dance studio to choreograph. You can work on pieces individually or with friends.	
Who is it open to?	All students
Do students need to bring anything?	Bring their lunch with them and dance kit


Title of club  Approved Volunteering	KS5 Dance Company (GBDO Rehearsals)
Staff leader	Miss Bale
Location	Dance Studio
Times	Thursday Afterschool (3:15-4:30)
Short description Great Big Dance Off is a national competition, where we choreograph a dance piece of around 3 minutes and compete against 20-30 schools in Stevenage. The winners of the regional heats go on to compete in the summer at national heat. If you are interested please do speak to Miss Bale or Mrs Lumsden. You do not have to take dance as a GCSE/BTEC, rehearsals will be on Thursday Afterschool (3:15-4:30)	
Who is it open to?	All sixth formers and potentially Year 11 students.
Do students need to bring anything?	PE Kit / Dance Kit

Title of club  Approved Volunteering	KS3/4 Dance Company (GBDO Rehearsals)
Staff leader	Mrs Lumsden, Miss Bale & Miss Forssling
Location	Dance Studio
Times	Wednesday Afterschool (3:15-4:30)
Short description Great Big Dance Off is a national competition, where we choreograph a dance piece of around 3 minutes and compete against 20-30 schools in Stevenage. The winners of the regional heats go on to compete in the summer at national heat. If you are interested please do speak to Miss Bale or Mrs Lumsden. You do not have to take dance as a GCSE/BTEC, rehearsals will be on Wednesday Afterschool (3:15-4:30).	
Who is it open to?	All Y9, Y10 & Y11 GCSE Dance Students
Do students need to bring anything?	PE Kit / Dance Kit


Sport

Title of club  DECH CHILDREN PLUS ACADEMY Approved Physical	Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Lunch Time	Netball  Miss Cross	Table Tennis  Mr Callender	Basketball  Mr Muddiman & Mr Sperring	Volleyball  Mr Callender & Miss Cross	Badminton  Mr Muddiman & Mr Sperring
	After School	Year 7 Boys Football  Mr Sperring <hr/> Year 9-11 Netball  Miss Cross & Miss Frankham <hr/> Yr 7/8 Girls Football  Mr Muddiman, Mr Callender & Mr Clifford	Year 8 Boys Football  Mr Sperring <hr/> Year 7 & 8 Badminton  Miss Cross <hr/> Yr 9 Boys Football  Mr Muddiman & Mr Clifford <hr/> Yr 9-11 Rugby  Mr Callender	Year 7 & 8 Netball  Miss Cross & Miss Frankham <hr/> Yr 9-11 Girls Football  Mr Muddiman & Mr Sperring	Year 10 Boys Football  Mr Muddiman & Mr Humphrey <hr/> Year 9-11 Badminton  Mr Sperring <hr/> Yr 7 & 8 Rugby  Mr Callender & Mr Clifford	All Years Gymnastics  Miss Cross & Miss Gale
Staff leader	PE Staff (see timetable above)					
Location	Sports Hall					
Who is it open to?	All students					
Do students need to bring anything?	PE Kit.					

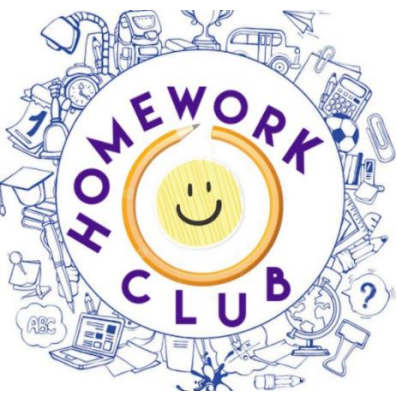
Geography

Title of club	 Geography Club 'GeogSoc'
Staff leader	Miss Dunn
Location	1C13/ 1C3
Times	Wednesday after school 3.20 - 4.20pm
Description	<p>This club will interest you if you enjoy being creative and getting crafty, watching interesting films, entering competitions and like learning about the environment, nature, maps – anything cool to do with Geography!</p> <p>There are also fieldwork opportunities in the spring and summer terms.</p> <p>Look at the 'What's happening in GeogSoc? poster each week in 1C13/ 1C3 for activities.</p>
Who is it open to?	Open to Year 7 and 8 students – Max. 20 students on a first come first serve basis.
Do students need to bring anything?	No

Food Technology

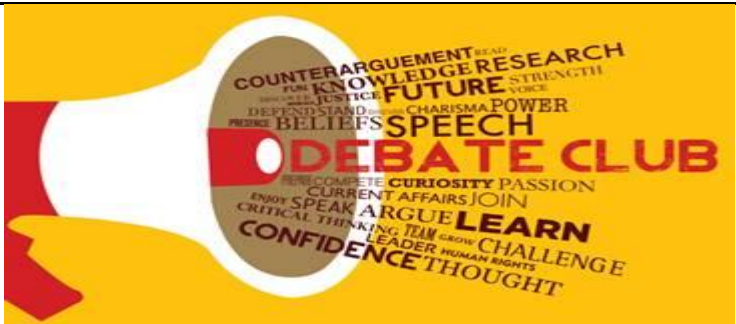
Title of club	Termly Cooking Champions Club 
Staff leader	Miss Rowan & Mrs Cole
Location	OC8
Times	Wednesday after school 3.20 - 4.30
Cost	£20 (paid via ParentPay once place is confirmed by Miss Rowan)
Online Booking Link	https://forms.office.com/e/UXF7vm89qC
Description	<p>Cooking Champions Club will explore a range of savoury and sweet recipes, which are not included within the year 7 & 8 rotational food curriculum over 9 sessions per term and is open to all year groups!</p> <p>This club runs on a termly basis, meaning there are 3 opportunities across an academic year for learners to experience the fun and magic of cooking!</p> <p>There will be opportunities for participants to take on leadership roles within cooking club by submitting a recipe to teach to the group.</p>
Who is it open to?	<p>Open to all students – Places awarded by application on a first come first serve basis.</p> <p>Cooking Champions Club participants will change each term subject to the number of applicants.</p>
Do students need to bring anything?	A large container to take food home.


LEARNING SUPPORT



Title of club	Homework Club
Staff leader	
Location	OD5
Times	Wednesday – 3:30-4:30
Short description Lots of students, especially SEND students, are struggling with homework. Lots of parents have asked if we can arrange a homework club. We will trial it once a week. However, if demand grows, we may hold it twice a week.	
Who is it open to?	Years 7 to 9

Do students need to bring anything?	Homework
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STUDENT DISCUSSION AND WELLBEING

Title of club	Debate Club
Staff leader	Mrs Marris
Location	1C8
Day/Times	Friday Lunchtime (from 26 th September)
Short description	 <p>An opportunity to share ideas, ask big questions, and attempt to prove your point in a safe and inclusive environment. You'll learn to speak with confidence, think on your feet and challenge ideas in a fun and friendly way.</p>
Who is it open to?	All students year 7-11
Do students need to bring anything?	Nothing – all resources will be provided.


Title of club	Student Voice/House Council 2025 – 26
Staff leader	
Location	Please Speak to Mrs Lunsden
Times	Please speak to Mrs Lumsden
Short description The Student Voice is a very important aspect to democracy at CHA. Students discuss matters to support one another, to make their environment better. They will listen to ideas and pitch these ideas to staff. Student Voice is <i>"any expression of any learner regarding anything related to education"</i> and describes "the distinct perspectives and actions of young people throughout schools focused on education".	 <u>StudentVoice@chacademy.co.uk</u>
Who is it open to?	Any student wishing to nominate themselves
Do students need to bring anything?	No

Title of club	You Belong Club 
Staff leader	Ms. Patrick
Location	OC5
Day/Times	Fridays at Lunchtime (launching at end of September)
Short description Provides an opportunity for students and staff to have an environment that facilitates empathy and respect regardless of their background. It will encourage harmonious relationships that will enrich the school environment through various activities including games, dress, music, language, food and other aspects of the various cultures present at CHA, thus promoting the school's values of love, respect, hope and compassion.	Aimed at fostering greater sense of belonging particularly for disadvantaged students including SEND, EAL, minority groups and all other staff and students. 
Who is it open to?	Open to all (students and staff). Teachers and selected Student Ambassadors will run this club on a weekly basis.
Do students need to bring anything?	Just bring yourself 🤗

Title of club	LGBTQ+ Forum
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Staff leader	Mr Upton/Mrs Mitchell
Location	Please speak to your form tutor for a venue
Times	Thursdays - lunchtime
Short description A safe, non-judgmental place for ALL students to discuss LGBTQ+ topics	
Who is it open to?	All year groups
Do students need to bring anything?	

GAMES



Title of club	Anime/Manga Group
Staff leader	Mr Storey
Location	0A3
Day/Times	Friday Lunchtime
Short description Each week, we'll be exploring an episode of a different anime, as well as coming together to appreciate emerging talent in the manga art scene.	
Who is it open to?	Any students or staff who are curious about anime/manga, or looking to gain a wider understanding of this media.
Do students need to bring anything?	Nothing – all resources will be provided.


EVENTS AND TRIPS

Duke Of Edinburgh Awards

Title of club	Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Staff leader	Mr Driscoll
Location	1D3
Times	Wednesday after school (drop in) 3.25-3.45
Description	<p>The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has empowered millions of young people with the skills, confidence and self-belief to reach their full potential. Through undertaking a skill, volunteering and physical activity students will grow in confidence and develop life skills. There are three award levels beginning with Bronze in year 9, Silver in year 10 and into year 11. Sixth form undertake the Gold Award.</p> <p>As part of the award, students also undertake an expedition with training provided in spring and the qualifying expedition in the summer term.</p>  <p>Students can use other extra-curricular activities both in and out of school to count towards their award. Look out for the approved DofE symbol in this brochure</p>
Who is it open to?	Students who are interested in undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form
Do students need to bring anything?	No

Sustainability and school volunteering

Title of club  CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY Approved Skill  CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY Approved Volunteering	Sustainability Action Group
Staff leader	Mr Driscoll, Mrs Smaje
Location	1E6
Times	TBC
	<p>Sustainable living helps protect the environment and reduce wastefulness. The Sustainability Action Group is for students who want to be part of the <u>action</u>!</p> <p>We will be looking at how we can reduce the school's impact on the environment and improve our understanding of human induced climate change across the school for <u>all students</u>. If you want to be part of the action for transitioning the school to a greener future, this is the group for you.</p>
Who is it open to?	All students who want to support a programme of improving the sustainability of the school over the next year.
Do students need to bring anything?	No

Title of club  CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY Approved Volunteering	CHA Volunteers
Staff leader	Mr Driscoll
Location	Various
Times	Various – depends on the opportunity
	<p>There are lots of opportunities for volunteering across the school and looking out to our wider community in Chesham. If you want to support the school through a range of volunteering opportunities, speak to Mr Driscoll. Whether supporting younger students with their reading and literacy skills, helping in the library, making the school site a cleaner environment through litter picking, there are loads of opportunities for students of any age.</p>
Who is it open to?	All students
Do students need to bring anything?	No

Duke of Edinburgh's Award opportunities explained





Look out for the following labels to see which extra-curricular opportunities can be used as part of the skill, physical or volunteering sections of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Award is open to students in year 9 and above. The member of staff who runs the club will act as your assessor. Please speak to Mr Driscoll for more information.

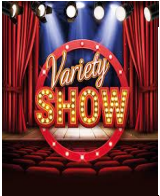




The school has opportunities for volunteering which are not included in this booklet, such as being a library monitor or taking part in the sustainability action group. Many of the sports activities in the school can also count as volunteering opportunities for older students to help out with younger groups. Look out for the volunteering opportunities label.



MUSIC

	<h3>Wicked The Musical</h3> 
Staff leader	Mr Upton
Dates and times	TBC -
Short description	Thinking of pursuing a career in Musical Theatre. This trip will be offered to GCSE and A Level Music students and members of school Music groups (See above for details)
	<h3>Christmas Carol Service</h3> 
Staff leader	Mr Upton
Dates and Times	Thursday 18 th December at St Mary's Church Chesham
Short description	The whole school will be invited to celebrate Christmas at St Mary's church Chesham, but if you are interested in singing or playing or taking part, speak to Mr Upton.
	<h3>ELGIVA THEATRE</h3> 
Staff Leader	Mr Upton
Date	December TBC
Description	Open to all who take part in Music across the school to see our professional partners perform locally at reduced cost. Also an opportunity for our singers to perform with professional musicians for free.
	<h3>ENGLISH SINFONIA AND INSTRUMENTAL WORKSHOP</h3> 
Staff Leader	Mr Upton
Date	Throughout the year
Description	An opportunity for all those involved in Music or playing instruments, or interested in learning. Our professional Music partners will be visiting school throughout the year to deliver tasters in a variety of instruments.

	HOUSE VARIETY SHOW  
	Mr Upton, Mr Sperring, Ms Mitchel, Ms Leather
Date	TBC in March
Description	If you can sing, dance act or have any other crazy talent, sign up for this fun competition to earn house points
	MUSIC TOUR TO SALZBURG, AUSTRIA 
	Mr Upton
	July 2026
	If you are involved in Music, Languages or digital technology you may take part in this excellent opportunity to experience living life on the road as a musician as we tour to Austria to perform live concerts.